

FUTURE DATES

Children's Ministry Meeting—7.30pm 20 February

Families Eucharist 1—10am Sunday 26 February

Anglicare Partnership Group meets Monday 27 February, 1.15pm and Working Bee at 2.15pm

Ash Wednesday—1 March—11.30am & 8pm (Note—No curry night)

World Day of Prayer—Sunday March 5 at 2pm at Camberwell Uniting Church

Lent Quiet Morning—Saturday 11 March

Lent Parish Retreat—March 31 to April 2 at Santa Casa, Queenscliff. Registration required—speak with Dawn Sullivan.

LENT QUIET MORNING: 9am - 1pm Saturday 11 March, in the church, parish centre, and grounds. All are welcome.

LENT-EASTER CALENDAR & SEASONAL GUIDE:

Available soon.

THE 2017 LENT PARISH RETREAT will be held at Santa Casa, Queenscliff, from Friday 30 March to Sunday 2 April (weekend of Lent 5). The retreat director will be Fr Peter Martin. Numbers are limited. Registration is required. Please contact Dawn Sullivan in the Parish Office.

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IN THE PARISH

*Morning Prayer 8.30am & Evening Prayer 5pm
in the Chapel weekdays unless otherwise listed
below*

MONDAY 13 February

9am-5pm Camcare using Rutherford Room

TUESDAY 14 February

9am-5pm Camcare using Rutherford Room

11.00am Eucharist at Shenley Manor

12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel

12.35pm Staff Meeting in Dempster Room

3.00pm Liturgy Meeting in Dempster Room

8.00pm Illawarra Study Group at Keith's home

WEDNESDAY 15 February

9.45pm Little Seeds Playgroup

11.00am Eucharist at Broughton Hall

11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel followed by
BYO lunch in Dempster Room

2.00pm Wardens' Meeting

THURSDAY 16 February

7.30pm Choir Practice

8.00pm Thursday Study Group at Ross' home

FRIDAY 17 February

No evening prayer.

TMA—The Melbourne Anglican—The February edition is available today. Please take a copy.



CONTACT WARTA JEMAAT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
Third Sunday before Lent—12 February 2017

My Dear Friends,

At last Sunday's feast of the Presentation of Christ – also known as Candlemas – we took one last gaze at the Christmas Crib, turning our attention to the Font, the central focus of proclamation of Paschal Mystery. For just a few Sundays we are in-between; back to the colour green, back to Matthew's gospel, a narrow window before the Lenten journey.

And the Lectionary has set us down into that part of Matthew's gospel familiar to us as the 'sermon on the mount'. Having declared his spiritual agenda in the form of 'the Beatitudes', Jesus goes on to spell out what this might look like in a disciple's life. Six times Jesus says to the crowds, "You have heard that it was said... but I say to you..." Today we hear four of these sayings; next week we will hear two more.

In these sayings Jesus sets the challenge of spiritual maturity. He cites the Law, and in every case takes mere law to an entirely different level. Let us fail to grasp what he is doing here – as the concrete and literal minded are inclined to do – he prefaces these sayings by making it quite clear that he's not dispensing with Law; but fulfilling it. The Law is good, as St Paul will also say, but without Spirit, the Law leads only to a dead end. Jesus is setting a new spiritual code, in which the Law plays its part, but which it cannot fulfil.

Consider how these teachings actually work. Jesus starts with an external, social, ethical code, 'You shall not kill'. Everyone agrees. We can see killing. It can be photographed, so to speak. There are external mechanisms and methods for responding to it. Civil society depends on these mechanisms of good order, for which we are grateful. But then notice what Jesus does. He transcends the external visible domain, inviting the disciple to another level altogether, the one that cannot be photographed: "But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister..." In spatial terms, where is this anger located? Inside! It's an inner reality, an energy within the human heart and psyche.

The 'fulfilling of the Law' requires a great deal more than the moral-ethical standards with which Christianity – indeed all religion – has come to be identified. Legions of adults in the Christian world carry with them an identification of Christian faith with ethical behaviour alone. Jesus tells the disciple that this is a mere following of rules, which alone cannot accomplish transformation. Jesus invites disciples to go inside, to enter into the cave of the heart, into that dark abyss at the bottom of the psyche, there to undergo the spiritual work which alone fulfils law. Let us pray for each other, for strength to go inside, to the place of transformation.

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

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST
with Holy Baptism
President: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Muriel Porter
Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm
Readers: Noel & Margaret Anderson
Intercessor: Andrew Porter
Cantor:
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Geoff Vincent, Jenny Cook, Sue Banting
Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Carole Nicholls
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov, Liz Pratt

3.00pm EUCHARIST
Bahasa Indonesia
President: Richard Wilson
Pengkotbah: Richard Wilson
Pembaca Mazmur: Indra Karmawan
Pembaca P Baru: Isye Bakar
Pembaca Firman: Ferry Hasiholan
Pemain Musik: Group Band 2

6.00pm LITURGY of LIGHT—
Ross Smith

TODAY'S LECTIONS

*Sirach 15.15-20; Psalm 119. 1-8;
1 Corinthians 3. 1-9; Matthew 5. 21-37*

A JOURNAL OF SCRIPTURE & PRAYER
for February-March is available at the back of the church. Please take a copy.

YEAR OF MATTHEW: This year, the Year of Matthew, we will explore his Gospel in some depth over three Sunday morning sessions in March, 11.45am to 12.45pm: Sunday 5 March, 'Matthew's Story', with Canon Professor Dorothy Lee; Sunday 12 March, 'Matthew's Spirituality', with the Reverend John Stewart; and Sunday 19 March, 'Matthew's Soul', with Fr David.

OPEN FORUM: The next Open Forum will be on the revised date of Sunday 26 March at 11.30am.

REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL: A report on the February meeting is inserted in Contact today.

SPRING SERIES 2016 FOLLOW-UP BOOKLET: The follow-up booklet to last year's series, 'Prayer in Daily Life', is available from today, for our communal reflection and conversation. It includes all the notes and reflections. Thanks to Muriel Porter for compiling the booklet. Also available from today, additional copies of two of the printed resources distributed during last year's series: 'Prayers & Sayings', and 'A Reader'.

WARTA JEMAAT
Kami ucapkan selamat datang untuk beribadah pada hari Minggu ini. Kami undang semuanya, terutama bagi yang baru pertama kali hadir, untuk berkumpul beramah tamah dan menikmati makan malam bersama di Rutherford Room setelah kebaktian selesai.

LITTLE SEEDS PLAYGROUP has recommenced for the school year. Our playgroup meets every Wednesday during term time from 9.45-11.45am. Carers, together with their children (0-4 years old), enjoy play, craft, friendship, morning tea, music and stories. We have vacancies available in our playgroup and we welcome any new families who are interested in being a part of our group. If you know anyone who might benefit from being a part of our playgroup, please direct them to contact Jennifer Moore on (03) 9882 4851 or playgroup@stjohnscamberwell.org.au.

Perhaps you might consider volunteering your time to assist in our playgroup ministry? Help is currently needed for vacuuming at 11.45am on Wednesday mornings during term time. If you are able help on a fortnightly or monthly roster for vacuuming, please let Jennifer Moore know. Thank you for your support of this parish ministry.

PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING DAY: Originally listed for 18 February has been postponed. Date will be advised later.

ANGLICARE GROUP: The first meeting for 2017 is on Monday February 27 at 1.15pm followed by a WORKING BEE at 2.15pm packaging tea etc. for Mission House. Willing workers welcome.

GETTING READY FOR LENT LAST SUNDAY BEFORE LENT & PALM CROSSES: On the **Last Sunday before Lent—Sunday 26 February** at the 10am Eucharist (NB: revised time) - we will consign last year's palm crosses to fire, in readiness for our Lenten observance. **All are** invited to bring last year's crosses on that day—and invite others to do likewise. If you have put last year's palm cross in a very safe place, now is a good time to go searching!

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY! Let us begin Lent together celebrating the Liturgy of Ashes & Eucharist—11.30am and 8pm.

NEXT SUNDAY, 19 February 2017
2nd Sunday before Lent
*Leviticus 19.1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119.33-40;
1 Corinthians 3.10-17; Matthew 5.38-48*

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Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Jonathan Way, Wendy Way
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Servers: Neil Nyholm (MC), Geoff Vincent, Sue Banting, Robin Carter
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3.00pm LITURGY OF THE WORD
Bahasa Indonesia

6.00pm LITURGY OF LIGHT

ALL AGES
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
SERVICE 2017
at the Uniting Church, Camberwell Road.
SUNDAY MARCH 5—2.00-4.00pm

EDUCATION & FORMATION CALENDAR 2017: The calendar is available in the narthex. Please take a copy.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Gordon Edward Nelson, Arthur Nickson, Barbara Darling (Bishop), Justin Judd, Elma Jenkin and Allan Thomson, whose anniversaries occur at this time.