

FUTURE DATES

Working Bee: at St John's Saturday 23 December from 8.30am. Church, grounds and silverware.

St Thomas' Day: Thursday 21 December—Eucharist in the Chapel 12 noon.

Office closes: 3pm Friday 22 December .
(Reopens 10am Wednesday 31 January)

Christmas Eve:

5pm Children's Service
11pm Carols
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day:

10am Sung Eucharist

Lunch in Rutherford Room—Bring food to share. Speak to Keith.

January 1: Naming & Circumcision of Christ—Eucharist 12 noon.

Lunch: 12.30pm in Rutherford Room—bring food to share.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Morning (9.30am) and Evening Prayer (5pm)

Tuesdays to Fridays

unless otherwise mentioned below.

TUESDAY 12 December

11.00am Shenley Manor
12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel
7.00pm Illawarra Study Group meets at Keith's home

WEDNESDAY 13 December—No Evening Prayer

7.00pm Eucharist in Chapel
7.30pm Parish Council meets in Dempster Room

CHRISTMAS DAY and/or NEW YEAR'S

DAY: Bring lunch to share in the Rutherford Room. Speak to Keith after church or leave name(s) with Parish Office by 17 December.



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
Second Sunday of Advent —10 December 2017

Greetings!

During this Advent season, as we await the Incarnation anew, it can be helpful to remember, in the midst of many daily reminders of how deeply into apathy, depravity and evil, human beings are capable of descending, that we are also the recipients of divine love, a love of which, in some inexplicable way, we are worthy. This should make a difference in how we think about and act toward ourselves and each other.

So if we say Christ entered the world as essential truth, cosmic truth mediated to us in a form presumably most accessible to us, a human presence, a human life! Then that he should have done so is also an absolute statement of our value, which we frequently do so much to obscure. Is it possible to claim a dignity for humankind that is assured because it is bestowed on us? That is, because it is beyond even our formidable powers to besmirch or destroy. Human beings are sacred. Let us think about what we are and then why God might have a fondness for us.

Let's not be afraid to make this personal during this Advent season. If God has taken pleasure in his creation, there is every reason to assume that some part of his pleasure is in our best idea, our most generous impulse, our most disciplined thinking on whatever is true, honourable, just, pure, pleasing, excellent, and worthy of praise.

God loves us. God is with us. God is in us. Have a blessed Advent
Ken

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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 10am liturgy in the Rutherford Room.

TODAY

8.00am EUCHARIST

President: Richard Wilson
Preacher: Richard Wilson
Reader: Penny Galbraith
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Penny Galbraith

9.00am BREAKFAST

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Commissioning of Parish Office Bearers

President: Ken Hewlett
Preacher: Richard Wilson
Deacon: Richard Wilson
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Andrew Porter, Georgina Porter
Intercessor: Neil Nyholm
Cantor: Eleanor Forwood
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Geoff Vincent, Jenny Cook, Sue Banting
Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Verona Lea
For children: Please make use of activities at the back of the church.

6.00pm LITURGY of LIGHT

LECTIONS FOR THE DAY

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

ADVENT MASS SETTING: For the four Sundays of Advent, we will once again sing the hauntingly lovely mass setting, 'Missa Emmanuel', by American composer Richard Proulx, at the 10am liturgy. This very simple setting echoes the key musical phrases from the Advent hymn, 'O Come, O come, Emmanuel', which we will also be singing each Sunday.

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.

THE ADVENT WREATH: Today we light the second candle on the Advent wreath. Have you considered creating your own Advent wreath at home? Lighting the candles each day on your own wreath is a wonderful way of keeping Advent at home. The booklet *Taking Advent Home* contains full instructions; you'll find copies on the narthex table.

You will also find a flyer outlining the key dates for the season of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, and two more booklets — *Advent, Christmas, Epiphany – a Guide to the Season*, and *What is Christ Mass?* Please take a copy of each.

COMMISSIONING: This morning Father Ken will commission the newly-elected and appointed churchwardens and parish council members. They are:

Churchwardens: Glenis Heath, Cynthia Nyholm

Parish Council members: Brian Crouch, Ann Darlington, Peter Forwood, Annette Holland, Susan Keogh, Greg Lee, Andre Lim, Ross Smith.

The first meeting of the 2017-2018 Parish Council will be next Wednesday evening.

ADVENT LITURGY OF LIGHT: 5pm Tuesday to Friday during Advent. This beautiful and simple liturgy (from *An Australian Prayer Book*) is a welcome moment of peaceful prayer in the busyness of December. All welcome

WORKING BEE: Saturday 23 December from 8.30am. Cleaning of the church and grounds and polishing silverware. Help to prepare the church for Christmas. Please bring tools.

A U S T R A L I A N A N G L I C A N CALENDARS are available for purchase during November on Sundays at church or the parish office during office hours. *Dawn Harvey*

ANGLICARE CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available and on display in the Rutherford Room after church on Sundays and in the office through the week. Please place your orders on the list provided. Help support a good cause by your purchase. *Ann Darlington.*

ANGLICARE TOY & FOOD APPEAL: Please support this appeal by donating non-perishable food items and new toys (unwrapped). Copies of a list with suggested gift items are on the table in the narthex for you to take shopping with you and a notice on the noticeboard. Thankyou for your care.

TMA The Melbourne Anglican - December/January Issue is available today. Please take a copy.

NEXT SUNDAY —17 December 2017

Advent 3

*Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126;
1 Thess. 5: 12-28; John 1: 6-8, 19-28*

8am EUCHARIST

President: Ken Hewlett
Preacher: Ken Hewlett
Reader: Neil Nyholm
Intercessor: Peter Forwood
Server: Neil Nyholm
Euch. Asst. Keith Dempster

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

President: Ken Hewlett
Preacher: Ken Hewlett
Deacon: Wendy Crouch
Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm
Readers: Jonathan Way, Wendy Way
Intercessor: Andrew Porter
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Geoff Vincent, Sue Banting, Robin
Euch. Assts.: Jonathan Way
For children: Please make use of activities at the back of the church

6.00pm LITURGY of LIGHT

CHRISTMAS COMMUNIONS: If you know of any who are too sick or frail to attend our Christmas liturgies and would like to receive Communion at Christmas, please contact Fr Ken or the parish office, preferably no later than Tuesday 19 December.

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. Enquiries to Wendy Way (98982108).

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Veronica McNeil, Joan Swindells, Lorna Ready, Ethel Oats, Virginia Macaleavey, Bert Hulme, Roger Ridley Priest, Andrew Grummet, and Wilfred Bishop, whose anniversaries occur at this time.