

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

TUESDAY 11 November.

Remembrance Day

9.30am Pastoral Care Meeting in Dempster Rm.
11.00am Service at Shenley Manor
12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.45pm Staff Meeting
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting
8.00pm Illawarra Study Group

WEDNESDAY 12 November

9.30am Little Seeds Playgroup
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel
12.15pm BYO Lunch in Dempster Room
1.30pm Field Committee in Parish Centre—
Emily Fraser
4.00pm Amnesty Letter Writing Group in
Dempster Room
7.30pm Parish Council Meeting in Dempster
Room

FRIDAY 14 November

12 noon Nominations close for Wardens (2),
Parish Council (6) and Incumbency Committee (2).

SATURDAY 15 November

7.00pm Indonesian Band practice

NEXT SUNDAY - 16 November, 2014

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Readings

Judges 4.1-10; Psalm 123;

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30

8am EUCHARIST

Presider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Readers: Graham & Elisabeth Pratt
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Graham Pratt

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Jonathan & Wendy Way
Intercessor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Jenny Cook (MC),
James Moorhouse, Robin Carter,
Neil Nyholm
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, Neil Nyholm
Kidz@Church: Sue Pratt and Debbie Pratt

12 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

3.00pm **INDONESIAN**—Kuncoro
Rusman

6.00pm **CONTEMPLATIVE**
SERVICE—Keith Dempster



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost—9 November 2014

My Dear Friends,

In the few remaining Sundays of the liturgical year which follow All Saints day the mood of the gospels takes a decisive shift. Set in the context of the last days of Jesus' life in Jerusalem, conflict with the religious establishment is reaching fever pitch. Being lamps-lit ready to greet the bridegroom, employing well the talents entrusted to us with the time available - there is an end-times tenor here, a threat of finality, and a sense of an imminent permanent division between the wise (saved) and the foolish (damned).

It is common to find in commentaries on today's gospel reinforcement of the prevailing works-righteousness success ideology: having enough oil to keep the lamp going long enough for the late-in-arriving bridegroom is a matter of prudence and good management of one's affairs and resources. But can we not find this ideology anywhere? Is it not always the case that the wealthy, the prosperous, and the privileged justify what they have as the rightful consequence of their good works? (And conversely, that those who have nothing deserve to have nothing because they are foolish good-for-nothings - which is why those who do have extra reserves of oil are justified in not sharing them!) Do not the winners of history always claim that it was their careful and prudent reserving of 'oil' which made them winners?

So is this the gospel of Christ? Can it possibly have been Christ's intent in telling this parable to reinforce the self-righteousness of the self-righteous, the wealth of the wealthy? Obviously not. At least, it should be obvious enough. But possibly ever since Constantine inverted Christ's teachings - making Christianity the religion of empire, normative for those who want to trade and belong and hold office and get on in the world - the gospels have been interpreted from the perspective of the dominant ideology.

Well, until recent times that is. The breakdown of Christendom, and the 'demise' of the institutional church, is to be welcomed, since it is precisely these unpalatable and unpleasant conditions which are gradually liberating us to rediscover the gospel in the gospels. It is requiring of us that we search beyond and beneath our self-righteousness for what is truly *evangelion* here. Similarly, it is the discomfort of post-Christendom which is dissolving the dualism which Christendom fostered. We can no longer tolerate the teaching that humanity is divided into two separate categories, the 'wise' and the 'foolish' - for the well-being of the world, and mother earth herself, are at stake. The times are demanding that we go back to the gospel to find gospel, to read this parable in new ways - to 'take out of our treasure what is old and what is new'.

With my love, David

St John's Anglican Church, 552 Burke Road, Camberwell, 3124

Ph.9882 4851 Fax 9882 0086

Email: office@stjohnscamberwell.org.au

Website: www.stjohnscamberwell.org.au

Vicar: Father David Moore 9882 4851 (O) 0404 437 463 (M)
(Saturdays to Thursdays and Sundays) Email: vicar@stjohnscamberwell.org.au

Assistant Curate: Mother Emily Fraser 9882 4851 (O) 0408 383 699 (M)
(Tuesdays to Fridays and Sundays) Email: curate.emily@stjohnscamberwell.org.au

Assistant Curate: The Revd Kuncoro Rusman 9882 4851 (O) 0408 570 967
(Tuesdays to Saturdays, and Sundays) Email: curate.kuncoro@stjohnscamberwell.org.au

Hon. Assoc. Priest: The Revd Dr Brian Porter 0407 552 425 (M)

Hon. Assoc. Priest: The Revd Helen Creed 0437 002 455 (M)

Hon. Assoc. Priest: The Revd Michelle Trebilcock 0408 511 397 (M)

Director of Music: Mr David Byrne 9836 5456
Email: music.director@stjohnscamberwell.org.au

Children's Ministry: Clare Tomasov 9882 4851 (O)
Email: children@stjohnscamberwell.org.au

Parish Administrator: Mrs Dawn Sullivan 9882 4851 Email: office@stjohnscamberwell.org.au

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

9.00am Breakfast

9.30am Rite of Remembrance

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: Dorothy Lee
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm
Readers: Margaret Anderson
Noel Anderson
Intercessor: Noela Manton
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
Neicia Shaw, Geoff Vincent,
Sue Banting
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Cynthia Nyholm

KIDZ@CHURCH: Clare Tomasov

11.45am Prof. Dorothy Lee—

“St Mark's Gospel” in the Rutherford Room

12 noon The Angelus

1.30pm Indonesian Coordinating Committee meets in Dempster Room

3.00pm Indonesian Eucharist

David Moore, Emily Fraser & Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm Contemplative Service

Keith Dempster

Readings for the Day

*Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78. 1-7;
1 Thessalonians 4.9-18; Matthew 25. 1-13*

WELCOME! Today we welcome Prof. Dorothy Lee as our guest preacher at the 10am Sung Eucharist. Following the service, she will speak to us about St Mark's Gospel, as next year is the 'Year of Mark' in the three-year lectionary cycle. Copies of Fr Frank Moloney's *A Friendly Guide to Mark's Gospel* will be available for purchase for \$25 (GST incl.) as well as Rowan Williams' guide to the Christian faith, *Being Christian* (\$16 - GST incl.).

FR BRIAN

Our long term Honorary Associate Priest, The Reverend Dr Brian Porter, has announced to the Archbishop and All Saints Mitcham that he will be concluding his 14 month duty as Locum Vicar there on 30 November. From December Brian will be returning home to assist with priestly and pastoral ministry. I know that Brian rejoices that he will be back worshipping with us (and Muriel) in retirement. I'm grateful for Brian's willingness to serve on our ministry team. *Fr David*

NOMINATIONS close at 12 noon next Friday 14 November for Wardens (2), Parish Council (6) and Incumbency Committee (2). Please hand completed nomination forms to the Vicar.

ADVENT QUIET DAY: Saturday 6 December, 10am-3pm at Carmelite Centre Melbourne. See noticeboard or <http://thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org/advent-oasis-day-saturday-6-december-10-00am-3-00pm/> - Enquiries: Michelle Trebilcock.

ANGLICARE continues its Christmas appeal. Food items of a Christmas nature to fill 700 hampers are really needed. These hampers will provide such cheer to the many needy families that look for help. Goods such as tinned ham, tinned seafood, light fruit cake and shortbread are ideal.

ANGLICARE would also appreciate the donation of gifts that are suitable for young children and also for older children. Some ideas are Lego, board games, books, art and craft materials, tee shirts, sporting goods and jewellery. Anglicare asks that toys are new and left unwrapped.

Please bring gifts, toys and Christmas fare to the church on Sundays or to the office during office hours. Copies of a suggestion list are available at the back of the church for you to take. *Thankyou.*

AN OCCASIONAL MEN'S DINNER has been arranged for Thursday, 27th November, 6.30 for 7.00 pm. Please RSVP your intention to attend by email to office@stjohnscamberwell.org.au or by adding your name to the list at the rear of the church by 25th November. Cost: \$20 at the door. Feel free to bring a friend. Enquiries to Kerry Pratt - kerry.pratt@monash.edu
The speaker is Prof. Peter Darvall AO - The Topic *“The Life and Legacy of General Sir John Monash”*. See flyer with these notices or check the noticeboard in the church.

THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE— Social Responsibilities Committee—

Ministering to Iranian Asylum Seekers/Refugees. A free SRC Seminar, 1.00-3.00pm November 11 at St Peter's Eastern Hill, parish hall. RSVP Richard Wilson richard@thewilson-s.com

CONVERSATION with Archbishop Freier who will be joined by the Hon. Steve Bracks and the Hon. Fran Bailey to discuss the challenges facing Victoria and what the next State Government should do to tackle them.

7.30AM Wednesday 12 November at Deakin Edge, Federation Square.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Beryl McWhinney, Margaret Murray, Ella Linda Watts, and Rex Betheras, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THANK YOU from Anglican Overseas Aid. “Dear Friends

Thanks for your generous support of our work. It is greatly appreciated! Thanks too for your fundraiser for the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza. It was great to come along for the Pizza & Quiz Night and to be given the opportunity to share about our work.

With blessings,
Bob Mitchell, CEO, Anglican Overseas Aid.”
Note: Bob Mitchell was the speaker at the Pizza & Quiz Night. The result of the fundraiser was \$1000 for the hospital.

AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR—2015—NOW AVAILABLE from Dawn Harvey. Funds raised assist Anglican Overseas Aid—\$12 each.

TMA *The Melbourne Anglican—November issue* is available today at the back of the church. There is an article by Muriel Porter on p.11—*“Bishop Barbara—pioneer, role model, pastor”*. Also a report on Melbourne Synod. Please take a copy.

ANNUAL MEETING information is on flyer with these notices and on the noticeboard.

FUTURE DATES

ANNUAL MEETING November 23 in Rutherford Room 11.30am.

MEN'S DINNER: Thursday 27 November 6.30 for 7.00pm.

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP— Monday 1 December at 12 noon. BYO lunch and meeting in Dempster Room.

ADVENT QUIET DAY: Saturday 6 December, 10am-3pm at Carmelite Centre.