

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

This week Morning & Evening Prayer will be prayed in the Chapel

Monday to Friday

8.30am and 5pm respectively.

TUESDAY 19 May

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

WEDNESDAY 20 May

- 9.30am** Little Seeds Playgroup
11.00am Eucharist at Broughton Hall
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel followed by BYO lunch in Dempster Room
6.30pm Occasional Dinner in Rutherford Room

THURSDAY 21 May

- 7.30pm** Choir Practice

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:

With a further damaging earthquake or aftershock this week, support is needed even more than previously. Anglican Overseas Aid is responding to help people in affected areas. To donate: <http://anglicanoverseasaid.org.au/our-work/current-emergencies/nepal-earthquake-appeal> or via donations form at the back of the church.

NEXT SUNDAY - 24 May 2015

Day of Pentecost

*Acts 2.1-21 or Ezek. 37.1-14; Psalm 104.26-36
Romans 8.22-27 or Acts 2.1-21;
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15*

8am EUCHARIST

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

10am FAMILY EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Intercessors: Kidz@Church
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
Neil Nyholm, Clare Tomasov,
Kidz@Church

Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, Janice Wong

Kidz@Church: All in Church to join in the Family Eucharist

11.30am Asylum Seekers & Refugee Support Group meets

3.00pm INDONESIAN CONGREGATION—Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE—Keith Dempster



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL Seventh Sunday of Easter—17 May 2015

Our gospel reading today takes us into the mind of Christ, just as his betrayal is imminent. In the previous passages Jesus has been giving his final words to his disciples (“Abide in my love” Jn 15: 9), but now that “the hour has come” (17:1), Jesus looks up to heaven to address his “Holy Father”, expressing his fervent wish that the ones “given” to him be protected. We can all readily identify with the fierce instinct to protect those we love, whether they be blood relations or the family that is ours through the waters of baptism. But, perhaps we need to delve a little more deeply into what Jesus is really asking for here. We will pray for many things for those we love: for illness to be cured, for relationships to be mended, that they will not have to endure some trial on the horizon. No doubt, Jesus would have had similar thoughts and wishes for the disciples with whom he shared so much. But in the end, Jesus seems to suggest that there is only one prayer worth praying for those we love: “I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.” (v 15) Jesus does not ask for these dear ones to be wrapped in cotton wool; they are to remain in the world with all its challenges and dangers. What he does ask, however, is that whatever perils they may face, they will not fall victim to any compulsion to live a life apart from God, to live alienated from the love which has brought us into being. There is a book by Neville Ward (*The Use of Praying*) which puts it this way: “The best thing in life is the kingdom of God. The best that can happen to anyone, or to the world, is to be filled with the fullness of God. One cannot stand within the purpose of God, ready to pray in his name, and ask for anything less, or anything else.” We need to pray for whatever it is that we honestly want, but may there be moments in our lives when what we deeply and truly want for ourselves and others is nothing more and nothing less than the abiding joy that comes when we know ourselves as the beloved sons and daughters of God.

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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: Helen Creed
Preacher: Helen Creed
Readers: Graham & Elisabeth Pratt
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Geoff Vincent
Euch. Assts. Graham Pratt

10.00am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism

Presider: Helen Creed
Preacher: Helen Creed
Baptiser: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Cantor: Eleanor Forwood
Reader: Wendy Way
Intercessor: Barbara Fary
Servers: Neicia Shaw (MC)
James Moorhouse, Geoff Vincent, Sue Banting
Euch. Asst: Sub-deacon; Keith Dempster
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov, Verona Lea

11.30am Open Forum
**3.00pm Indonesian Service -
Kuncoro Rusman**
**6.00pm Contemplative Service -
Keith Dempster**

Readings for the Day
Acts 1.15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1;
1 John 5.9-13; John 17.6-19.

BAPTISM: TODAY we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism, welcoming into the Body of Christ April Lynch and Holly Jacka. We pray for them and for their parents Kirsty & Michael Lynch and Marni & Chris Jacka, and for Sponsors Stephanie and Aaron Lynch, Stacey Colquhoun, Katrina and Thomas Dowd.

April is the granddaughter of parishioners, Kerry and Lynette Pratt.

OPEN FORUM TODAY: All are invited to remain after morning tea for the quarterly open forum.

NEXT SUNDAY—24 May— Day of Pentecost - Please wear something red to any or all of our Services next Sunday to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. A red jacket, scarf, tie, wrap, red socks—whatever is red. At 10am there is a Family Eucharist.

CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNITY PROPOSAL: Today's Contact includes information about the proposal Parish Council has been considering. Council is considering two proposals for developing the old vicarage—a proposal by the charitable organisation "Servants" for community housing, and the contemplative community proposal outlined in the inserted document. These will be discussed at this morning's Open Forum.

OCCASIONAL DINNER—Wednesday 20 May, 6.30pm for 7pm—arranged by the Men's Group for ALL parishioners. Our speaker is Dr Hugh O'Neill - architect and frequent visitor to Indonesia since living there as a volunteer many years ago - will discuss "Indonesia in the Twentieth Century". Our experiences in Australia in the last century are vastly different to those of Indonesia.

ASYLUM SEEKER AND REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP. There will be a meeting of the Group on Sunday 24 May at 11.30am in the Dempster Room.

REFUGEES: A PARISH CONVERSATION: The Revd Dr Stephen Burns, of Trinity College Theological School, will lead a parish conversation on the topic of refugees on Sunday 14 June at 11.45am. Please note this date in your diary now. Dr Burns has written a 'Grove' booklet on this topic - we will endeavour to obtain copies.

ANGLICARE MISSION HOUSE: Thank you for your ongoing support. Non-perishable items such as tinned fish or meat in small ring-pull tins, 1 litre long life milk, breakfast cereals (small boxes preferred), are always needed as well as toiletries. As winter approaches the need increases. Please put goods in the basket on Sunday mornings or bring to the office during office hours.

OCCASIONAL LECTURE: "Liminality: the experience of betwixt and between". The Inaugural Feast of Corpus Christ Eucharist and Lecture, presented at St John's by The Reverend Michelle Trebilcock. Thursday 4 June. 6:30pm Eucharist, 7pm wine & cheese, 7:30pm Lecture. Gold coin donation. All welcome.

PARISH WEBSITE: A reminder that each Sunday's 'Contact' and sermon are uploaded promptly each weekend to St John's parish website: www.stjohnscamberwell.org.au

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Nancy Murdoch, Gwen Goodisson, Lorraine O'Connor and Frederick Porter, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CAKE & PRESERVES STALL—Thanks and congratulations to Diana Azzopardi and the tremendous team who made, planned, prepared, sold, and cleaned up after the recent cake stall. What a great result - \$2226.45.

ANGLICARE AUXILIARY: The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 25 at 2.15pm in the Rutherford Room. The speaker is Professor Leigh Peterson and the intriguing topic of the presentation is "*Mauve, how a colour changed the world.*" All are welcome and, of course, afternoon tea will be served.

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

Occasional Dinner—20 May—6.30pm for 7pm. Speaker: Dr Hugh O'Neill. (See notice on this page.)

Day of Pentecost—May 24 10am—Family Eucharist. Wear something RED.

Asylum Seeker & Refugee Support Group meets Sunday 24 May at 11.30am.

Anglicare Auxiliary—25 May at 2.15pm meets in Dempster Room.

Occasional Lecture—'Liminality: the experience of betwixt and between'. June 4 commencing with Eucharist at 6.30pm.

Refugees: A Parish Conversation—Sunday 14 June at 11.45am in the Rutherford Room Speaker: The Revd. Dr Stephen Burns of Trinity College Theological School.