

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Morning & Evening Prayer will be prayed in the Chapel Monday to Friday—8.30am and 5pm respectively unless otherwise noted below.

TUESDAY 8 September

11.00am Eucharist at Shenley Manor
12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.35pm Staff meeting—Dempster Room
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting in Dempster Room
8.00pm Illawarra Study Group at Keith's home

WEDNESDAY 9 September

9.30am Little Seeds Playgroup
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel followed by BYO lunch in Dempster Room
7.00pm Eucharist in the Chapel
7.30pm Parish Council meets in Dempster Room

SATURDAY 12 September

5.00pm Chapel Eucharist and Pizza
We will begin at the Font in the church at 5.00pm.
(We will be ordering take-away pizza. Please bring money for pizza; a salad / pre-dinner snacks / fruit / dessert to share. Drinks are BYO.)

NEXT SUNDAY - 13 September 2015

Pentecost 16

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 116.1-9;
James 2.18-26; Mark 8.27-38

8am EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Reader: Penny Galbraith
Intercessor: Peter Forwood
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Penny Galbraith

9.00am BREAKFAST

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm
Readers: Kerry Pratt, Rachael Lim
Intercessor: Andrew Porter
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
James Moorhouse, Neicia Shaw,
Geoff Vincent, Sue Banting

Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, Neicia Shaw
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov, Verona Lea

11.30am Congregational Singing Practice

3.00pm INDONESIAN EUCHARIST

David Moore, Kuncoro Rusman

5.15pm Eucharistic Assistants formation 3pm Congregation

4.00pm Experiencing Christian Faith Dempster Room. Last Session of 4

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE—Keith Dempster



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

Pentecost 15 — 6 September 2015

My Dear Friends,

We have recently learned of the government's decision to remove SRI (Special Religious Instruction) from the school curriculum. At a meeting with clergy this week I listened as colleagues lamented the loss of the opportunity to tell "non-Christian" children about Jesus. Our bishops have lamented the government's move, expressing among other concerns a genuine concern for the future of ethics.

The problem when the Church talks about ethics is obvious to all, except apparently to many Christians – increasing numbers of people consider Christianity culpable of a wide range of moral failures. Many people don't want their children to be exposed to the kind of Jesus peddled by some claiming his name. The perception is that Access Ministries is not to be trusted on a number of moral issues, including attitudes towards sexuality. As the Royal Commission amply demonstrates, when one Christian agency offends, all Christians are tarred with the brush. Exodus ho!

But the Western exodus from formal religious belonging has not ushered in the golden age of emancipation promised by atheists and humanists. The fact is that people are not necessarily healthier, happier, and more free as a consequence of walking away from formal religion. As Carl Jung astutely observed, the archetypal energies previously invested in the deities of the Abrahamic religions (YHWH, God the Father, Allah) have simply been unwittingly and unconsciously reinvested – in capitalism, socialism, nationalism, communism, consumerism, celebrity-ism, and so on. That the energies are reinvested unconsciously makes them all the more lethal. It was not priests or rabbis or mullahs who invented and unleashed the atomic bomb nightmare, but cool-headed supposedly 'rational' scientists. Global greed, human exploitation, and planetary destruction is not the work of clergy - the 'free market' has its new cadre of powerful 'high priests'.

We cannot go back to the supposed certainties of Christendom with its neat boundaries. Declaring people to be "non-Christians" is the precursor to regarding them as territory to be conquered. We know where this attitude leads. The breaking up of the narrow religious tribalism which Jesus prophetically declared 2000 years ago is moving into a new stage in its evolutionary development in our time. We are being invited to bear witness to the Jesus who claims no territory or affiliation, but in whom all persons may experience their full humanity, true freedom, wholeness, and holiness. What an opportunity!

With my love, David

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THE SERVICE TODAY

WELCOME! SELAMAT DATANG! WOMINJEKA! We are glad to have you join us in the sacred liturgy. With generations of Christ's followers we are all welcomed around the banquet table of the Word made flesh—regardless of gender, race, colour, sexual orientation, social status or any other distinction. And you are warmly invited to join us for morning tea in the Rutherford Room following the 10am liturgy, and for an evening meal following the 3pm liturgy.

8.00am Eucharist

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Reader: Geoff Vincent
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Geoff Vincent
Euch. Asst. Keith Dempster

Readings for the Day

*Isaiah 35. 4-7a; Psalm 146;
James 2.1-10 (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7.24-37*

KUNCORO RUSMAN will be at Ministry Development Program on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week.

A CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNITY: a proposal to enrich and develop the parish's core mission, stimulating spiritual vitality. All information is available on the parish website and in the narthex. A summary of the recent open forum is also available on the table in the narthex.

PARISH RETREAT 2016 - ADVANCE NOTICE: Next year's retreat will be held from Friday (evening) 4 to Sunday (afternoon) 6 March, at Santa Casa Retreat House Queenscliffe. The Retreat Conductor will be The Reverend Dr Sarah Bachelard. Sarah is an Anglican priest and theologian, and a member of the World Community for Christian Meditation. She served as director-in-residence of the John Main Centre for Meditation and Inter-faith Dialogue at Georgetown University, and was a keynote speaker at the John Main Seminar in Montreal in 2007. She has lectured in theology, spirituality and ethics, and is the author of *Experiencing God in a Time of Crisis* (Convivium, 2012) and *Resurrection and Moral Imagination*. Sarah founded 'Benedictus', a Canberra ecumenical Christian community with the practice of silent contemplative prayer at its heart. This retreat will be limited to 19 participants. To register interest please contact Dawn Sullivan at the parish office.

9.30am Healing Ministry

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Readers: Neil Nyholm, Jane Rait
Intercessor: Brian Porter
Cantor: Rachael Lim
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
James Moorhouse, Alison Asquith, Julian Rait
Euch. Assts: Sub-Deacon, Ross Smith
Kidz@Church: Liz Pratt, Janice Wong

11.30am Congregational Singing Practice

11.40am Asylum Seekers & Refugee Group meets in Dempster Room

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation - Kuncoro Rusman

4.00pm Experiencing Christian Faith in Dempster Room *Third session of four.*

6.00pm Contemplative Service Keith Dempster

CHAPEL EUCHARIST and Pizza— 5.00pm on Saturday 12 September.

All are invited to join families for Godly Play and the Eucharist followed by a pizza dinner. We will begin at the Font in the church at 5.00pm. We will be ordering take-away pizza. Please bring money for pizza, a salad / pre-dinner snacks / fruit / dessert to share. Drinks are BYO. Any questions, please talk to Clare.

+GENIEVE BLACKWELL, our new regional bishop, will make her initial pastoral visit to St John's on Sunday 20 September, presiding and preaching at the Eucharist at 8am, 10am & 3pm.

SPRING SERIES Our Worship. Our Faith.

Our Mission: Our whole-of-parish education-information series begins 4 weeks today - **October Sundays 4, 11, 18, 25.** I look forward to our conversation and exploration together. For more information about the series see the front page pastoral letter of Contact on 7 June (on the noticeboard, copies in the narthex), the flier handed out on 23 August (copies in the narthex), and last Sunday's Contact front page. If you have any questions, please do ask. *David*

CAN CHRISTIANITY & ISLAM CO-EXIST? Monday 7 September, 761 Swanston Street Parkville (University of Melbourne). Speakers: The Rev Prof. James Haire AC, and Prof. Azyumardi Azra CBE. Free admission. **RSVP** to secure a seat, send an email to: nceis-office@unimelb.edu.au

TMA The Melbourne Anglican is available today at the back of the church. Please take a copy. There is a report on page 8 of the visit by the children of St John's to Anglicare's Mission House in Fitzroy.

ANGLICARE MISSION HOUSE is in need of toothbrushes for adults and also toothpaste. Please bring along on Sundays or to the Parish Office during office hours. *Thank you.*

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Dorothy Wilken, Atholl Wragge, Joy Baxter, Alan Fewster, Eileen Pettifer, Les Cross, and Murray Watts, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at Mary MacKillop in King Street, cnr. Denmark Hill Road. On Tuesday mornings at 10 am the male residents are invited to meet in the coffee shop for a social time together before the morning Mass at 11 am. Male volunteers are needed to visit during this time to enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat with the men on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis. The second request is for someone with computer skills to help with the data entry of the weekly activities of each of their residents. This is completed bi monthly.

If you are interested in further details of either of these requests please contact Liz Pratt on 9885 8060 or 0413 737 505 or liz@pratt.id.au

ARE YOU ASSISTING REFUGEES? The Pallotti retreat team invite those who are assisting refugees (e.g. Accommodation or other forms of support) to come away for a relaxing weekend at Millgrove. From 6pm Friday Oct. 23 to Sunday 25. \$180 covers all meals and private rooms. Bookings: Denis 0427 449 434 or email deo.gratias@bigpond.com. See noticeboard.

FUTURE DATES

Congregational singing practice—11.30am
Sunday September 13.

Experiencing Christian Faith 4-6pm—13
September, Dempster Room.

+Genieve Blackwell's initial pastoral visit to St John's—Sunday 20 September, 8am, 10am & 3pm Eucharists.

Spring Series: an exploration of liturgy. 4, 11, 18, 25 October—11.30am to 1pm.

Open Forum after 3pm—11 October
Annual Meeting: 22 November at 11.30am in the Rutherford Room.