

FUTURE DATES

Lent Studies

'Listening to the wisdom of the desert' –

Thursdays at 12 noon (BYO lunch)

15 February to 22 March

Sundays at 6pm 18 February to 18 March

'The Year of Mark' –

Two Lent Sundays, 11.30am-12.30pm

4 March 'Mark's Spirituality', Father John Stewart

11 March 'Mark's Story', Professor Dorothy Lee

Lent Quiet Morning: Saturday February 24
9.30am-12.30pm—Fr. Ken Hewlett

"Supporting Children to stay with their family" - What Anglicare is doing—Speaker Darren Youngs—**2.15pm Monday 26 February**

World Day of Prayer—St John's Hosting.
1.30pm Friday March 2.

PRAYER JOURNAL: The Journal of Scripture & Prayer for February-March is available today. Please take your copy.

THE REVD KUNCORO RUSMAN will be inducted as Priest-in-Charge of All Saints Church Kooyong at noon on Saturday 17 February, 2018.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

Tuesdays to Fridays

unless otherwise mentioned below.

MONDAY 12 February

4.00pm Asylum Seeker & Refugee Support Group meets in Dempster Room

TUESDAY 13 February

9.30am Pastoral Care Support Team meets in the Dempster Room

11.00am Eucharist at Shenley Manor

12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel

8.00pm Illawarra Study Group meets at Keith's home

WEDNESDAY 14 February—

ASH WEDNESDAY

No evening prayer at 5pm

11.30am Liturgy of the Ashes

8.00pm Liturgy of the Ashes

THURSDAY 15 February

12 noon Lent Study— *'Listening to the wisdom of the desert' - (BYO lunch)*

7.30pm Choir Practice

8.00pm Thursday Study Group at Ross' home

SATURDAY 17 February

9.00am-3pm Oblates gathering in Chapel and Rutherford Room



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
Last Sunday before Lent—11 February 2018

As this is my first opportunity in the new calendar year to write an article for Contact I wish to reflect on the holiday period that has just passed. In my ministry experience many parishes are almost closed during January each year. This however was not the situation at St. John's! During the month we were hosts to quite a significant number of visitors each Sunday and many of them commented on the warm welcome they received and their appreciation of the worship services they attended. Muriel Porter makes a great contribution to our worship each week in the preparation and publication of the order of service for each Sunday; this ministry is of special importance to us week by week however it is of extra importance during the holiday period just passed. The special order of service produced for each week enables us to enter into the liturgy comfortably and makes it possible for us to engage in worship. During January Muriel ensured we had a special order of service for each Sunday and with Fr. Richard's assistance they were able to print extra booklets and the Journal of Prayer and Readings even though the parish office was closed. THANK YOU MURIEL AND RICHARD!!

In my report to the parish council meeting last Wednesday I commented on the special contribution of members of the parish community:

During Advent and at Christmas the Choir and our Director of Music contributed significantly to the depth and beauty of our worship making it possible for us to experience something of the nearness of God with us in our celebration.

Week by week Ross Smith expertly prepares and guides us through the services for each Sunday. His knowledge of how things are liturgically done at St. John's has been invaluable to me and has assisted me greatly in my ministry as Locum Vicar. Ross's ministry at St. John's as the Sacristan is very important and enables us to come to worship knowing that everything has been carefully and lovingly prepared.

The weekly worship is also supported by reliable and informed servers and liturgical assistants. Wendy Way and the Decorators that assist her provide beautiful floral arrangements that contribute significantly to our shared worship experience.

Throughout Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Father Richard Wilson has been a very welcome and willing presence at most worship services. Richard's generous and caring ministry is greatly appreciated and valued both by me and the community.

At the Candle mass celebration Dr. Wendy Crouch was congratulated on her appointment as a candidate for ordination in the diocese and on her student placement at St. Bartholomew's Burnley. Wendy was assured of our prayers and love as she commences this next phase her calling towards ordained ministry in the church.

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.

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am EUCHARIST
Presider: Richard Wilson
Preacher: Richard Wilson
Reader: Penny Galbraith
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Penny Galbraith

9am BREAKFAST

10am SUNG EUCHARIST
*with burning of last year's
Palm Crosses*

Presider: Ken Hewlett
Preacher: Richard Wilson
Deacon: Richard Wilson
Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm
Readers: Carole Nicholls, Adrienne Bolch
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Cantor:
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Alison Asquith, Carole Nicholls, Geoff Vincent

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

*2 Kings 5:1-14; Ps 50;
1 Corinthians 9: 24-27; Mark 1: 40-45*

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.

NEWS FLASH! Our regional bishop, Bishop Genevieve Blackwell, has accepted Fr Ken's invitation to preside at our 6am Easter Vigil on 1 April. Initiation into full membership of the Church is an ancient part of the Vigil – the reason we reaffirm our baptismal promises during this liturgy. So this is an opportunity for anyone who wishes to be received or confirmed into full membership by the bishop. Please speak to Fr Ken as soon as possible.

LENT RESOURCES: Lent begins on Wednesday. You will find copies of the parish's Lent-Easter calendar in the narthex. The revised edition of the parish's 'Paschal Mystery: Resources for Lent-Easter' is also available today. More copies of the recommended Lent book, *Say it to God: in Search of Prayer*, by Luigi Giovina, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2018, are now available for \$20 each from Ross Smith today or in the parish office during the week.

LENT STUDIES: Two weekly Lent study programs are being held in the parish, both using 'Listening to the Wisdom of the Desert', an excellent booklet by Garratt Publishing (\$8 a copy).

- Thursdays at 12 noon, commencing this coming Thursday, 15 February – BYO lunch
- and Sundays at 6pm, following Lenten Evening Prayer, commencing next Sunday. Please sign up on the lists in the narthex as soon as possible, so we can order copies of the booklet.

TWO SUNDAY MORNING SESSIONS on Mark's Gospel:

- Sunday 4 March at 11:30am – 12.30pm. Father John Stewart will speak on Mark's spirituality.
- Sunday 11 March at 11.30am – 12.30pm. Professor Dorothy Lee will speak on Mark's story.

ASYLUM SEEKER & REFUGEE GROUP meets tomorrow (Monday) 4pm—Dempster Room

PASTORAL CARE SUPPORT TEAM meets Tuesday 9.30am in Dempster Room

ILLAWARRA HOME GROUP meets Tuesday 8pm (at Keith's home)

"SUPPORTING CHILDREN to REMAIN WITH THEIR FAMILY."

Darren Youngs—a Regional Director of Anglicare Victoria will tell us what Anglicare is doing in this area at our first meeting for 2018 on MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY at 2.15pm. Afternoon tea will follow.

ANGLICARE VICTORIA PARTNERSHIP GROUP ST JOHN'S CAMBERWELL

ST JOHN'S to host the 2018 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 2 MARCH—1.30pm

Come and share in this ecumenical gathering

Other Camberwell Churches participating: Camberwell Baptist, Camberwell Uniting Church, Our Lady of Victories Catholic, St Dunstan's Anglican, Salvation Army, South Camberwell Anglican.

Speaker—David Lepore from The Bible Society.

SECURITY REMINDER: Please be careful at all times with wallets, purses etc when you are in the church or parish centre. Remember that you are in a public place. Thank you.
The churchwardens

ASH WEDNESDAY—14 FEBRUARY

Liturgy of Ashes

11.30am Presider—Ken Hewlett
Preacher—Trevor Smith

8.00pm Presider-Richard Wilson
Preacher—Ken Hewlett

NEXT SUNDAY —18 February 2018

Lent 1

*Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10;
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15*

8am EUCHARIST

Presider: Ken Hewlett
Preacher: Ken Hewlett
Reader: Hans Ferdinands
Intercessor: Geoff Vincent
Server: Geoff Vincent
Euch. Asst. Geoff Vincent

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Ken Hewlett
Preacher: Ken Hewlett
Deacon: Richard Wilson
Sub-Deacon: Geoff Vincent
Readers: Jonathan Way, Wendy Way
Intercessor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Robin Carter, Sue Banting, Janice Wong
Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Jonathan Way
For children: Please make use of activities at the back of the church.

6.00pm LENT STUDY:

'Listening to the Wisdom of the Desert'

2018 BOOKMARK: The 2018 parish bookmark, with the key dates for Lent-Easter and the 2018 Spring Series, is available today. Please take one and keep it on hand through the year.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Ian Peters, Nora Rundle, Reginald Pratt, Gordon Edward Nelson, Arthur Nickson, Barbara Darling (Bishop), and Justin Judd, whose anniversaries occur at this time.