

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

TUESDAY 9 September

11.00am Communion at Shenley Manor
12noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.45pm Staff meeting
2.00pm Liturgy Meeting
8.00pm Illawarra Study Group at Keith's home

WEDNESDAY 10 September

9.30am Little Seeds Playgroup
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel
12.15pm BYO Lunch in Dempster Room
7.30pm Parish Council meeting in Dempster Room

THINKING OF STUDY IN 2015?

Theology for Today's Church. Trinity College Theological School offers programs for everyone: lay people, ordinands, chaplains and researchers. Website www.trinity.edu.au/theology, or contact the Registrar, Dr Peter Campbell on (03) 9348 7127 or tcts@trinity.unimelb.edu.au

NEXT SUNDAY - 14 September
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 14. 19-31; Psalm 114 ;
Romans 14. 1-14; Matthew 18. 21-35

8am EUCHARIST

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

9.00am Breakfast

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Readers: Ross Smith, Carole Nicholls
Intercessor: Barbara Fary
Servers: Neicia Shaw (MC)
James Moorhouse, Sue Banting,
Neil Nyholm

Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, Neil Nyholm
Kidz@Church: Andrew and Georgina Porter

12 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

12.30-1.30pm Follow up Asylum Seekers
Issue—meeting in Rutherford Room

3pm INDONESIAN

Eucharist: David Moore & Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost—7 September 2014

The comforting image of the good shepherd looms large in our Christian consciousness: in times of need or dismay we look to the shepherd who accompanies us through the darkest valleys and leads us to places of abundant life. But the shepherd in our gospel reading this morning (Matthew 18:10-20) is not quite of this type. Indeed, the shepherd of this tiny parable makes the apparently reckless decision to abandon the 99 who are doing the right thing in order to go in search of the one who has apparently not done the right thing. From the perspective of one of the ninety-nine, this is not a pastorally responsible move! What might befall the cooperative sheep while the shepherd is away? His absence exposes them to whatever dangers may be lurking in the mountainous terrain, a discomfiting thought! And yet, if we stay with the discomfort for a moment, and contemplate why the shepherd chooses to “leave the ninety nine on the mountains”, we might also find ourselves moved by what this tiny parable reveals: the quality of the shepherd's mercy, an “infinite mercy” that can do none other than “search for the one who has gone astray.” And in being so touched by the action of this compassionate shepherd, there might also be a moment when our defensive indignation falls away, when our own merciful hearts are revealed, those hearts that can do none other than extend sympathy and care. As we gather around the Lord's table this morning, may we be given a glimpse of the quality of God's mercy shown in this parable. And may this glimpse deliver us out of ways of thinking and being that make us indifferent to the pressing needs of others (or of ourselves). Then, we might approach each other with the kind of humility, wonder and kindness that is the mark of those who have been caught up in the kingdom of the one whose love never fails.

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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: David Moore
Preacher: Helen Creed
Reader: Geoff Vincent
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Keith Dempster

9.00-9.30am Healing Ministry

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: Helen Creed
Deacon: David Moore
Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm
Readers: Verona Lea
Sue Banting
Cantor: Kerry Pratt
Intercessor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
Jenny Cook, Geoff Vincent,
Robin Carter
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Cynthia Nyholm
KIDZ@CHURCH: Caroline Tanner, Sue
Massoud

12 noon The Angelus

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation

Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm Contemplative Service

Readings for the day:

*Exodus 12. 1-14; Psalm 149;
Romans 13.1-10; Matthew 18. 10-20.*

MINISTRY OF HEALING: TODAY, being the first Sunday of the month, from 9 to 9.30am clergy will be in the chapel. You are invited to come to talk, have hands laid on or be anointed. Healing Ministry is always available at any time, simply contact one of the clergy.

OPEN FORUM Everyone is welcome and warmly invited to participate in the next parish 'Open Forum' – **11.30am-12.30pm Sunday 21 September** in the Rutherford Room. This will be a conversation which I will chair. The agenda is open. There will be no motions, nor is debate its aim – that's what Parish Council is quite properly set up to do. Rather, the aim is for us to hear each other, freed from the need to debate. There will be no 'minutes' – but the key points will be summarised and distributed to all afterwards. I will be very happy to answer any questions which are mine to answer, and I will be most grateful to hear from you about what matters. Though I should add that I do not intend this to be primarily a conversation with me - rather I envisage an atmosphere in which all of us are in conversation with each other. *David*

TMA—The September edition of The Melbourne Anglican is available at the back of the church. Please take a copy.

DEADLINE FOR NOTICES in Contact—1pm Thursdays.

BOOK SALE: Thank you to all who assisted in raising \$3,376 which will be divided between Anglicare Victoria and Anglican Overseas Aid for their work with refugees and asylum seekers.

ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP—

On Monday 25 August the Group had a meeting with Josh Frydenberg MP and raised their concerns about the current policies. There will be an opportunity for those concerned about this issue to hear about the meeting and the follow-up on **Sunday 14 September** in the Rutherford Room from 12.30 to 1.30pm. Light refreshments will be available. Inquiries Helen Howells.

MORNING TEA: More people are needed to fill out the roster for morning tea on Sundays after the 10am Service. Your turn would come around once a month. If you can help please speak with Diana Azzopardi .

LECTIONARIES FOR Year B 2015 are now available. If you would like to purchase a copy for \$13 (inc. GST) please put your name on the list which is now on the noticeboard or ring the Parish Office and one will be ordered for you.

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

THE BOROONDARA INTERFAITH NETWORK in partnership with the Local Spiritual Assembly of Bahai's of Boroondara., invites you to 'Diversity Across the Ages: Exploring culture, language and faith'. Share in an afternoon of activities that explore our views on cultural, religious and linguistic diversity. Free event. Afternoon tea/refreshments provided. Sunday 28 September, 2014. 2.00pm-4.30pm at Our Holy Redeemer Parish Hall, 311 Mont Albert Road, Surrey Hills. Register by 22 September 92784753. www.diversitythroughages.eventbrite.com.au

FUTURE DATES

ASYLUM SEEKERS ISSUE: Follow-up meeting (See note elsewhere on this page). 14 September 12.30pm to 1.30pm in the Rutherford Room.

OPEN FORUM—21 September at 11.30am in the Rutherford Room.

PET BLESSING SERVICE: 12 October at 10am.

PIZZA & QUIZ NIGHT—Friday 24 October at 7pm. Watch for more details.

ALL SAINTS— November 2 at 8am and 10am.

ALL SOULS—November 2—Requiem Eucharist at 7pm.

ANNUAL MEETING 23 November in Rutherford Room 11.30am. (Closing date for nominations for Wardens, Parish Council and Incumbency Committee is 14 November at 12 noon.)