

FUTURE DATES

Lent Studies

'Listening to the wisdom of the desert' –
Thursdays weekly to 22 March at 12 noon (BYO lunch)
Sundays weekly to 18 March at 6pm

'The Year of Mark' –
Two Lent Sundays, 11.30am-12.30pm
4 March 'Mark's Spirituality', Father John Stewart
11 March 'Mark's Story', Professor Dorothy Lee

"Supporting Children to stay with their family" - What Anglicare is doing—Speaker Darren Youngs—**2.15pm Monday 26 February**

World Day of Prayer—St John's Hosting.
1.30pm Friday March 2.

Parish Retreat: 11th—13th May at Santa Casa, Queenscliff.

Patronal Festival: May 6 - special guest will be The Reverend Dr. John Deane ABM Executive Director. One liturgy only this day at 10am.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Morning (9.30am) and Evening Prayer (5pm)
Tuesdays to Fridays
unless otherwise mentioned below.

TUESDAY 20 February
12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel

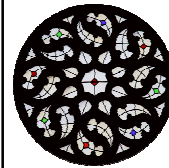
WEDNESDAY 21 February
11.00am Eucharist at Broughton Hall

THURSDAY 22 February
12 noon Lent Study— *'Listening to the wisdom of the desert' - (BYO lunch)*

SATURDAY 24 February
9.30am-12.30pm Lent Quiet Morning led by Fr Ken Hewlett

IF YOU KNOW ANYONE who would let us take palm leaves from their garden, please tell Keith Ph. 9819 1093

PRAYER JOURNAL: The Journal of Scripture & Prayer for February-March is available today. Please take your copy.



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
The First Sunday in Lent—18 February 2018

A Good Lent

In my report to the parish council earlier this month I wrote the following about the season of Lent which commenced last Wednesday:

Preparations have been made to assist our community to enter into the coming season of Lent. Details of Services and Study opportunities for the season of Lent have been published in Contact and I commend them to all members of the parish council and invite you to join with me in keeping the coming season of Lent. Each time we observe the commitment to Ramadan for our Islamic brothers and sisters can also be seen as a reminder of how important the practice of our religion is to the integrity of our commitment to the search for holiness. Let us lead by example and keep this coming season of lent as a time for prayer, corporate worship, study, personal discipline and spiritual exercises that will enrich us personally and as the church of God at St. John's.

In recent years it has appeared that keeping a good lent was a very personal and individual activity as each of us either enter into a private detox or embrace an individual self-improvement course. A good Lent however requires us to act as a community in the search for holiness, we humans are made to live in relationship, and communities of human beings are made to live in relationship with other communities.

In Lent, we are not to turn inwardly to ourselves, but to start with ourselves and to see a transformed life in community and relationship, not only with God but with each other. Christ is asking us what we are doing as a community to make this season of Lent holy.

So for each of us Lent begins with us paying attention, with beginning to make straight the way of the Lord by listening. Listening begins with Ash Wednesday. We have to start the keeping of a good lent by acknowledging our sin and our humanity. We cannot listen if we fill our ears with our own self confidence and self-worth. What we are is what we are in Christ—nothing more. And that is the summit of God's creation: flawed and fallen in sin but with all the possibilities which our Saviour brings. In the coming weeks I will write more on keeping **A GOOD LENT.**

Ken

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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.

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am EUCHARIST

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

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Ken Hewlett
Preacher: Ken Hewlett
Deacon: Richard Wilson
Sub-Deacon: Geoff Vincent
Readers: Jonathan Way, Wendy Way
Intercessor: Muriel Porter
Cantor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Robin Carter, Sue Banting, Alison Asquith
Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Jonathan Way
For children: Please make use of activities at the back of the church.

6.00pm LENT STUDY

'Listening to the Wisdom of the Desert'

LECTIONS FOR THE DAY

*Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10;
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15*

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.

LENT RESOURCES: Lent has now begun. You will find copies of the parish's Lent-Easter calendar in the narthex, together with the revised edition of the parish's 'Paschal Mystery: Resources for Lent-Easter'. More copies of the recommended Lent book, *Say it to God: in Search of Prayer*, by Luigi Giovia, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2018, are also available for \$20 each from Muriel Porter today or in the parish office during the week.

LENT STUDIES: The first of the two weekly Lent study programs was held last Thursday, with the second one tonight. Both groups are using 'Listening to the Wisdom of the Desert', an excellent booklet by Garratt Publishing (\$8 a copy). Please do try to come to one of the studies – on Thursdays at 12 noon (BYO lunch), or Sundays, following Lenten Evening Prayer at 6pm.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION OR RECEPTION INTO THE ANGLICAN CHURCH? If so, please speak to Fr Ken as soon as possible, as our regional bishop, Bishop Gieve Blackwell, will be presiding at the 6am Easter Vigil on 1 April. Initiation into full membership of the Church is an ancient part of the Vigil, so this is the ideal time to make your commitment to the faith and the Anglican Church.

TWO SUNDAY MORNING SESSIONS on Mark's Gospel:

- Sunday 4 March at 11:30am – 12.30pm. Father John Stewart will speak on Mark's spirituality.
- Sunday 11 March at 11.30am – 12.30pm. Professor Dorothy Lee will speak on Mark's story.

"SUPPORTING CHILDREN to REMAIN WITH THEIR FAMILY."

Darren Youngs—a Regional Director of Anglicare Victoria will tell us what Anglicare is doing in this area at our first meeting for 2018 on MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY at 2.15pm. Afternoon tea will follow.

ANGLICARE VICTORIA PARTNERSHIP GROUP ST JOHN'S CAMBERWELL

ST JOHN'S to host the 2018 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 2 MARCH—1.30pm

Come and share in this ecumenical gathering

Other Camberwell Churches participating: Camberwell Baptist, Camberwell Uniting Church, Our Lady of Victories Catholic, St Dunstan's Anglican, Salvation Army, South Camberwell Anglican.

Speaker—David Lepore from The Bible Society.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL: On May the 6th this year we will celebrate our Patronal Festival-St. John's Day and our special guest will be The Reverend Dr. John Deane ABM Executive Director; John is located in Sydney and studied for the priesthood at Trinity College Melbourne. He was ordained in this diocese and has ministered in parishes as well as a member of staff at Trinity College.

PARISH RETREAT: 11th—13th MAY at Santa Casa, Queenscliff. Fr. Ron Browning has accepted our invitation to lead the retreat. Registration forms will be available soon.

NEXT SUNDAY —25 February 2018

The Second Sunday in Lent

*Genesis 17: 1-7; 15-16; Psalm 22: 24-32;
Romans 4: 13-25; Mark 9: 2-9*

8am EUCHARIST

Presider: Ken Hewlett
Preacher: Ken Hewlett
Readers: Bruce Sanderson, Keith Dempster
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Hans Ferdinands

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

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

6.00pm LENT STUDY:

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ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION

Special offering envelopes are available and we are invited to contribute generously to this important work of our national Church. Lent has traditionally been the season when the Australian Anglican Church has supported this work with our prayers and offerings.

2018 BOOKMARK: The 2018 parish bookmark, with the key dates for Lent-Easter and the 2018 Spring Series, is available today. Please take one and keep it on hand through the year.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Elma Jenkin, Allan Thomson, Eric Nash, Orwell Foenander, and Tarlton Pitt, whose anniversaries occur at this time.