

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Morning and Evening Prayer is held in the Chapel on weekdays at 8.30am and 5pm respectively.

TUESDAY 18 March

12.00noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.40pm Staff meeting in Dempster Room
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting in Dempster Room
7.30pm Ecumenical Studies—2nd Session
Venue: Our Lady of Victories

WEDNESDAY 19 March

9.30am Playgroup in Rutherford Room
11.00am Service at Broughton Hall
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel
12.15pm BYO Lunch in the Dempster Room
7pm-10pm Camberwell Camera Club in Dempster Room

THURSDAY 20 March

7.30pm Choir Practice

ON APRIL 6, the date that marks six years since our Indonesian Congregation made St John's its home, all are invited to the 3pm service on that day and to the meal which follows.

NEXT SUNDAY - 23 March 2014

Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95;
Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

8.00am EUCHARIST
President: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Readers: Oliver Beaumont & Pamela Bowen
Intercessor: Clergy
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Hans Ferdinands

NB No Services today at 10am or 3pm

12.00noon COMBINED EUCHARIST

President: Emily Fraser
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Keith Wilkins
Readers: TBA
Intercessor: TBA
Servers: Jenny Cook (MC)
Neicia Shaw, James Moorhouse
TBA
Euch. Assts. TBA
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov

The Service is followed by lunch in the Rutherford Room

11.45am The Angelus in the Chapel

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
Lent 2—16 March 2014

My Dear Friends,

Things look different in Lent... so says the sign on the doors, and inside the front cover of the liturgy booklet. But why? What's the point? I began exploring this question in last Sunday's 'Contact'. But traditions associated with religious times and seasons inevitably have both positive and negative aspects – Jesus' engagement with the religious establishment of his day amply illustrates the tension. Though traditions about how a season such as Lent is to be marked are intended to assist the spiritual seeker, yet the very same traditions can just as readily thwart. When any religious practice or tradition becomes concretised this is almost inevitable. Then, things look different in Lent simply because things are meant to look different. Dead tradition. That is precisely Jesus' critique.

In order to be a living tradition, truly fostering the spiritual quest, things will look different in Lent not because someone tells me they should, or because we've always done it this way. Rather, they will look different because I am looking differently. And when I am thus oriented the external aids to Lent's 'difference' will assist me to new depths of the spirit.

At the individual level, 'external aids' means the kind of very deliberate adjustments we make to our lives at work, at home. There are many possible ways in which Lent will 'look different' in our individual lives, and each of us is simply invited to create such a different personal space, in the service of an inner attentiveness to the Lenten season of the soul. At the external, communal level, Christian liturgical traditions offer a range of ways to assist us to truly see differently during the Lenten fast. The inside cover of today's liturgy booklet, and the seasonal guide booklet (**Paschal Mystery: resources for Lent-Easter**, available in the narthex) reflect on the matter, so I won't repeat any of that here. Some additional remarks about silence and simplicity might be helpful.

The purpose of external practices of silence and simplicity – such as gathering wordlessly, without music or processions – is to foster an inner silence and simplicity. For our culture is obsessively chatty, deafeningly noisy, neurotically hyperactive, entertained to death, mass-mindedly unconscious, regarding our words and our thoughts as if they are reality itself. In Christian language this could be described as idolatry, lack of attentiveness to God. How can we break through such addictions? One way in which the Christian tradition has found a chink through the armour of noise and distraction is via silence and simplicity. It is for this reason that our Lenten liturgy looks and feels different - beginning silently, and without the usual movement. I invite us to look differently in Lent.

With my love, David

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SERVICES TODAY

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 liturgy in the Rutherford Room.

8.00am EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
 Preacher: David Moore
 Readers: Graham and Elisabeth Pratt
 Intercessor: Clergy
 Server: Hans Ferdinands
 Euch. Asst. Graham Pratt

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
 Preacher: David Moore
 Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
 Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
 Readers: Jonathan Way
 Wendy Way
 Intercessor: Barbara Fary
 Cantor: John Lester
 Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
 Geoff Vincent
 Kerry Francis
 Neil Nyholm
 Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon
 Jonathan Way
 Kidz@Church Clare Tomasov, Jacquelyn
 Bergstrum, Verona Lea

Lent 2—Readings
Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121;
Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3. 1-7

Paschal Mystery: Resources for Lent-Easter. A guide for the season is available today. Please take a copy.

12 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

3.00pm INDONESIAN
 Kuncoro Rusman.

6.00pm Contemplative

NEXT SUNDAY A COMBINED SERVICE FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS will be held at 12 noon on Sunday 23 March followed by lunch. There **will not** be services at 10am or 3pm on that day. There **will be** an 8am Service that day.

KIDZ@CHURCH also will be combined and will be on at 12 noon.

PLEASE WRITE your name on the list on the noticeboard if you are attending the lunch.

ECUMENICAL LENT STUDIES —

All are welcome to join with the Camberwell Catholic and Uniting parishes for this study series: 7.30pm Tuesdays 18th (OLV), 25th March (St John's), 1st (UCA), 8th April (OLV). Study booklets are available on the Narthex table, and through the parish office. Hosting of the sessions will be shared by the three churches.—St John's on 25 March. If you would like to assist on this occasion contact Dawn Sullivan in the parish office.

EASTER 3 DAYS

Holy Thursday 17 April— 8pm
 Good Friday 18 April— 2pm
 Easter Vigil 20 April— 6am*
***NB: EASTER VIGIL AT 6AM**
 followed by champagne breakfast.

See **Paschal Mystery: resources for Lent-Easter** for full Holy Week details.

A FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING will be held to discuss the **Winter Dinner** and other matters on Sunday 23 March at **10.00am** followed by the Combined Service of the Congregations at 12 noon. All welcome for a 'cuppa' and contribution to the meeting. Enquiries Neicia Shaw 9836 2232 or Neicia@nsproject.com.au

ANGLICARE AUXILIARY: Monday 24 March at 2.15pm in the Rutherford Room. Our first speaker for the year is our vicar, David Moore and the Title for his talk is: Coincidence of opposites: reflections on faith and life.

Prior to the talk, there will be a meeting of the Auxiliary at 1.30pm in the Rutherford Room.

PARISH RETREAT 2014—Conductor: The Vicar. The annual parish retreat will be held at Pallotti College Warburton, Friday evening 4 April until Sunday lunchtime 6 April. Please register on the form in the brochure by **next Monday 17 March.** Brochures are available at the back of the church or from the office.

'CONFESSING THE FAITH' COURSE: The next subject we are offering in the Trinity Certificate is 'Confessing the Faith', a nine-week course unpacking the creed we say every Sunday. It begins on Sunday 11 May at 4pm. More details soon, but mark the dates in your diary NOW if you are interested.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Diana Doidge, Phyllis Ferguson, and Bob Chapman, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MOTHERING SUNDAY BBQ : Everyone is welcome to come to a BBQ in the park after church. **Sunday March 30th,** after church, from 12.00 onwards. Anderson Park, Anderson Street, Hawthorn East. Meet near the playground in Widford Street, it's near the tennis courts, Mel Ref 59 G3. **BYO:** Food for BBQ, cricket bats, etc. Any questions, please speak to Clare.

JARS : Diana Azzopardi needs more jars for jams and preserves. Bring to church or office.

FUTURE DATES

ECUMENICAL LENT STUDIES

Tuesdays March 18th (OLV) and 25th (StJ's), and April 1st (UCA) and 8th (OLV)

COMBINED SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY for all our congregations—23 March at 12 noon followed by lunch in Rutherford Room.

PARISH RETREAT: 4th-6th April. Brochures available. Register by 17 March.

APRIL 26: 5pm—Inter-faith event being held by Indonesian Congregation—dialogue between speakers from Christian, Muslim and Buddhist traditions.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL: 4 May—10am only—followed by lunch. Preacher: Canon Dr Colleen O'Reilly. **NB: No 8am** this day.

'CONFESSING THE FAITH' COURSE, commences 11 May at 4pm—continues on Sundays at 4pm for 9 weeks.

ASCENSION DAY: 29 May—6.30pm

TAIZÉ CBD LENTEN PRAYERS: 7pm Saturday 29 March at Wesley Uniting Church, 148 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. Focus is on 15 to 35 age group. Singing practice from 6.30pm. taize.melbourne@gmail.com