

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.

MONDAY 17 August

9am-5pm Rutherford Room in use.
6.30pm Amnesty East Central meets in Rutherford Room.

TUESDAY 18 August

9am-3pm Rutherford Room in use.
12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.35pm Staff meeting—Dempster Room
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting in Dempster Room

WEDNESDAY 19 August

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 20 August

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

SATURDAY 22 August

10.00am Contemplative Community Working Group meets in Dempster Room
12.30pm-4.30pm Church in use for U3A Concert which starts at 2.30pm
4.00pm Spring Series Planning Group meets in Dempster Room

NEXT SUNDAY - 23 August 2015

Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34, 15-22;
Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69

8am EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Reader: Keith Dempster
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Hans Ferdinands

12 NOON ONE-PARISH EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Readers: Christine Hetharia
Verona Lea
Intercessor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Ross Smith (MC),
James Moorhouse,
Christian Mundung
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, Norma Powell
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov, Nora Manurung

LUNCH in the Rutherford Room follows the Eucharist.

4.00pm Experiencing Christian Faith—Dempster Room.
First Session of Four

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE—Keith Dempster



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
Feast of Mary, Mother of our Lord—16 AUGUST 2015

My Dear Friends,

It's our joy to celebrate on this day the feast of Mary, Mother of our Lord. From 1561CE the Church of England's *Book of Common Prayer* incorporated no less than five feasts of Mary. Our Anglican Lectionary now restores 15 August, as a general feast - the one feast we celebrate annually on a Sunday. (Can you find Mary's six feast days in the Lectionary?)

We can be very thankful that the excesses of late medieval devotion and the Protestant 16th century hysterical over-reaction finally gave way in our time to the kind of measured, intelligent, honest and hope-full articulation of a theology of the proper place of Mary, in the 2004 ARCIC (Anglican - Roman Catholic International Commission) statement "Mary, Grace and Hope in Christ" ('The Seattle Statement'). Here we find prejudice-breaking and communion-building insight. That the document can be found on the 'Ecumenism' web site is itself a revealing and hopeful sign. (http://www.ecumenism.net/archive/arcic/mary_en.htm)

That so many Anglican churches are dedicated to Mary, and that many more contain stained glass windows and other images of her, testifies to the fact that our church has always recognised – in spite of Puritan extremism – precisely what the ARCIC statement affirms: that it is impossible to be faithful to Scripture without giving due attention to the person of Mary; that Mary is a prophetic figure for disciples of Christ; that Mary is a model of holiness, faith and obedience for all Christians; that the Blessed Virgin Mary is the *Theotókos* (God-bearer), the mother of God incarnate, and so observe her festivals and accord her honour among the saints; that Mary has a continuing ministry which serves the ministry of Christ, our unique mediator, that Mary and the saints pray for the whole Church and that the practice of asking Mary and the saints to pray for us is not communion-dividing. (See paragraphs 76 to 78)

Bishop John V Taylor's poem 'Angelus', reproduced in today's liturgy booklets), affirms poetically what the ARCIC statement declares: Mary's *fiat* (Let it be to me, according to your word') can be seen as the supreme instance of a believer's 'Amen' in response to the 'Yes' of God. Christian disciples respond to the same 'Yes' with their own 'Amen'.

Feminist and liberation theologians would probably say that ARCIC is fine, but hardly going far enough. For while prominence of Mary is clearly something of a compensation for a patriarchal church and culture – for which we can be thankful – even so, in an age of near-catastrophic consequences of rational-patriarchalism, the full recovery of the divine feminine must surely be a matter of urgency.

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
Readers: Graham & Elisabeth Pratt
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Neil Nyholm
Euch. Asst. Neil Nyholm

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Ross Smith
Readers: Jonathan & Wendy Way
Intercessor: Barbara Fary
Cantor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Neicia Shaw (MC)
Jenny Cook, Julian Rait
Geoff Vincent
Euch. Assts: Neicia Shaw
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation

Kuncoro Rusman

Open Forum follows

6.00pm Contemplative Service -

Keith Dempster

Readings of the Day

*Isaiah 61.10-62.3; Song of Mary;
Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.1-7*

A CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNITY: a proposal to enrich and develop the parish's core mission, stimulating spiritual vitality. All information is available on the parish website and in the narthex. At last Sunday's Open Forum The Reverend Jasmine Dow, Noel Carter Associate Lecturer in Practical Theology at Trinity College Theological School and ABM Education Officer, spoke about her experience in a contemplative community based at the parish of St John's Reid, Canberra. **A report** on that forum is enclosed with these notices and is also available on the table in the narthex. **The gathering of the discussion group** is at 10am Saturday 22 August, in the Dempster Room - all are welcome to participate.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY

One-Parish Eucharist 12 noon followed by lunch

No 10am or 3pm Services

- **There will be** a service at 8am on that day.
- **Kidz@Church** will also 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 and are able to help with catering.
- **If you could contact** someone who's not here today, to let them know, that would be greatly appreciated.

BOOK SALE: Thankyou to all who worked so hard to make this a successful event. Special thanks to Keith Dempster and Penny Galbraith. All proceeds go to Anglican Overseas Aid.

EXPERIENCING CHRISTIAN FAITH: This course begins next Sunday 23 August at 4pm. Casual attenders welcome - \$10 at the door for each session. Enquiries to Muriel Porter, mporter@unimelb.edu.au.

THE ANGLICARE AUXILIARY will meet on Monday, August 24th. at 2.15 pm in the Rutherford Room. The guest speaker will be Diana Cerini and her talk is entitled, "*I'm still here - and still in control.*" Diana specialises in information that is designed to assist with future planning : matters such as "Advanced Care Planning." Afternoon tea will be available. All are welcome.

SPRING SERIES ON LITURGY: The invitation is still open if you would like to participate in the planning group, or if you have questions, please contact David Moore as soon as possible.

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.*

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Susan Baker, Gladys Garner, Tom Albrecht, Eve Curtis, Robert Patterson, Stephen Nickson, Dorothy Goodenough, Doreen Davies, Monica Wilkins, and Francis Winter Ashton Brown, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE to celebrate the life of The Rev Dr Norman Curry will be held at St Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday 18th August at 2pm.

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

PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS: We need someone who is willing to take on the task of looking after our Parish Centre bookings. This involves taking and managing the various enquiries we receive, as well as managing the diary and liaising with outside user groups. Enquiries to the Vicar. Dawn Harvey has been undertaking this task for some years, and will be very happy to explain the role.

FUTURE DATES

Contemplative Community Working Group meets in Dempster Room August 22 10am.

Spring Series Planning Group meets August 22—4pm. In the Dempster Room.

Combined Eucharist, Sunday 23 August at 12.00 noon followed by lunch - **NO 10.00 am and 3.00 pm liturgies.**

Experiencing Christian Faith 4-6pm— Four Sundays commencing **23 August.**

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL DINNER: 6pm Saturday 29 August, at the Vicarage.