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ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
Feast of St Francis of Assisi — 7 October 2018

St Francis rejoiced in all the works of the hand of the Lord, and saw behind all things pleasant to behold their life-giving reason and cause. In beautiful things he saw Beauty itself, all things were to him good. “He who made us is the best,” they cried out to him. He embraced all things with a rapture of unheard of devotion, speaking to them of the Lord and admonishing them to offer praise. He forbade the brothers to cut down the whole tree when they cut wood, so it might have the hope of sprouting again. He commanded the gardener to leave the border around the garden undug, so that in their proper times the greenness of the grass and the beauty of the flowers might announce the beauty of the Father of all things. He removed from the road little worms, lest they be crushed underfoot; and he ordered that honey and the best wines be set out for the bees, lest they perish from want in the cold winter. He called all animals by the name of “brother”, though among all kinds of animals he preferred the gentle. For that original goodness that will one day be all things, and in all, was already shown forth in this saint as all things in all.

- St Bonaventure on Good Saint Francis

WELCOME! 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 after the 10am liturgy in the Rutherford Room.

SERVICES TODAY

8am EUCHARIST

Presider: John Baldock
Preacher: John Baldock
Reader: Hans Ferdinands
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst.: Keith Dempster

10am SUNG EUCHARIST *With Pet Blessing*

Presider: John Baldock
Preacher: John Baldock
Deacon: Richard Wilson
Sub-Deacon: Ross Smith
Readers: Lyle Gurrin, Louise Keogh
Intercessor: Adrienne Bolch
Cantor: TBA
Servers: Geoff Vincent (MC), Sue Banting, Ferry Hasiholan, Janice Wong
Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Verona Lea
For children: Please make use of activities at the back of the church.

11.30am SPRING SERIES— First Session

6.00pm EVENING WORSHIP

LECTIONS FOR THE DAY

*Sirach 3:17-23; Psalm 148;
Galatians 6:14-18; Matthew 11:25-30*

St John's 'Parish Covenant' is the basis for all relationships, social interactions, and patterns of behaviour within and concerning the Parish. It is on display in the narthex and available on the parish website. All parishioners are encouraged to sign the Covenant, demonstrating their public commitment to a safe and healthy parish community.

PET BLESSING: You may well notice something odd at St. John's today. A procession of animals – everything from dogs and cats to guinea pigs, maybe even horses, will be with us at the 10.00am service for a special Blessing of the Pets. The custom honours St. Francis of Assisi and his love for all creatures. Francis loved the larks flying about his hilltop town, and he and his brothers, staying in a small hovel, once even allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey.

The bond between us and our pets is like no other relationship. No wonder people enjoy the opportunity to bring their pets to church for a special blessing. Church is the place where the bonds of creation are remembered and celebrated. You and your animal friends are all very welcome!

- Father John

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER JOURNAL:

The Journal of Scripture & Prayer for October-November is available today. Please take a copy.

THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF TMA is now available in the Narthex. Please consider taking a copy home to read.

CARD FROM MARGARET'S FAMILY:

Margaret's family has sent a beautiful note of thanks to the Parish following her passing. Please take a moment to read it—it is available on the notice board in the narthex.

NEW VESTMENTS. New sub-deacon and deacon vestments to match a very fine parish chasuble were worn for the first time at the Induction of the Vicar. If any parishioner would like to make a contribution towards the cost of the vestments, please speak either to Ross Smith or the churchwardens.

The 2018 Spring Series begins today!

Our 2018 Spring Series, 'From here to Eternity – living, dying and grieving well', begins this morning following the 10am Sung Eucharist. The series continues over the next two Sundays, the sessions each lasting only about an hour.

If you have brought your pets for blessing this morning, they are welcome to stay for the Spring Series if they are quiet and well-behaved. Alternatively, you might like to take them home straight after the service and return in time for this morning's session.

Please note that as these sessions will be dealing with 'end of life' issues, some people might find them distressing. If you are concerned but still wish to attend, please feel free to leave a session at any time. The clergy on hand will also be able to offer pastoral care.

Today's speaker

The Revd Canon Dr Colleen O'Reilly is the Vicar of St George's Malvern. She will speak on how the funeral service is an essential rite of passage for both the dead person, and for the mourners if they are to live well with the loss. She will explain how the funeral service expresses faith in the God of transformed life and how it meets pastoral need in a confusing time. She will also offer some excellent advice on planning funerals.

Next Sunday

Next week our main speaker will be Dr Barbara Hayes, a palliative care physician who is also involved in advanced care planning. Some useful resources will be available for take.

And the final Sunday, 21 October...

Our Vicar will be the speaker at the third session. He brings his many years as a parish priest ministering to people facing critical life issues. Fr John has also known the loss of a partner, when his wife died at the age of 30, from cancer – an experience that has shaped his life and ministry ever since.

All are welcome to these sessions – you might know some friends or neighbours who would find the series helpful.

NEXT SUNDAY —14 October 2018

Pentecost 21

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

8.00am EUCHARIST

Presider: John Baldock
Preacher: John Baldock
Reader: Penny Galbraith
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands
Server: Geoff Vincent
Euch. Asst. Penny Galbraith

9am BREAKFAST

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: John Baldock
Preacher: John Baldock
Deacon: Richard Wilson
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Sue Banting, Kerry Pratt
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Sue Banting, Jenny Cook, Alison Asquith
Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, John Manton
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11.30am SPRING SERIES— Second Session

6.00pm EVENING WORSHIP

CHANGE TO MORNING PRAYER:

Morning Prayer will now be said at **9am** each weekday morning, including Mondays. Evening prayer will also be said on Mondays at **5pm**.

SPRING IS HERE! Anglicare now has a need for tinned fish and tinned fruit as well as cereals. Thankyou for your generous response to the Winter Appeal for tinned vegetables. They now have supplies in reserve.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Thomas Muggridge, Gwen Bromilow, Ellen Morriss, Albert Newton, and Sally Benson, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FUTURE DATES

This Year's Spring Series will take place on Sundays 7, 14, and 21 October at 11:30am following the Sung Eucharist.

Eucharist at Broughton Hall will be on Wednesday 17 October at 11:00am.

Choir Practice is on Thursday 18 October at 7:30pm.

Thursday Study Group will take place on Thursday 18 October at Ross' home.

Asylum Seeker and Refugee Support Group: A Refugee's Story - Nayran Tabiei, a Syrian refugee, will tell her story on Sunday 28 October at 2.30pm in the Rutherford Room. All welcome.

KEEP UP TO DATE with information by using the St John's Camberwell website. Contact is uploaded promptly. www.stjohnscamberwell.org.au

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

*Morning (9am) and Evening Prayer (5pm)
Mondays to Fridays unless mentioned below.*

SUNDAY 7 October

11:30am Spring Series—First Session

MONDAY 8 October

3:00pm Asylum Seeker & Refugee Support Group meeting in the Dempster Room

TUESDAY 9 October

9:00am Auditor in office from 9am—using meeting room

11:00am Eucharist at Shenley Manor

12:00 noon Eucharist in Chapel

8:00pm Illawarra Study Group meeting at Keith's home

WEDNESDAY 10 October—No evening prayer

7:00pm Eucharist in the chapel

7:30pm Parish Council meeting in Dempster Room

SUNDAY 14 October

9:00am Breakfast

11:30am Spring Series—Second Session

Conversations with the Archbishop: On **Wednesday 10 October at 7.30am**, join Melbourne Anglican Archbishop **Philip Freier**, former Deputy Premier and Nationals leader **Pat McNamara**, co-author with former Labor Premier Steve Bracks of a new bold report about how to control Melbourne's vast growth and **Bevan Warner**, CEO of Launch Housing, one of Victoria's largest providers of housing and homeless support services, and former managing director of Victoria Legal Aid. Moderated by former ABC journalist **John Cleary**.

Deakin Edge, Federation Square on Wednesday 10 October at 7.30am. (Morning, please note.) Admission is free, and there is no need to book.

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