

CONTACT



ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
The fourth Sunday in Lent—11 March 2018

A Good Lent

Our observance of the season of Lent can include a special commitment to silence. We need to plan for this to happen at a particular time and for a particular period of time. At the Lent Quiet morning I spoke about silence and praying; my introductory words in the first address stated:

In a world full of noise, more and more people are searching for silence, silence in which to find peace, silence in which to get in touch with self and with God. Throughout the centuries the teachers of prayer have taught the central place of silence in the journey with God. Today Christians of every variety are coming together to learn the prayer of silence.

Clearly complete silence is not absolutely essential for prayer--otherwise how would we who live in cities ever be able to pray? The importance of silence is that it is conducive to prayer--the silence gets us in touch with what is going on inside. For all of us there is usually more going on inside of us than what our conscious minds can grasp--yet it is influencing the way we see reality, and the way we act, and the way we react--this situation leads us to ask ourselves from time to time 'Why did this happen?' What came over me?' Silence allows to surface in our consciousness all those things, which are lurking in our subconscious, memories particularly.

We need to learn and go on learning that we do not need to do anything in the time of silence. We only need to be willing to listen. It is a time of meditation and reflection, of discovering over and over again that God is in our midst.

Keeping a good Lent however requires more than an individualistic inward looking self-help program. The basic building block of society has been communities of different sorts and shapes. What that means has varied extensively at different ages and in different places. For many people it is still a family, that wonderful building block of society; one of many. For others it is an extended family, for others it is a group of friends who we meet with often or in the places where we live. A good Lent must overflow with generosity. It's one of the signs.

In the next edition of Contact I plan write about how we keep a good Lent with those we live with, in our homes, in the groups we attend and in the church community.

Ken

FUTURE DATES

Lent Studies: Thursdays weekly to 22 March at 12 noon (BYO lunch)
Sundays weekly to 18 March at 6pm

Anglicare Partnership Group: Monday March 26 at 2.15pm—*Jerusalem—a Holy Week Reflection*

Patronal Festival: May 6 - special guest will be Fr John Deane ABM Executive Director. One liturgy only this day at 10am.

Parish Retreat: 11th—13th May at Santa Casa, Queenscliff. List on noticeboard.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

*Morning (9.30am) and Evening Prayer (5pm)
Tuesdays to Fridays unless mentioned below.*

TUESDAY 13 March

9.30am Pastoral Care Team meets
11.00am Eucharist at Shenley Manor
12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel
4.00pm Asylum Seeker & Refugee Support Group meeting. **NB:** Change of day
8.00pm Illawarra Home Group at Keith's home

WEDNESDAY 14 March (No evening prayer)

7.00pm Eucharist in the chapel
7.30pm Parish Council meets Dempster Room

THURSDAY 15 March

12 noon Lent Study—Rutherford Room
7.30pm Choir Practice
8.00pm Thursday night study at Ross' home

SATURDAY 17 March

10am-4pm Private function in Rutherford Room

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 25 March

10 am Ecumenical Liturgy of Palms & Sung Eucharist
6pm 'Via Crucis' by Franz Liszt, performed by Roger Creed

Holy Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (26 - 28 March)

8pm Eucharist with homily

Holy Saturday 31 March

9.30am Morning Prayer followed by church preparations

EASTER TRIDUUM

the Great Three Days of the Christian year
8pm Holy Thursday 29 March

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, Stripping of the Altar, Reservation of the Sacrament
9.30pm to 9.30am Night-Watch of Our Lord's Passion

9.30am Good Friday 30 March

Liturgy of the Cross & Communion

6am Easter Day 1 April

Great Vigil of Easter, New Fire, Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation of Baptism, & 1st Eucharist of Resurrection
8am Easter Breakfast
10am Sung Eucharist

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

9.00am BREAKFAST

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Ken Hewlett
Preacher: Dorothy Lee
Deacon: Richard Wilson
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Lyle Gurrin, Louise Keogh
Intercessor: Neil Nyholm
Cantor: Pranav Roy
Servers: Neil Nyholm (MC), Carole Nicholls, Geoff Vincent, Alison Asquith

Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Verona Lea
For children: Please make use of activities at the back of the church.

11.30am "The Year of Mark" -
Professor Dorothy Lee will tell us about Mark's story.

6.00pm EVENING PRAYER & LENT STUDY

'Listening to the Wisdom of the Desert'

LECTIONS FOR THE DAY

*Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22;
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21.*

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.

WELCOME: A warm welcome today to the Reverend Canon Professor Dorothy Lee FAHA. Professor Lee, a frequent visitor to this parish, will preach at the 10am Sung Eucharist, and then speak about the story of Mark's Gospel, commencing at 11.30am. Professor Lee has recently stepped down as Dean of the Trinity College Theological School, after seven years in that role, to become the School's inaugural Frank Woods Research Professor in New Testament.

THANK YOU KERRY: We are grateful to Kerry Pratt for stepping in to play the organ this morning while David Byrne takes a brief break.

LENT BOOK: More copies of the recommended Lent book, *Say it to God: in Search of Prayer*, by Luigi Giovia, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2018 are available today for \$20 each from Muriel Porter today or in the parish office during the week.

LENT RESOURCES: Copies of the parish's Lent-Easter calendar and the revised edition of the booklet 'Paschal Mystery: Resources for Lent-Easter', are available in the narthex.

LENT STUDIES: The two weekly Lent study programs continue this week, with new participants always welcome. One study is on Thursdays at 12 noon (BYO lunch), with the second on Sundays, following Lenten Evening Prayer at 6pm. Both groups are using 'Listening to the Wisdom of the Desert', an excellent booklet by Garratt Publishing (\$8 a copy).

FR KEN'S QUIET MORNING ADDRESSES: Fr Ken's excellent Quiet Morning addresses on prayer are available this morning in a small booklet on the narthex table. They are a superb resource for Lenten reflection. Please take a copy.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING CONFIRMATION OR RECEPTION INTO THE ANGLICAN CHURCH? If so, please speak to Fr Ken **today**. Our regional bishop, Bishop Genieve Blackwell, who will be presiding at the 6am Easter Vigil on 1 April, will be offering Confirmation and Reception to a number of parishioners seeking full membership of the Church. Since earliest times, the Easter Vigil has been the primary place for people to make their commitment to the faith.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR EASTER: You are invited to give a donation for the flowers for Easter Day in memory of loved ones whose names will appear on a displayed banner. Forms are available at the back of the church to complete and place together with your donation in the box nearby. Speak with Wendy Way if you have any queries.

THE ASYLUM SEEKER & REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP will meet in the Dempster Room on Tuesday 13 March at 4pm.
NB. Change of day and date.

Friends of St John's Community Support Group: A big thank you to all our volunteers who continued their ministry in the community throughout the holiday season. The ongoing need for support at our aged care homes and for the Camcare Community Support Group is always welcome. Volunteers are needed for the outreach activities: -
Camcare – Bread run roster – once a month (late Thursday afternoons); The monthly community lunch time BBQ at Camcare, the last Thursday in the month.

Aged Care Homes: Mary MacKillop, Shenley Manor & Camberwell Gardens : Visiting residents; Coffee Chats; Cards; Art/Painting/Scrap Book/Craft; Gardening; Walking Group; Bus Outings; Knitting; Sing alongs; Men's group. Monthly Anglican service at **Shenley Manor** – 2nd Tuesday.

If you are interested in any of the above activities and can volunteer weekly, fortnightly, monthly or occasionally please contact Liz Pratt .

NEXT SUNDAY —18 March 2018

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 119:9-16;
Hebrews 5:5-14; John 12:20-33*

8am EUCHARIST

Presider: Ken Hewlett
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Reader: Neil Nyholm
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst.: Neil Nyholm

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Ken Hewlett
Preacher: Ken Hewlett
Deacon: Richard Wilson
Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm
Readers: Jonathan Way, Wendy Way
Intercessor: Adrienne Bolch
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Alison Asquith, Annette Holland, Sue Banting
Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Jonathan Way
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6.00pm EVENING PRAYER & LENT STUDY:

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JERUSALEM: A Holy Week

Reflection: The next Anglicare meeting will be on Monday March 26 at 2.15 pm in the Rutherford room. The guest speaker will be Fr. Roger Featherstone, tour leader to the Holy Land. All are welcome. Afternoon tea will be available.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Ida Foenander, Geoffrey Wieland, David Creed, Evelyn Fisher, Thora Cooper, Joan Hill, Diana Doidge, and Pamela Swain, whose anniversaries occur at this time.