

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
*Morning & Evening Prayer is prayed in the
 Chapel on weekdays at 8.30am and 5pm
 respectively.*

NEXT SUNDAY - 24 August 2014
*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
 Exodus 1.8-2.10; Psalm 124;
 Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20*

MONDAY 18 August

6.00pm Field Committee meets in Dempster
 Room with Kuncoro Rusman

TUESDAY 19 August

12noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.45pm Staff meeting
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting

WEDNESDAY 20 August

9.30am Little Seeds Playgroup
11.00am Eucharist at Broughton Hall
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel
12.15pm BYO Lunch in Dempster Room
1.30pm Field Committee meets in Dempster
 Room with Emily Fraser

THURSDAY 21 August

7.30pm Choir Practice

8am EUCHARIST
President: Emily Fraser
Preacher: Muriel Porter
Readers: Oliver Beaumont & Pamela Bowen
Intercessor: Clergy
Server: Geoff Vincent
Euch. Asst. Keith Dempster

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST
President: Emily Fraser
Preacher: Muriel Porter
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Ross Smith
Readers: Ross Smith, Sue Banting
Intercessor: TBA
Servers: Jenny Cook (MC)
 Sue Banting, James Moorhouse,
 Robin Carter
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, TBA
Kidz@Church: Liz Pratt, Alicia Palfreeman

12.00 noon **The Angelus** in the Chapel

3.00pm **INDONESIAN
 CONGREGATION—**
 Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm **CONTEMPLATIVE
 SERVICE**



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ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
Feast of Mary, Mother of our Lord—17 August 2014

My Dear Friends,

It is painfully clear that the feminine has suffered appallingly at the hands of patriarchal power, and its modern mutation, rationalistic science and economics. As so many experts have been observing for some time, the feminine has been wounded in both women *and* men, mother earth herself is being profoundly afflicted.

Inspired by Jesus, early Christian communities expressed a radical reversal of patriarchal power. Mary the Mother of Our Lord was one of a band of influential women leaders of the early church. However, it did not take the church long to subvert Jesus' teaching, reducing Mary to a desexualised, subordinated, sentimentalised projection, legitimating male power at the hands of a celibate male priestly caste. It is not surprising that Mary subsequently became a feminine compensation within patriarchal, rationalistic church hierarchy, as well as a goddess compensation for the church's at-times violent and wholly-masculine God. In our time recovery of the feminine has become critical – the stakes are now dangerously high.

There is a deep longing for wholeness, for completion, for consummation of love. We can see this in every part of the world – and we know it in the very depths of our being. Teilhard de Chardin wrote: "Everything in the universe is made by union and generation – by the coming together of elements that seek out one another, melt together two by two, and are born again in a third." This long-known 'law of the soul' is now corroborated by the laws of physics!

Mary's liberation song can be heard in precisely this manner: the shocking reversals of powerful and lowly, of hungry and rich, point to eternal union and generation. The symbol of Mary hints that the 'solutions' to our planetary problems are to be found by means of a deep transformation - a shocking reversal, a melting and being born again, a union of opposites. And now every person bears this sacred responsibility. As Meister Eckhart famously declared, 'What use is it to me if Mary gives birth to the Son of God, but I do not also give birth to God's Son in my own time and place?'

Let us, with Mary, ponder all these things in our heart.

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 in the Rutherford Room following the liturgy.

WE WELCOME +BARBARA DARLING today when we will thank and farewell her as our regional bishop. The first woman to be consecrated bishop in the Diocese of Melbourne, in 2008, +Barbara has been a gracious and supportive friend of St John's. A presentation will be made to Bp Barbara at morning tea after the 10am Service. Bp Barbara will return for the 3pm liturgy of Reception.

8.00am Eucharist

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

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: Bp Barbara Darling
Preacher: Bp Barbara Darling
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Ross Smith
Readers: Jonathan Way, Wendy Way
Cantor: Judy Moore
Intercessor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Jenny Cook (MC)
Robin Carter, Geoff Vincent,
Neicia Shaw
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, Jonathan Way
KIDZ@CHURCH: Clare Tomasov, Verona Lea

12 noon The Angelus

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation

Preacher: Bp Barbara Darling;

6.00pm Contemplative Service

Readings for the day:

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

FROM THE ARCHBISHOP: 14/08/2014

Dear Friends,

I feel very grateful to you all for yesterday's Cathedral Service which was a wonderful celebration for the Anglican Church in Melbourne and Australia. To have the Archbishop of Canterbury with us was an immense privilege. Through the day the Australian Bishops met together and were able to discuss a variety of matters of relevance to our Anglican Communion. The service of my inauguration as Primate of Australia had been so carefully arranged by the Dean, Precentor and Cathedral staff whom I thank for the weeks of preparation. Our corporate worship expressed in word and song affirmed our witness of God's goodness to his people, *one Church, one Faith, one Lord*.

At the same time in other parts of the world Christians are being persecuted for their faith. The horror of Northern Iraq, of Syria, of South Sudan, the Palestinians and other countries deserves our best response, not only in daily prayer but in advocacy and partnership. Yesterday I held a press conference with the Archbishop of Canterbury and we drew attention to the ongoing crisis in Northern Iraq and the plight of Christians and other minorities who are being persecuted by ISIS militants. I also launched an appeal through Anglican Overseas Aid to help provide succour and relief for those fleeing the militants, and I am writing to ask you to distribute information about this appeal to your congregations and ministry networks. I have attached the AOA Flyer and urge your support.

Thank you for your prayers for me as I commence the responsibilities as Primate. Be assured of my prayers for you all in your ministry for our Lord Jesus Christ. Grace and peace in Christ Jesus.

WE ARE DELIGHTED that ten people of the Indonesian Congregation will be received into the Anglican Communion at the 3pm Service today. Please pray for *Giok Bwee Kwee; Reza Margared; Nora Manurung; Nikki Sasanti Dewi Milner; Wilda Mayer Parhusip; Evi Potgieter; Maradona Abraham Runtukahu; Tina Setiawati; Kevin Timothy Tanan; Karen Yunia*.

BOOK SALE: FLYERS are available today for letterboxing in our local area. Please collect flyers from the back of the church and mark on the map what street/s you will do. Your assistance in this task would be greatly appreciated.

Please bring books for the fair no later than next Sunday 24 August. Proceeds from the fair will be shared between Anglicare Victoria and Anglican Overseas Aid to assist their work with asylum seekers and refugees. Enquiries to Penny Galbraith.

A COMBINED SERVICE FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS will be held at 12 noon on Sunday 31 August followed by lunch.

- There **will not** be services at 10am or 3pm on that day.
- There **will be** a service at 8am 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.

THANK YOU to Keith Wilkins who, for many years, has coordinated the roster of Readers, Intercessors and Eucharistic Assistants. He is now retiring from this position to which he has given dedicated service. If you feel you would like to be involved in the preparation of this roster please speak with the Vicar.

BARRY MARSHALL LECTURE at Trinity College will be presented by Archbishop Jeffrey Driver. 7.30pm Wed. 20 August. See noticeboard or tcts@trinity.unimelb.edu.au

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Tom Albrecht, Eve Curtis, Robert Patterson, Dorothy Goodenough, Doreen Davies, Monica Wilkins, Francis Winter Ashton Brown, Gordon MacNeil, Vivienne Allan, and John Mills, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

DR VAL WEBB will be at Toorak Uniting Church for a weekend seminar on **Saturday September 13 and Sunday September 14**. The theme follows her book, "Stepping out with the Divine" and the input and workshops will centre on the significance of the sacred and the divine in progressive thought. Phone 9829 0300 or email ToorakUC@bigpond.net.au. Flyer on noticeboard.

PARISH TREASURER NEEDED. After many years of valuable service our current Treasurer, John Manton, is not continuing beyond the Annual Meeting in late November. Please contact the Vicar or Wardens (Graham and Kerry) if you feel you could assist the parish by becoming its Treasurer. John and others will assist in training the new Treasurer as part of a handover and will be available for advice on a continuing basis. No formal qualifications are required for the job - just a willingness to have a go !

COME AND HEAR JUDY MOORE speak on Monday 25 August 2014 at 2.15pm.

What! A PhD on Constipation!

Arranged by the Anglicare Auxiliary, in the Rutherford Room. Afternoon tea. All donations to Anglicare Victoria.

FUTURE DATES

BOOK SALE—Saturday 30 August—9am-3pm

COMBINED EUCHARIST: 31 August at Noon followed by lunch. (No 10am or 3pm Services)