

FUTURE DATES

Book Sale No. 2: Saturday 17 September from 9am to 3pm in the Rutherford Room

Eucharist—St Matthew—11.30am Wednesday 21 September

Anglicare Partnership Group meeting—2.15pm Monday 26 September.

Eucharist—Michael & All Angels—6.30pm on Thursday 29 September.

Public Holiday—Friday 30 September (Office closed)

Spring Series: Sundays 2, 9, 16 & 23 October - 11.30am—1.00pm in the Parish Centre

Old Vicarage Working Bee: Saturday 8 October from 8.30am

Family Eucharist with Blessing of the Animals—10am Sunday 9 October.

Synod—Diocese of Melbourne— 12 to 15 October inclusive.

SPRING SERIES: This 4 week series is the parish's principle education-formation focus for 2016, widely advertised and promoted since last Christmas. It is for the whole parish community - 8am, 10am, 3pm, and 6pm. I hope we will all make every effort to participate in this whole-of-parish spiritual formation opportunity together. If you have any questions, please do speak with me. And hold the planning group in your prayers as they prepare for the series. The notes from last year's series are still available in the narthex - these are offered as an aid to refreshing our memory of the terrain we travelled last year, and for further reflection as we prepare ourselves to consider our 'Prayer in Daily Life'. *David*

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IN THE PARISH

Morning & Evening Prayer will be prayed in the Chapel Monday to Friday—8.30am and 5pm

TUESDAY 13 September

11.00am Eucharist at Shenley Manor
12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.35pm Staff meeting—Dempster Room
3.00pm Liturgy Meeting in Dempster Room
5.30pm Volunteer Drinks in the office
8.00pm Illawarra Study Group at Keith's home

WEDNESDAY 14 September—Holy Cross

9.45am Little Seeds Playgroup
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel followed by BYO lunch in Dempster Room
7.00pm Eucharist in the Chapel
7.30pm Parish Council meets in Dempster Room

FRIDAY 16 September

Setting up in Rutherford Room for Book Sale

SATURDAY 17 September

9am-3pm **BOOK SALE**-Rutherford Room
5.30pm Private function in Rutherford Room
6.00pm ICC Band Practice in Dempster Room



CONTACT WARTA JEMAAT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
Pentecost 17—September 11 2016

Dear Friends,

Luke, perhaps more than the other evangelists, emphasises that Jesus' presence forces people to respond, to make choices: will they accept his offer of unconditional, gratuitous, reckless and profligate love; or not? On his "way to Jerusalem" we read again and again of how people respond to Jesus' offer.

We read in the gospel today that Pharisees and scribes are grumbling and complaining that Jesus is consorting with the wrong kind of people. As we read a few weeks ago, they are watching him in a manner which is like a bird of prey preparing for the kill. This is how religious conservatives always watch: ready to kill those deemed 'sinful'. Their obsession is 'sin'. This is because the god they have constructed is fixated on law, purity, perfection, moral cleanliness.

Jesus responds to this attitude with three parables in quick succession - the third of which is not included in today's lectionary selection, but which is by far the most famous, possibly the best known of all gospel stories. And what stands out most clearly is that, unlike the religious leaders, 'sin' is not Jesus' preoccupation. In all three parables Jesus reveals that God watches us in an entirely different manner. God does not see in the manner of the bird of prey ready to kill the sinful. The God Jesus knows does not see people primarily as sinful.

Lest this be misunderstood, let me be clear. Sin is a reality, yes, that all can observe. But there's a world of difference between seeing humankind as primarily 'sinful', and seeing humankind as primarily the object of love. Look at Jesus' parables: in every case the central action is searching and seeking, which leads to finding and rejoicing. Ninety-nine sheep are left so as to search for the one that is lost - no moral equation there. A house-wide search is undertaken for a single coin - no moral equation there. The moral equation is a preoccupation of a mind become disconnected from the heart. Searching and seeking is the work of the longing heart. In her search she sweeps the house and lights the lamp. In his search he ventures out into the wilderness for the sake of the precious one. Rejoicing is the climax!

This is God's way of 'watching' us, seeing us, says Jesus in the parables. Jesus offers us this vision of God and of ourselves, as fundamentally loved, as objects of the lover's searching and seeking, a Lover whose desire for us is fulfilled in rejoicing. The response to Jesus' offer is up to us.

With my love, David.

WELCOME! SELAMAT DATANG! WOMINJEKA!

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 or for the evening meal following the 3pm liturgy.

8am EUCHARIST

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

9.00am BREAKFAST

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Noel and Margaret Anderson
Intercessor: Andrew Porter
Cantor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Alison Asquith, Sue Banting
Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Janice Wong
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov

3.00pm EUCHARIST

Bahasa Indonesia

Presider: Kuncoro Rusman
Deacon: David Moore
Liturgis: Kuncoro Rusman
Pengkotbah: Kuncoro Rusman
Pembaca Mazmur: Norma Philippe
Pembaca P Baru: Ronald Hetharia
Pembaca Firman: Tina Rumayar
Pemain Musik: The Band
Setup PA Sys: Indra Karmawan
Usher: Norma Philippe
Sekolah Minggu: Tia Hutajulu
Konsumsi: Julia, Elly, Nikki
Petugas kebersihan: Nikki, Nick, Julia, Rama

4.00pm 'SERVING CHRIST TODAY' -
4th (final) Session in Dempster
Room

**6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE
SERVICE-** Keith Dempster

TODAY'S LECTIONS

*Exodus 32.7-14; Psalm 51. 1-10;
1 Timothy. 1-2, 12-19a; Luke 15. 1-10*

**REPLACEMENT of the Electrical
Switchboard** has been completed. Thankyou
to everyone for their cooperation.

**TRINITY COLLEGE THEOLOGICAL
SCHOOL APPEAL**—Thankyou to all who
contributed. An amount of \$4427.00 was
presented at the Archbishop's dinner on 31
August when eleven parishioners of St John's
were present.

WARTA JEMAAT

1. Bagi yang pertama kali hadir beribadah
disini, mohon berdiri dan memperkenalkan
diri.

2. Terimakasih atas partisipasinya kerja bakti
membersihkan rumah sebelah (old vicarage)
hari Sabtu kemarin. Tuhan memberkati
pelayanannya.

3. Clare Tomasov (Children's Ministry) akan
berdiskusi dengan semua Guru Sekolah
Minggu, minggu depan 18 September setelah
makan malam. Mohon partisipasinya.

3. Setelah kebaktian selesai, kami mengundang
seluruh jemaat, terutama yang baru pertama
kali hadir, berkumpul beramah tamah dan
menikmati makan bersama di Rutherford
Room.

VOLUNTEER DRINKS: David, Kuncoro,
Clare, Jenny, Dawn & David B, invite
volunteers who help around the office and the
parish centre to join them in the Dempster
Room on Tuesday 13 September at 5.30pm
for drinks. This is to say thank you for the
myriad of tasks that you do.

BOOK SALE NO. 2

Saturday September 17 from
9am—3pm in the Rutherford Room.
Proceeds again to Anglicare. Today is the
last day to bring books along. This gives
time for sorting and pricing before next
week's sale. Come along to the Book Sale
and bring your friends and neighbours.
Refreshments available.

HELPERS are needed on the day,
particularly for clean-up after the sale. Please
speak with Penny Galbraith.

THE ANGLICARE Partnership Group will
meet on Monday, September 26th. at 2.15pm
in the Rutherford Room. The guest speaker
will be Professor Leigh Peterson and his topic
will feature the Islands of Shetland and
Orkney, the people and the history. Afternoon
tea will be served after the talk. All are very
welcome.

THANKYOU to all who assisted with the
working bee yesterday at the Old Vicarage.
The next working bee is on Saturday 8 October
from 8.30am. Please mark this in your diaries.

LECTIONARIES for Year A, commencing
27 November, are available for sale at \$14
each including GST. Please place your name
on the noticeboard if you wish to purchase one
or phone the parish office.

LITTLE SEEDS PLAYGROUP: Next
Wednesday will be the final session in Term 3.
Term 4 will commence Wednesday 5 October,
set-up will commence on Tuesday 4 October.

NEXT SUNDAY, 18 September 2016

Pentecost 18

*Amos 8. 4-7; Psalm 113;
1 Timothy 2. 1-10 or 1 Timothy 3.14-4.6; Luke 16.1-13*

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Readers: Liz & Graham Pratt
Intercessor: Geoff Vincent
Server: Geoff Vincent
Euch. Asst. Graham Pratt

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Kuncoro Rusman
Preacher: Kuncoro Rusman
Deacon:
Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm
Readers: Noel Anderson, Margaret Anderson
Intercessor: Noela Manton
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Jenny Cook,
Alison Asquith, Sue Banting
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, Verona Lea
Kidz@Church: In recess for school holidays.
Please make use of activities at the back of the
church.

3pm LITURGY OF THE WORD

Bahasa Indonesia

Presider: Kuncoro Rusman
Liturgis: Kuncoro Rusman
Pengkotbah: Kuncoro Rusman
Pembaca Mazmur: Inez Hetharia
Pembaca P Baru:
Pembaca Firman: Tetty Hutagalung
Pemain Musik: Darius Hetharia
Setup PA Sys: Ben Kalla
Usher: Rama Rusman
Sekolah Minggu:
Konsumsi: Tetty and Iesje
Petugas kebersihan: Radit, Indra, Ronald, Cliff

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

Keith Dempster

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before
God, Joy Baxter, Alan Fewster, Eileen
Pettifer, Les Cross, Murray Watts, Joyce
Warren, Noela Gilchrist, Edward Mitchell,
Mack Jost, Samuel McCorkell, and Sibyl
Brown, whose anniversaries occur at this
time.