

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Morning & Evening Prayer will be prayed in the Chapel **Monday to Friday**—8.30am and 5pm respectively unless otherwise noted below.

TUESDAY 15 September

12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.35pm Staff meeting—Dempster Room
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting in Dempster Room
5.30pm Drinks in the Dempster Room

WEDNESDAY 16 September

9.30am Little Seeds Playgroup (Last session for Term 3)
11.00am Eucharist at Broughton Hall
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel followed by BYO lunch in Dempster Room

THURSDAY 17 September

7.30pm Choir Practice
8.00pm Thursday Study Group at Ross' home

SATURDAY 19 September

1.30-5.00pm Camberwell Camera Club using Rutherford Room.

NEXT SUNDAY - 20 September 2015

Pentecost 17

Jeremiah 11.18-20; Psalm 54;
James 3.1-12; Mark 9.30-37

8am EUCHARIST

Presider: Bp Genieve Blackwell
Preacher: Bp Genieve Blackwell
Reader: Hans Ferdinands
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Hans Ferdinands

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Bp Genieve Blackwell
Preacher: Bp Genieve Blackwell
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Adrienne Bolch, Ross Smith
Intercessor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
Alison Asquith, Jenny Cook,
James Moorhouse
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, Janice Wong
Kidz@Church: In recess for school holidays.

Please make use of children's activities at the back of the church. Kids@Church resumes on October 4.

3.00pm EUCHARIST—Indonesian

Bp Genieve Blackwell
Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE

SERVICE—Keith Dempster



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL Pentecost 16 — 13 September 2015

My Dear Friends,

“Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.”

Who can abide this absurd teaching? It feels impossible. Scandalous even. Certainly a complete nonsense in the eyes of what we call economics.

No one will buy it! We have a budget to manage!

Peter didn't buy it either. He wanted a religion of conquest, acquisition, and material security, certainty – probably like most of us. Jesus chastises him severely: Get used to it, the good news is an upside-down world.

Grasping, holding onto, it turns out, is the sure fire way to lose. Letting go, relinquishment (who would have thought!) is the way to life.

It feels so un-natural. Against nature. Definitely counter-cultural. Impossible even! Who can accomplish the impossible?

With God, he tells us...

But surely it cannot be right to die willingly, to let go of that which ought to be held onto?

The critical discernment question is this: how will we know what to hold onto, and what to relinquish?

Keep your eyes on Jesus. Look within, and know yourself.

Jesus shows us that the school of the *evangellion* (the gospel, the good news) is amazingly simple – yet simultaneously the most difficult thing we will ever accomplish.

It will take a lifetime.

In fact, it will change the world!

With my love, David

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THE SERVICE TODAY

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 in the Rutherford Room following the 10am liturgy, and for an evening meal following the 3pm liturgy.

8.00am Eucharist

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

Readings for the Day

*Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 116.1-9;
James 2.18-26; Mark 8.27-38*

+GENIEVE BLACKWELL, our new regional bishop, will make her initial pastoral visit to St John's next Sunday, 20 September, presiding and preaching at the Eucharist at 8am, 10am & 3pm.

A CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNITY: A proposal to enrich and develop the parish's core mission, stimulating spiritual vitality. All are welcome to participate in a time of contemplative prayer, 10am Saturday 10 October, in the Dempster Room. In the coming weeks the Vicar will be making a presentation to all parish groups.

PARISH RETREAT 2016 - ADVANCE NOTICE: Next year's retreat will be held from Friday (evening) 4 to Sunday (afternoon) 6 March, at Santa Casa Retreat House Queenscliffe. The Retreat Conductor will be The Reverend Dr Sarah Bachelard. Sarah is an Anglican priest and theologian, and a member of the World Community for Christian Meditation. She served as director-in-residence of the John Main Centre for Meditation and Inter-faith Dialogue at Georgetown University, and was a keynote speaker at the John Main Seminar in Montreal in 2007. She has lectured in theology, spirituality and ethics, and is the author of *Experiencing God in a Time of Crisis* (Convivium, 2012) and *Resurrection and Moral Imagination*. Sarah founded 'Benedictus', a Canberra ecumenical Christian community with the practice of silent contemplative prayer at its heart. This retreat will be limited to 19 participants. To register interest please contact Dawn Sullivan at the parish office.

9.00am Breakfast and Meeting

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm
Readers: Kerry Pratt, Rachael Lim
Intercessor: Andrew Porter
Cantor: Janette Fly
Servers: Neicia Shaw (MC)
James Moorhouse, Geoff Vincent, Sue Banting
Euch. Assts: Sub-Deacon, Neicia Shaw
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov, Verona Lea

11.30am Congregational Singing Practice

3.00pm Eucharist—Indonesian

David Moore and Kuncoro Rusman

4.00pm Experiencing Christian Faith in Dempster Room

Last session of four.

5.15pm Eucharistic Assistants formation

3pm Congregation

6.00pm Contemplative Service

Keith Dempster

EXPLORING THE PRAYER BOOK: The 'Experiencing Christian Faith' session this afternoon at 4pm will explore the riches of *A Prayer Book for Australia*, the Australian Anglican prayer book we use at St John's. All are most welcome to share in this voyage of discovery! \$10 each for casual attenders.

SPRING SERIES Our Worship. Our Faith. Our Mission: Our whole-of-parish education-formation series begins 4 weeks today - October Sundays 4, 11, 18, 25. I look forward to our conversation and exploration together. For more information about the series see the front page pastoral letter of Contact on 7 June (on the noticeboard, copies in the narthex), the flier handed out on 23 August (copies in the narthex), and last Sunday's Contact front page. If you have any questions, please do ask. *David*

PARKING RESTRICTIONS TO CHANGE: Parishioners should note that Boroondara Council have advised that as of 1st October, the 1 hour metered parking will change to include 8am to 6pm on all days, **including Sundays**, on both sides of Burke Rd between Victoria Rd and Denmark Hill Rd. This will affect anyone in the habit of parking in Burke Road for Sunday Services.

ANGLICARE MISSION HOUSE is in need of toothbrushes for adults and also toothpaste. Please bring along on Sundays or to the Parish Office during office hours. *Thank you.*

TMA The Melbourne Anglican is available today at the back of the church. Please take a copy. There is an report on page 8 of the visit by the children of St John's to Anglicare's Mission House in Fitzroy .

ANGLICAN FAMILY CAMP 2016—The Long Weekend Camp and Conference—March 11-14 2016. at Phillip Island. Organised by St John's Anglican Church East Malvern. See brochures in the narthex.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Joyce Warren, Noela Gilchrist, Edward Mitchell, Mack Jost, Samuel McCorkell, Sibyl Brown, and Erica Church, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at Mary MacKillop in King Street, cnr. Denmark Hill Road. On Tuesday mornings at 10 am the male residents are invited to meet in the coffee shop for a social time together before the morning Mass at 11 am. Male volunteers are needed to visit during this time to enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat with the men on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis. The second request is for someone with computer skills to help with the data entry of the weekly activities of each of their residents. This is completed bi monthly. If you are interested in further details of either of these requests please contact Liz Pratt .

ARE YOU ASSISTING REFUGEES? The Pallotti retreat team invite those who are assisting refugees (e.g. Accommodation or other forms of support) to come away for a relaxing weekend at Millgrove. From 6pm Friday Oct. 23 to Sunday 25. \$180 covers all meals and private rooms. Bookings: Denis 0 4 2 7 4 4 9 4 3 4 o r e m a i l deo.gratias@bigpond.com. See noticeboard.

FUTURE DATES

+Genieve Blackwell's initial pastoral visit to St John's—Sunday 20 September, 8am, 10am & 3pm Eucharists.

Anglicare Auxiliary—Monday 28 September meeting 1.15pm; Speaker, David Law at 2.15pm—Rutherford Room.

Spring Series: an exploration of liturgy. 4, 11, 18, 25 October—11.30am to 1pm.

Open Forum after 3pm—11 October

All Souls Requiem Eucharist 6.30pm Monday 2 November

Annual Meeting: 22 November at 11.30am in the Rutherford Room.