

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Morning & Evening Prayer is prayed in the Chapel on weekdays at 8.30am and 5pm respectively.

MONDAY 8 December

3.30pm Wardens' Meeting in Parish Centre

TUESDAY 9 December

11.00am Eucharist at Shenley Manor
12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.45pm Staff Meeting
1.00pm Staff lunch out
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting
7.00pm Illawarra Study Group at Keith's home

WEDNESDAY 10 December

11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel
12.15pm BYO Lunch in Dempster Room
7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

SATURDAY 13 December

8.30am – 12.30pm ADVENT QUIET MORNING
in Church and Parish Centre.
7.00pm Indonesian Band Practice

ADVANCE NOTICE:

2015 PARISH RETREAT:

Booked at Pallotti College for the weekend of Friday 27 February to Sunday 1 March. All are welcome and warmly encouraged.

NEXT SUNDAY - 14 December, 014

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11; Ps. 126 or Song of Mary;
1 Thessalonians 5.12-28, John 1. 6-8, 19-28

8am EUCHARIST

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

9.00am Breakfast

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: John Lester; Georgina Porter
Intercessor: Andrew Porter
Servers: Neil Nyholm (MC)
Jenny Cook, Sue Banting, James Moorhouse.

Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Jenny Cook
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov, Sue Massoud

12 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

3.00pm INDONESIA EUCHARIST

-Presider & Preacher : David Moore, Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE—Keith Dempster



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ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

Second Sunday of Advent—7 December 2014

The early church were keen to interpret the coming of Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promises to the Jewish people. Thus Matthew starts his account of Christ with an extensive genealogy that locates the meaning of Jewish history in "Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham". Luke begins his gospel with Elizabeth and Zechariah, a righteous couple who represent all the hopes and longings of the Jewish people. Mark, while not at all interested in birth stories, also begins his narrative with the idea of fulfillment – directing us to see John the Baptist's appearance in the wilderness as the realization of Isaiah's vision of a lone voice crying out in the wilderness, announcing the arrival of the Lord. For Mark, John's function is two-fold: he points to Jesus as the promised one and he prepares the way of the Lord, by calling the Jews of first century Palestine to confess their sins. John's key word is "repent" and Mark emphasizes the way that the crowds flock to the baptist, apparently eager to repent and be forgiven. We may shy away from "repentance", a concept encumbered by images of breast-beating, self-castigation, guilt and self-hatred. The New Testament meaning of repent, however, is quite simple. It means "to turn". When we repent we turn away from all our efforts to justify ourselves and turn towards God, towards the one who wants to "speak tenderly to Jerusalem" and "feed his flock like a shepherd." May this Advent be a time of turning for us; turning away from what does not bring life and turning towards that which does. Then we will, hopefully and joyfully, be ready to celebrate the coming of the one called Emmanuel.

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
*When true simplicity is gain'd,
To bow and to bend we shan't be asham'd,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.*

Joseph Brackett (1797-1882) Shaker dancing song.

Helen Creed

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SERVICES TODAY

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 in the Rutherford Room following the 10 am liturgy.

8.00am Eucharist

Presider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: Helen Creed
Reader: Neil Nyholm
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Neil Nyholm
Euch. Asst. Keith Dempster

9.30am-9.50am Healing Ministry

10.00am Sung Eucharist

with Commissioning of Office Bearers

Presider: Helen Creed
Preacher: Helen Creed
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Readers: Kerry Pratt; Verona Lea
Cantor: Jeanette Fly
Servers: Ross Smith (MC);
Geoff Vincent, Neicia Shaw,
Robin Carter
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Neicia Shaw
KIDZ@CHURCH: Caroline Tanner, Janice Wong

12 noon The Angelus

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation - Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm Contemplative Service

Keith Dempster

7.30pm ECUMENICAL ADVENT CAROLS at Camberwell Uniting Church

TMA The Melbourne Anglican is available today at the back of the church.

Readings for the Day

*Isaiah 40. 1-11; Psalm 85. 1-2, 8-13;
2 Peter 3. 8-15a; Mark 1.1-8*

MINISTRY OF HEALING: today- On the first Sunday of the month from 9.30 to 9.50am clergy will be in the chapel. All are welcome to receive laying on of hands and anointing. Healing Ministry is always available at any time, simply contact one of the clergy.

COMMISSIONING OFFICE BEARERS

We commission the newly-elected office bearers at the 10am and 3pm liturgies today. We are grateful to them for their willingness to serve the parish in this way, and assure them of our prayers and support.

Vicar's Warden: Kerry Pratt

People's Wardens: Noela Manton
John Lester

Parish Council: Natasha Bolch; Jascha Gunawan; Glenis Heath; Lucky Kalonta; Indra Karmawan; Andrew Porter; Muriel Porter; Jude Westrup; Alicia White.

Incumbency Committee:
Georgina Porter; Ross Smith

ADVENT QUIET MORNING:

I have been encouraging us all to let Advent be Advent, to review our level of busy-ness during this time, to make sufficient time and space so as to be able to receive the gift of Advent - and by doing so to really receive the gift of Christmas. I extend an invitation to everyone to the Advent Quiet Morning - 8.30am to 12.30pm next Saturday 13 December. Perhaps you know someone who may find such a time and space spiritually helpful at this over-burdened time of the year? Please take the available fliers and offer them to others. Feel free to contact me with enquiries. *Fr David*

**THIS EVENING - 7.30PM—
ECUMENICAL ADVENT CAROLS** will be held at the Camberwell Uniting Church—combined choirs. Come to join in this shared event between OLV, Camberwell Uniting and St John's. Everyone is welcome.

WELCOMERS needed for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services. No previous experience required! Your offer for assistance would be gratefully received. Please enter your name on the list at the back of the church and I'll contact you to confirm by Monday 22 Dec. Your duty would commence 30 minutes before the times listed below.

Christmas Eve: 11.00pm – Carols
11.30pm – Christmas Eucharist

Christmas Day: 9.00am - Sung Eucharist
Any queries or phone offers to Jonathan Way.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. Parishioners are invited to give a donation towards the cost of the celebratory flowers we have at Christmas. Donations can be put in the box at the back of the Church or handed in to the Office during the week. Any enquiries to Wendy Way.

SUNDAY MORNING VACUUMING:

At the end of Sunday morning's hospitality in the Rutherford Room the floor is always in need of a once-over with the vacuum. More vacuumers are needed. If you can assist please contact the Hospitality Coordinator, Penny Galbraith.

ADVENT-CHRISTMAS information is available in two booklets "*Taking Advent Home*" and "*Advent-Christmas-Epiphany*" and on a flyer. Copies of all of these are at the back of the church for you to take.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Arthur Webber, William Rait, Nancy Mitchell, Edward 'Ted' Gibson, Winifred Saunders, Veronica McNeil, Joan Swindells, Lorna Ready, Ethel Oats, Virginia Macaleavey, and Bert Hulme, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ENVELOPES are available today for donations to The Christmas Bowl (Act for Peace) and also for ABM Advent 2014. See noticeboard for more details of their programs.

CHRISTINGLE MAKING—Tuesday 23 December at 10am in the Rutherford Room. Enquiries to Clare.

FUTURE DATES

**ECUMENICAL ADVENT CAROLS—
Tonight** 7.30pm at Camberwell Uniting.
ADVENT QUIET MORNING Saturday 13 December 8.30am to 12.30pm in the church and parish centre.

**INDONESIAN CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION** Sat. 20 Dec. at 5pm in church and parish centre. All welcome.
CHRISTINGLE making 10am Tuesday 23 December.

OFFICE CLOSSES 12 noon on Christmas Eve and reopens on Wednesday 28 January 2015 at 10.00am.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH in Rutherford Room 12.30pm.

NEW YEAR'S DAY LUNCH in Rutherford Room 1pm.

EMILY'S LAST SUNDAY at St John's will be 25 January.