

FUTURE DATES

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

Christmas Eve—Monday 24 December

4.00pm Crib Service—come in costume
6.00pm Messe de Noël pour les Enfants
et les Familles

11.00pm Carols
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Tuesday 25 December

10.00am Sung Eucharist.

Tuesday January 1- Naming & Circumcision

12 noon Eucharist followed by lunch.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Morning (9am) and Evening Prayer (5pm)
Mondays to Fridays unless mentioned below.

TUESDAY 18 December

12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY 19 December

11.00am Eucharist at Broughton Hall

THURSDAY 20 December

7.30pm Choir Practice

8.00pm Thursday Study Group at Ross's home

SATURDAY 22 December

9.00am **WORKING BEE**—Church & Grounds
includes Morning Prayer at 9.30am.

ANGLICARE CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available and on display in the Rutherford Room after church on Sundays and in the office through the week. Please place your orders on the list provided. Help support a good cause by your purchase. *Ann Darlington*

KEEP UP TO DATE with information by using the St John's Camberwell website. Contact is uploaded promptly. www.stjohnscamberwell.org.au

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ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
December 16 2018—Advent 3

In my sermon for this Sunday I speak of the need for community action on issues like climate change and that, in the face of moral failure by our political institutions, it is up to us individually and jointly to take the action needed to preserve a world worth living in for future generations. Of course, action starts with each person. My family has been on a journey of reducing waste. Spurred on by environmentally responsible daughters, we have substantially reduced our waste footprint. Our landfill waste each week is now about a litre so that it is often not worth putting the bin out. This is achieved by being careful to avoid buying goods with unnecessary packaging, composting a lot and recycling. It seemed at the outset like a big challenge. In the event it has become habit.

As I was preparing my sermon I was also preparing to book flights for Granada for April next year. I have a place at a Religion in Society conference to present a paper based on some of my research. Granada is one of the starting points for the camino to Santiago. It seemed natural to, at the end of the conference, to walk that route. 1200kms, about 50 days walking. I have been growing in enthusiasm as I have planned for the conference and the walk. I have even been learning Spanish.

But as I was writing my own words spoke to me to say I know that air travel is one of the most emissions intensive habits we have developed and perhaps I should rethink my plans. In this conversation with myself I objected that I would not have the privilege of attending the conference and I would miss the opportunity to do this wonderful walk through Spain. My own integrity was laid bare before me. How could I say the words I had written and then go off to, being honest, satisfy my own interests at such a cost to the environment?

I have concluded that I will just have to miss out. I am about to contact the conference organisers to see if I can present my paper over a video conference link and there is plenty of bush in this wonderful country to walk in. This is an example, I hope, of connecting my self-interest with that of the wider and future community, to act in community, not just for myself but for the sake of others as well.

Richard

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 after the 10am liturgy.

SERVICES TODAY

8am EUCHARIST
Presider: Richard Wilson
Preacher: Richard Wilson
Readers: Elisabeth Pratt, Graham Pratt
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst.: Hans Ferdinands

10am SUNG EUCHARIST
Presider: John Baldock
Preacher: Richard Wilson
Deacon: Richard Wilson
Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm
Readers: Jonathan Way, Wendy Way
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Cantor: Mike Koswig
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Annette Holland, Ferry Hasiholan, Geoff Vincent
Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Jonathan Way
For children: Please make use of activities at the back of the church.

Interment of the Ashes follows the Sung Eucharist

12 noon SUNDAY LUNCH - at the Vicarage (See notice elsewhere on this page.)

6.00pm EVENING WORSHIP

LECTIONS FOR THE DAY

Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Song of Isaiah; Philipians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7-18

St John's 'Parish Covenant' is the basis for all relationships, social interactions, and patterns of behaviour within and concerning the Parish. It is on display in the narthex and available on the parish website. All parishioners are encouraged to sign the Covenant, demonstrating their public commitment to a safe and healthy parish community.

A RELAXING SUNDAY LUNCH 12.00noon TODAY

Fr John and Carolyn invite everyone in the parish for a relaxing Sunday lunch today at the Vicarage, 15 The Grove, Camberwell. Parishioners are asked to bring salads, wine and desserts. Main course provided. \$15 adults and teens over 16, \$5 for children 15 and under. Special kids menu.
All are welcome.

WORKING BEE: Saturday 22 December from 9.00am. Morning Prayer at 9.30am. Cleaning of the church and grounds and polishing silverware. Help to prepare the church for Christmas. Please bring tools.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US in the Rutherford Room for lunch on Christmas Day, please speak to Robin (9889 7187) or Keith (9819 1093) by 18 December and tell us what you can bring for a shared meal.

JOURNAL: The Journal of Scripture & Prayer for December and January is available. Please take a copy.

CHRISTMAS BOWL ENVELOPES are available on the table in the narthex.

ANGLICAN OVERSEAS AID - *An Advent Reflection*—These booklets are available on the table in the narthex. Please take a copy.

PARISH COUNCIL: At the first meeting of the new Parish Council, the Churchwardens announced their appointment of Lee Ewe as the hon. treasurer, and their appointment of Cynthia Nyholm as the Churchwarden on the Incumbency Committee. The Parish Council elected Muriel Porter as hon. parish secretary, and Ross Smith as a member of the Parish Electoral Committee.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. Parishioners are invited to give a donation towards the cost of the celebratory flowers we have at Christmas. Donations can be put in the box at the back of the Church or handed in to the Office during the week. Enquiries to Wendy Way.

ORDINATION GIFT: Today is the last day for your contribution to the parish's ordination gift for our former Churchwarden, Dr Wendy Crouch. If you did not receive a gift envelope, more are available in the narthex. Please place your contribution in the offertory bowl today.

The gift will be presented to Wendy on Sunday 3 February, when she will be the preacher here at St John's. After her ordination the following Saturday, 9 February, she will become the assistant curate at St Bartholomew's, Burnley, where she has served this past year as the theological student.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE YEAR OF LUKE: With Advent, the new Church Year has begun; it is the Year of Luke, when Luke's Gospel will provide the Gospel readings on most Sundays. Copies of a booklet introducing Luke's Gospel, written by Muriel Porter, commended by Professor Dorothy Lee, and splendidly formatted by Carolyn Simm, are now available. Please take a copy.

TODAY, SUNDAY, Melbourne Opera is rehearsing in the church 1.30-4.30pm.

NEXT SUNDAY 23 December 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a; Song of Mary; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1: 39-45

8.00am EUCHARIST
Presider: John Baldock
Preacher: John Baldock
Reader: Bruce Sanderson
Intercessor: Geoff Vincent
Server: Geoff Vincent
Euch. Asst.: Geoff Vincent

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: John Baldock
Preacher: John Baldock
Deacon: Richard Wilson
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Sue Banting, Brian Porter
Intercessor: Noela Manton
Servers: Neil Nyholm (MC), Robin Carter, Sue Banting, Janice Wong
Euch. Assts.: Sub Deacon, Janice Wong
For children: Please make use of activities at the back of the church.

6.00pm EVENING WORSHIP

TMA—The Melbourne Anglican— December/January issue, is available in the narthex. Please take a copy.

ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDARS are available for sale on Sundays or at the office during office hours—Cost \$12 each. Supporting Anglican Overseas Aid.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Wilfred Bishop, Elsie Kennedy, Valerie Pitts, Barbara Nixon, Dion Good, Elfreda Grove, William Webster, and Kathleen Finnis, whose anniversaries occur at this time.