

FUTURE DATES

Office closes: 3pm Friday 22 December .
(Reopens 10am Wednesday 31 January)

Christmas Eve: Sunday 24 December
5pm Children's Service
11pm Carols
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day: Monday 25 December
10am Sung Eucharist

Christmas Lunch in Rutherford Room—
Bring food to share. Speak to Keith.

Holy Innocents—Eucharist 12 noon
Thursday 28 December.

January 1: Naming & Circumcision of
Christ—Eucharist 12 noon.

Lunch: 12.30pm in Rutherford Room—
bring food to share.

CHRISTMAS DAY and/or **NEW YEAR'S DAY:** Bring lunch to share in the Rutherford Room. Speak to Keith after church or leave name(s) with Parish Office by 17 December.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
Morning (9.30am) and Evening Prayer (5pm)
Tuesdays to Fridays
unless otherwise mentioned below.

TUESDAY 19 December
12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel
1.00pm—2.15pm Staff Christmas lunch out. Office closed.

WEDNESDAY 20 December
11.00am Eucharist at Shenley Manor

THURSDAY 21 December—St Thomas' Day
12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel
7.30pm Choir practice

FRIDAY 22nd December
3pm Office Closes (reopens 31 Jan.)

SATURDAY 23 December
From 8.30am WORKING BEE in church,
grounds and polishing silverware
9.30am Morning Prayer

THE OFFICE will close at 3pm on Friday 22 December and reopen at 10am on Wednesday 31 January. The office phone will be monitored. Clergy will be available and the Church will be open usual times.

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ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
Third Sunday in Advent —17 December 2017

The Third Sunday of Advent was observed in medieval times with a splash of colour in the midst of the restrained atmosphere of the Advent season. This Sunday in Advent is known as *Gaudete* or 'Rose Sunday'; in some places Rose coloured vestments are used on this day.

Traditionally choirs would announce this Sunday in the opening introit:

"Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say rejoice!"

This joyful and optimistic tone would set the direction of prayer, music and hope for the remainder of the Advent season.

In our observance of this Advent season let us focus our preparations for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus on this same hope of 'rejoicing in the Lord always'.

Beginning on the 17th of December choirs traditionally led the worshippers at church with the Advent Antiphons known as the O Antiphons:

O WISDOM, who came from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: Come, and teach us the way of prudence.

Sirach 24:2; Wisdom 8:1. Symbols: oil lamp, open book.

O LORD AND RULER of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flame of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: Come, and redeem us with outstretched arm.

Exodus 3:2, 20:1. Symbols: burning bush, stone tablets.

O ROOT OF JESSE, who stands for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall keep silence and unto whom the Gentiles shall make supplication: Come to deliver us, and tarry not.

Isaiah 11:1-3. Symbol: vine or plant with flower (especially a rose).

O KEY OF DAVID, and Scepter of the House of Israel, who opens and no man shuts, who shuts and no man opens: Come, and bring forth the captive from his prison, he who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Isaiah 22:22. Symbols: key; broken chains.

O DAWN OF THE EAST, brightness of the light eternal, and Sun of Justice: Come, and enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Psalms 19:6-7. Symbol: rising sun.

O KING OF THE GENTILES and their desired One, the Cornerstone that makes both one: Come, and deliver man, whom You formed out of the dust of the earth.

Psalms 2:7-8, Ephesians 2:14-20. Symbols, Crown, scepter.

O EMMANUEL, God with us, our King and Lawgiver, the expected of the nations and their Savior: Come to save us, O Lord our God.

Isaiah 7:14; 33:22. Symbols: tablets of stone, Chalice and Host.

Ken

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 10am liturgy in the Rutherford Room.

THE ADVENT WREATH:

Today we light the third candle on the Advent wreath.

8.00am EUCHARIST

Presider: Ken Hewlett
Preacher: Ken Hewlett
Reader: Neil Nyholm
Intercessor: Peter Forwood
Server: Neil Nyholm
Euch. Asst.: Keith Dempster

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Ken Hewlett
Preacher: Ken Hewlett
Deacon: Wendy Crouch
Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm
Readers: Jonathan Way, Wendy Way
Intercessor: Andrew Porter
Cantor: Howard O'Brien
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Geoff Vincent, Sue Banting, Robin Carter
Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Jonathan Way
For children: Please make use of activities at the back of the church.

6.00pm LITURGY of LIGHT

LECTIONS FOR THE DAY

*Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126;
1 Thess. 5: 12-28; John 1: 6-8, 19-28*

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.

NEXT SUNDAY

24 December

in the morning

The fourth Sunday in Advent

8am Eucharist

10am Sung Eucharist

then

Christ's Mass

5pm Children's service

*11pm Carols by
Candlelight*

11.30pm Midnight Mass

*Monday 25 December
Christmas Day*

10am Sung Eucharist

*Preside: Richard Wilson
Deacon & Preach: Ken Hewlett*

CHRISTMAS COMMUNIONS: If you know of any who are too sick or frail to attend our Christmas liturgies and would like to receive Communion at Christmas, please contact Fr Ken or the parish office, no later than this coming Tuesday 19 December.

WORKING BEE: Saturday 23 December from 8.30am, including morning prayer at 9.30am. Cleaning of the church and grounds and polishing silverware. Help to prepare the church for Christmas. Please bring tools.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS: The first meeting of the new Parish Council was held during the week, following the commissioning of members last Sunday. The Parish Council elected Cynthia Nyholm as hon. parish secretary, and Ross Smith as the Parish Council member on the parish electoral committee. The churchwardens announced their appointment of Andre Lim as hon. treasurer, and Glenis Heath as their representative on the Parish Incumbency Committee.

AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CALENDARS are available for purchase during November on Sundays at church or the parish office during office hours. *Dawn Harvey*

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.*

ADVENT MASS SETTING: For the four Sundays of Advent, we will once again sing the hauntingly lovely mass setting, 'Missa Emmanuel', by American composer Richard Proulx, at the 10am liturgy. This very simple setting echoes the key musical phrases from the Advent hymn, 'O Come, O come, Emmanuel', which we will also be singing each Sunday.

NEXT SUNDAY —24 December 2017

Fourth Sunday in Advent

*2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16: Song of Mary;
Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38*

8am EUCHARIST

Presider: Ken Hewlett
Preacher: Ken Hewlett
Reader: Bruce Sanderson
Intercessor: Geoff Vincent
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst.: Geoff Vincent

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Ken Hewlett
Preacher: Ken Hewlett
Deacon: Richard Wilson
Sub-Deacon: Ross Smith
Readers: Margaret Anderson, Noel Anderson
Intercessor: Wendy Crouch
Servers: Geoff Vincent (MC), Jenny Cook, Annette Holland, Janice Wong
Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Janice Wong
For children: Please make use of activities at the back of the church.

CHRIST'S MASS

5.00pm Children's Service

Officiate & Preach: Richard Wilson

11.00pm Carols by Candlelight

11.30pm Midnight Mass

*Preside & Preach: Ken Hewlett
Deacon: Wendy Crouch*

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 (98982108).

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