

## FUTURE DATES

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

**Ordination of Kuncoro Rusman**— 28 November at 10.30am at St Paul's Cathedral.

**Celebration for Kuncoro** in Rutherford Room—28 November 3-5pm.

**Feast of St Nicholas**—Saturday 5 December at 5.00pm followed by BYO BBQ.

**Ecumenical Advent Carols**—Sunday 6 December 7.30pm at Our Lady of Victories.

**Advent Quiet Morning**—Saturday 12 December—9am-12.30pm at St John's.

**CHICKEN 'n' QUIZ NIGHT**—This event raised \$1,175 for Camcare. Again, thank you.

**ANGLICARE CHRISTMAS CARDS** are for sale—available at Church on Sundays or in the office during the week. *Ann Darlington.*

**AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR—2015—NOW AVAILABLE** from Dawn Harvey. Funds raised assist Anglican Overseas Aid—\$12 each.

**FUNDRAISER** - for Camberwell Asylum Seeker Support at Camberwell Uniting Church on Friday November 20 at 7.30pm. **Film: "The Good Lie"** - Donation \$15/\$12—supper provided. Story of 3600 displaced refugees from Sudan's civil war. More details on noticeboard. Ph. 9882 7441.

## 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 17 November

**12 noon** Eucharist in Chapel  
**12.35pm** Staff Meeting in Dempster Room  
**3.15pm** Liturgy committee meets  
**6.00pm** Book Launch—Bp Graeme Rutherford

### WEDNESDAY 18 November

**9.30am** Little Seeds Playgroup  
**11.00am** Eucharist at Broughton Hall  
**11.30am** Eucharist in the Chapel followed by BYO lunch in Dempster Room

### THURSDAY 19 November

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

### SATURDAY 21 November

**10.00am** Fundraising Planning Committee meeting in Parish Centre  
**3.30pm** Communications Committee meeting in Parish Centre

**THE METAPHOR OF GROUND: A conception of God for a Secular Age:** A seminar presented by The Reverend Dr Sarah Bachelard, 9.30am-12.30pm Saturday 21 November, at the Institute for Spiritual Studies, St Peter's Eastern Hill. Cost: \$12. For more information see: <http://web.stpeters.org.au/iss/2015/s11.shtml>



# CONTACT WARTA JEMAAT

**ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL**  
**Pentecost 25—Sunday 15 November 2015**

Kelber's commentary on Mark's gospel (*Mark's Story of Jesus*, 1979) points out that chapter 13 seems "out of character" with the rest of the gospel, which mostly follows a regular narrative form. Here, however, we have a series of apocalyptic-type references which catapult us out the story-telling, to contemplate alarming references which seem to be about a time beyond the earthly ministry of Jesus. Kelber's interpretation is that what we have here is "less the story of Jesus and more that of the early Christians. The reason Jesus' biography ruptures . . . at this moment is that it has reached a point where it touches on problems in Mark's lifetime and that of his readers." (p. 67) Much of the scholarly commentary on this passage is therefore focused on identifying exactly what these unpleasant images relate to. This is all proper analysis, but if we want this part of Mark's gospel to speak to our situations today, then we need to come out of the historical background and ask different kinds of questions. How might Jesus' words here relate to our own experiences of disruption and calamity of various kinds? Indeed, what view might we take of the events that disturb us, the situations in life that we feel as an apocalypse within? Jesus' words in these verses are mainly to do with remaining steady in the face of calamity: to not panic, to not worry, to endure. Why not panic? Why not worry? Why not give up? Because Jesus understands these events as the "beginning of the birth pangs" (v. 8). It seems that there are some kinds of anguish in life that are evidence not of the absence of God, but rather of God's divine efforts to bring us to new life, life beyond our most hopeful imaginings. Is this not the great Christian hope: that God brings us to new life, not despite of the anguish, but actually through it? This is not to deify pain or to seek out suffering, but it is to believe in the creativity and faithfulness of God in all the circumstances of our lives. When we think back over our lives can we think of times when we experienced pain, but when we also knew, however vaguely, that in God's care, this was also a time of growth? Or can we recall an experience that we spent a lot of time rejecting, but which turned out, in the end, to be the gateway to new and fuller life?

*Helen Creed*

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## 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.

### TODAY

**8am EUCHARIST**  
**Presider:** Helen Creed  
**Preacher:** Helen Creed  
**Readers:** Graham & Elisabeth Pratt  
**Intercessor:** Keith Dempster  
**Server:** Geoff Vincent  
**Eucharistic Asst.:** Graham Pratt

### 10am SUNG EUCHARIST

**Presider:** Helen Creed  
**Preacher:** Helen Creed  
**Deacon:** Kuncoro Rusman  
**Sub-Deacon:** Neil Nyholm  
**Readers:** Jonathan & Wendy Way  
**Intercessor:** Barbara Fary  
**Cantor:**  
**Servers:** Jenny Cook (MC), Neicia Shaw, Geoff Vincent, Sue Banting

**Eucharistic Assts.:** Sub-Deacon, Jonathan Way  
**Kidz@Church:** Liz Pratt, Janice Wong

### 3pm EUCHARIST

**Presider:** Kuncoro  
**Liturgis:** Kuncoro  
**Pengkotbah:** Kuncoro  
**Pembaca Mazmur:** Nikki  
**Pembaca P Baru:** Sue  
**Pembaca /Firman:** Albert  
**Pemain Musik:** ICC Band  
**Setup PA Sys:** ICC Band  
**Usher:** Lucky  
**Sekolah Minggu:** Tia  
**Konsumsi:** Geri and Elly  
**Petugas kebersihan:** Elly, Bwee, Holly, Jimmy

### 6pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE- Keith Dempster

### TODAY'S LECTIONS

*Daniel 12. 1-3; Psalm 16;  
Hebrews 10. 11-14, 19-25; Mark 13. 1-11*

**THANKS:** To our presider and preacher at 8am and 10am today, The Reverend Helen Creed.

**ADVENT QUIET DAY:** 9am-12.30pm Saturday 12 December, at St John's. Take time to notice Advent. Plan now to make some time and space for prayer and reflection in an otherwise anxiety and spending driven month. Tea and coffee provided. All are welcome. Enquiries: David Moore.

### WARTA JEMAAT

**1.** Bagi yang pertama kali hadir beribadah disini, mohon berdiri dan memperkenalkan diri.  
**2.** Sebelum ditahbiskan menjadi priest, Pdt Kuncoro akan retreat di Pallotti Millgrove mulai tanggal 25 Nopember sampai 28 Nopember 2015.  
**3.** Setelah kebaktian selesai, kami mengundang seluruh jemaat, terutama yang baru pertama kali hadir, berkumpul beramah tamah dan menikmati makan bersama di Rutherford Room.

**SPRING SERIES FOLLOW-UP:** We would like to collate all the resources, the talks, the final session summaries, as well as individual responses. All responses will be welcomed and gratefully received. Please limit your response to around 50 words (definitely no more than 100 words). Email responses to our Parish Administrator, Dawn Sullivan by Friday 20 November. If you would like to explore the subject of liturgy and mission further, Richard Giles' 'Repitching the Tent' is recommended - copies are available from the parish office.

### ANNUAL MEETING 2015 — 22 November

**11.30am: Nominations are as follows:**

**2 Wardens:** Noela Manton

**6 Parish Councillors:** Wendy Crouch, Jascha Raditya Gunawan, Glenis Heath, Indra Karmawan, Julian Rait

**2 Incumbency Committee Members:**

Lyn Goodall, Georgina Porter, Ross Smith.

**ANNUAL REPORT BOOKLET** is available today. Please take a copy, but remember to bring it to the Annual Meeting next week.

**THE ELECTORAL ROLL** is now closed until 23 November.

**ORDINATION:** 10.30am Saturday 28 November, followed by celebration with Kuncoro and his family, in the Rutherford Room from 3pm to 5pm. See the front page of last week's Contact for full details. Please put your name on the list on the noticeboard if you intend being at the celebration in the afternoon, and also what you may be able to bring.

**FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS:** Everyone is invited to join with families to celebrate St Nicholas with a Eucharist and shared meal the Rutherford Room afterwards. **Saturday December 5** starting at the Font at 5pm. BYO food and drinks for a BBQ.

**Also** please bring donations of non-perishable food to fill **LAUNDRY BASKETS** for family door prizes at Mission House—see noticeboard for ideas.

**PREPARING FOR SUNDAY:** A new opportunity is being offered to assist us in our preparation to hear the Word in the Sunday liturgy. Flyer available in the narthex. All are welcome.

**ADVENT-CHRISTMAS-EPIPHANY RESOURCES:** Last Sunday's Contact included the seasonal guide with the 2015-16 calendar of events. Copies of this booklet and also 'Taking Advent Home' are available in the Narthex. Do you know someone who might value receiving these resources?

### NEXT SUNDAY, 22 November

*Reign of Christ*

*2 Samuel 23.1-7; Psalm 132. 1-12;  
Revelation 1. 4b-8; John 18. 33-37*

**8am EUCHARIST**  
**Presider:** David Moore  
**Preacher:** David Moore  
**Readers:** Neil Nyholm, Cynthia Nyholm  
**Intercessor:** Hans Ferdinands  
**Server:** Hans Ferdinands  
**Euch. Asst.:** Hans Ferdinands

### 10am SUNG EUCHARIST

**Presider:** David Moore  
**Preacher:** David Moore  
**Deacon:** Kuncoro Rusman  
**Sub-Deacon:** John Manton  
**Readers:** Brian Porter, Carole Nicholls  
**Intercessor:** Muriel Porter  
**Servers:** Geoff Vincent (MC), Robin Carter, Jenny Cook, James Moorhouse  
**Euch. Assts.:** Sub-Deacon, Jenny Cook  
**Kidz@Church:** Sue Pratt, Debbie Pratt

### 11.30am ANNUAL MEETING

### 3pm LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Presider:** David Moore  
**Liturgis:** Kuncoro  
**Pengkotbah:** Kuncoro  
**Pembaca Mazmur:** Vini  
**Pembaca P Baru :** Rein  
**Pembaca Firman:** Lucinda  
**Pemain Musik:** Darius  
**Setup PA Sys:** Indra  
**Usher:** Albert  
**Sekolah Minggu:** Helena  
**Konsumsi:** Mun & Tina  
**Petugas kebersihan:** Helena, Christine, Ronald, Geri

### 6pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE- Keith Dempster

**THE YEAR OF LUKE:** Copies of the excellent book, *A Friendly Guide to Luke's Gospel* are available after the 10am service today and for the next few Sundays. The cost is \$24.95 GST incl.

**YEAR'S MIND:** We remember before God, Frank Cheshire, Les Bowen, David Sankey (Priest), Margaret Jessie Pitman, Jean Corin, Mary McPhee, Elaine Moyle, and Vonda Cohn, whose anniversaries occur at this time.