

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

MONDAY 10 March—Public Holiday

7.30pm Camberwell Camera Club meets in Rutherford Room

TUESDAY 11 March

9.30am Pastoral Care Team meets in Dempster Room

11.00am Service At Shenley Manor

12.00noon Eucharist in the Chapel

12.30pm Staff meeting in Dempster Room

3.15pm Liturgy Meeting in Dempster Room

7.30pm Ecumenical Studies—1st Session at Camberwell Uniting Church

WEDNESDAY 12 March

9.30am Playgroup in Rutherford Room

11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel

12.15pm BYO Lunch in the Dempster Room

1.00pm ADFAS Church Recorders in Church and Rutherford Room Annex

7.30pm Parish Council Meets—Dempster Rm

THURSDAY 13 March

6.00pm Yarra Gospel Choir practising in Rutherford Room

NEXT SUNDAY - 16 March 2014

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12. 1-4a; Psalm 121;

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3.1-17 or

Mark 9.2-9

8.00am EUCHARIST

President: David Moore

Preacher: David Moore

Reader: Graham & Elisabeth Pratt

Intercessor: Clergy

Server: Hans Ferdinands

Euch. Asst. Graham Pratt

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

President: Emily Fraser

Preacher: David Moore

Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman

Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm

Readers: Jonathan Way

Wendy Way

Intercessor: Barbara Fary

Servers: Ross Smith (MC)

Geoff Vincent

Robin Carter

Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Jonathan Way.

Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov, Jacquelyn

Bergstrum, Verona Lea

12 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

3.00pm INDONESIAN SERVICE

Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

Lent 1—9 March 2014

My Dear Friends,

Late in the 4th century St Augustine of Hippo wrote the *Confessions*. It contains this well-known passage (in a recent translation by Maria Boulding):

Late have I loved you, Beauty so ancient and so new,
late have I loved you!
Lo, you were within,
but I outside, seeking there for you,
and upon the shapely things you have made I rushed headlong,
I, misshapen.
You were with me, but I was not with you.
They held me back from you,
those things which would have no being
were they not in you.
You called, shouted, broke through my deafness;
you flared, blazed, banished my blindness;
you lavished your fragrance, I gasped, and now I pant for you;
I tasted you, and I hunger and I thirst;
you touched me, and I burned for your peace.

Regardless how many times we may have entered into the Lenten experience, we are only too aware of our tendency to seek that which is within us via 'shapely things' outside. Must it take a lifetime to find that 'Beauty so ancient and so new' who is within? Yet, by lavishing grace, by a fragrance we can never forget, a taste, a touch – albeit fleeting – we are given the gift of hungering, thirsting, panting, burning deep within.

The (all-too-common) view of Lent as a list of rules, obligations, and heavy duties is surely stultifying. Lent, rather, is permission to kindle hunger, to pant, to burn with longing: to recognise that what we most deeply desire is not to be found in all the lovely things to which we have become so attached. All of Lent's symbols and scriptures and liturgies are for this.

There are few more potent forces in the cosmos than the heart burning under the influence of Love, the soul panting for that Beauty so ancient and so new, who is within. It is for this reason that there is no more potent, nor authentic, growth than that which is the fruit of the burning heart, the panting soul.

I encourage us all to so structure our diaries and lives this Lent as to be ready for the One who calls, shouts, breaks through deafness, who flares and blazes and banishes our blindness. Lent *has* begun – are we ready?

With my love, David

ROAD CLOSURE: Please note **Reserve Road** Camberwell will be closed from 6pm Saturday 15 March to 6pm Sunday 16 March to accommodate the Camberwell Primary School fair.

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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 following the liturgy in the Rutherford Room.

David Away Today:

David is at 'The Long Weekend', the Anglican parishes camp at Philip Island.

8.00am EUCHARIST

Presider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Reader: Geoff Vincent
Intercessor: Peter Forwood
Server: Geoff Vincent
Euch. Asst. Keith Dempster

9.00am BREAKFAST

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Ross Smith
Readers: Verona Lea
Ross Smith
Intercessor: Muriel Porter
Cantor: David Barton
Servers: Neil Nyholm (MC)
Sue Banting
James Moorhouse
Kerry Francis
Euch. Assts. Verona Lea
Ross Smith
Kidz@Church Activities in the Church.

*Lent 1: Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7; Psalm 32;
Romans 5.12-21; Matthew 4. 1-11*

Lent-Easter Guide A guide for the season is available today. Please take a copy.

12 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

3.00pm INDONESIAN EUCHARIST—
Emily Fraser, Kuncoro Rusman.

6.00pm Contemplative Service

IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT BISHOP BARBARA DARLING has decided to retire from full time ministry as Bishop of the Eastern Region and will finish active ministry in this role at the end of October this year. More information at a later date.

ECUMENICAL LENT STUDIES —

All are welcome to join with the Camberwell Catholic and Uniting parishes for this 5-session study series: 7.30pm Tuesday 11, 18, 25 March, 1, 8 April. Study booklets are available on the Narthex table, and through the parish office. Please sign up for this series on the sheet in the church. The first session is at the Uniting Church, Tuesday 11 March. Hosting of the sessions will be shared by the three churches.—St John's on 25 March. If you would like to assist on this occasion contact Dawn Sullivan in the parish office.

A COMBINED SERVICE FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

will be held at 12 noon on Sunday 23 March followed by lunch. There will not be services at 10am or 3pm on that day. There will be an 8am Service that day.

PLEASE WRITE your name on the list on the noticeboard if you are attending the lunch.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 13 April
Holy Thursday 17 April—8pm
Good Friday 18 April—
11.15am & 2pm
Easter Vigil 20 April—6am*
Easter Day 20 April—10am only
***NB: EASTER VIGIL AT 6AM**
followed by champagne breakfast.

A FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING will be held to discuss the **Winter Dinner** and other matters on Sunday 23 March at **10.00am** followed by the Combined Service of the Congregations at 12 noon. All welcome for a 'cuppa' and contribution to the meeting. Enquiries Neicia Shaw 9836 2232 or Neicia@nsproject.com.au

ARCHBISHOP Freier in conversation with Professor Ross Garnaut AO, climate change adviser to the previous Federal Govt. and Natalie Isaacs, founder and co-CEO of 1 Million Women, will take place at **7.30am to 8.45am** on **Wednesday 12 March**, at Deakin Edge, Federation Square, Melbourne.

PARISH RETREAT 2014—Conductor: The Vicar. The annual parish retreat will be held at Pallotti College Warburton, Friday evening 4 April until Sunday lunchtime 6 April. Please register on the form in the brochure by **next Friday 14 March**. Brochures are available at the back of the church or from the office.

CELEBRATE HARMONY DAY 2014—Thursday 20 March—4-7pm Swinburne Multi Faith Facility, Hawthorn. See noticeboard.

JARS : Diana Azzopardi needs more jars for jams and preserves. Bring to church or office.

'CONFESSING THE FAITH' COURSE: The next subject we are offering in the Trinity Certificate is 'Confessing the Faith', a nine-week course unpacking the creed we say every Sunday. It begins on Sunday 11 May at 4pm. More details soon, but mark the dates in your diary NOW if you are interested.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Lorna Lane, Ida Foenander, Geoffrey Wieland, David Creed, Evelyn Fisher, and Joan Hill, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THREE RESOURCES from the Diocese of Melbourne for reflection and meditation during Lent and Easter 2014— a series of daily readings for the weekdays of Lent, a course of weekly studies based on the Sunday gospels and daily readings from Palm Sunday to Easter Day, and a leader's guide. To download the resources, please visit <http://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/Lent-2014>.

FUTURE DATES

ECUMENICAL LENT STUDIES

Tuesdays 11, 18, and 25 March, and 1 and 8 April.

COMBINED SERVICE for all our congregations—Sunday 23 March at 12 noon followed by lunch in Rutherford Room.

PARISH RETREAT: 4th-6th April. Brochures available.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL: 4 May—10am only—followed by lunch. **NB:** No 8am this day.

ASCENSION DAY: 29 May—6.30pm

ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT will receive the proceeds of an evening at Camberwell Uniting Church March 14 at 8pm. "*Return to Northern Realms—journeys through Russia and Scandinavia*", \$15 admission. Enq. 9882 7441. See our noticeboard.