

Contact.



2nd Sunday
after Epiphany
19 January 2020



John the Baptist, Hans Memling, c.1483, detail

We welcome

those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, old, young or somewhere in between.

We welcome wailing babies, excited toddlers, lonely parents, children and teenagers.

We welcome those who work too hard, don't work or can't spell. Those who are sick, anxious and worried or need to talk about such problems or just be with others who are friendly and helpful.

We welcome those who could use a prayer right now and those who may have had religion forced down their throats as children and feel switched off but still in search of something or are just plain curious.

We welcome locals, doubters, pilgrims, seekers and YOU!

ST JOHN'S
CAMBERWELL

GIFTS OF GOLD! Support for Bushfire Communities

In the spirit of the Wise Ones who brought gifts of gold to the Christ Child in Bethlehem, the people at St John's are encouraged to offer gold coins and notes during the Epiphany season in support of those affected by the bushfires in Victoria. Donations will go to Anglicare, who are assisting individuals and communities that have been devastated by fire. Please give generously to ensure Anglicare can help as many people as possible in this terrible time. Please place your donations in the bowl near the font.

BACH'S ST JOHN PASSION 4.00pm Sunday 22 March

Join us for a moving performance of Bach's majestic Saint John Passion, featuring Robert Macfarlane EVANGELIST Ron Morris ALTO Timothy Reynolds TENOR Andrew Fysh BASS, together with the remarkable 'Polyphonic Voices, accompanied by the Melbourne Baroque Orchestra, it will be a performance not to be missed. Conductor Michael Fulcher. Tickets \$50 adult or students \$15, available from the Parish Office from the beginning of February. Book online at Trybooking at TRYBOOKING.COM/BHCQJ Tell your friends! A profoundly moving and inspiring experience in Lent!

WELCOME TO 2020 VICARAGE LUNCH! Sunday 2 February

We didn't quite make it for Christmas, but join us for a Welcome to 2020 Lunch in the Vicarage, on Sunday 2 March at 12.30pm at 15 The Grove, Camberwell. Parishioners are asked to bring a salad or dessert and wine share. Bring a friend! No, bring two friends! **But please email The Vicar if you are coming vicar@stjohnscamberwell.org.au or call the Parish Office on 9882 4851.** *And of course, all are very welcome!*

KEEP CALM AND GO TO EVENSONG... Sunday 9 February at 6.00pm

The hauntingly beautiful service of Evensong returns on Sunday 9 February at 6.00pm, sung by the amazing St John's Consort, under the Direction of Michael Fulcher. Always stunning beautiful, it is a perfect way to end the day and start the week. Refreshments follow in The Rutherford Room.

ASH WEDNESDAY – Wednesday 26 February Lent begins a little later this year, on Wednesday 26 February. Begin your Lenten Discipline by attending one of the two services in the Parish on that day – both with the Imposition of Ashes – 12.00noon or 6.00pm, with Choir. Lenten studies will begin on Wednesday 4 March, with further details to follow.

CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS AT ST JOHN'S

If you love the music at St John's and want to see it continue and even expand, please consider donating to our Choral Scholars program. You can donate the entire cost of a Scholar for a year, and if you wish, the scholarship will be named in recognition of your contribution. Your support for a Choral Scholar will help ensure our church will continue to be filled with glorious music in days ahead! Donations over \$2 can receive tax-deductibility. Further information is available from the Vicar or Director of Music, David Byrne. *All donations are welcome!*

LOOKING FOR A COUNSELLOR? – Help in English, French and Italian

Parishioners who may be looking for a counsellor understanding of and sympathetic to Christian belief would be interested to know that Andrea Bellia has begun practising locally. A trained Counsellor and Psychotherapist, Andrea has theological qualifications from Rome and France and is fluent in English, French and Italian. Appointments be made via the Kew Junction Medical Clinic on 9852 7666. Further details at the back of the church.

Join for **WEEKLY MEDITATION** in the Chapel each Tuesday at 4.00pm. *No experience necessary!*

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ADDING TO THE SERVICE ROSTER Peter Forwood is seeking the names of those who would like to participate further in conduct of our services, as servers, readers, intercessors, or possibly Eucharistic Assistants. If you would like to join the roster, contact me on 0427 827 150 or e-mail pgforwood@gmail.com (or catch Peter after the Sunday 8.00am service each Sunday).

PARISH RETREAT - 13-15 March at Santa Casa

Set aside some time to join in the Parish Retreat on the weekend of 13-15 March at Santa Casa in Queenscliff - a perfect place for some rest, refreshment and reflection. Please speak to the Vicar on 0438 640 644 if you would like to attend but cannot afford the price. Bookings can be made by contacting the Parish Office on 9882 4851 or vicar@stjohnscamberwell.org.au. Plan to come for a day or the whole weekend. Transportation can be arranged. *All are very welcome.*

NEW AUDIO-VISUAL SYSTEM FOR THE CHURCH

Parish Council has agreed to purchase audio-visual resources for use in the church and around the buildings. The large-format screens will be available for children's and young adult worship, as well presentations in the Rutherford Room and during funerals and the like. A quotation has been accepted for a system that will allow 'foolproof' operation and greater flexibility, as the screens will not be permanent in the church. The final cost is more than anticipated and donations would be gladly received to cover the cost. *Can you help?*

ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR 2020 Anglican Calendars are now available on Sundays from Dawn Harvey or the parish office during the week. \$12 each.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS IN JANUARY

The parish office is now closed until Thursday 30 January 2020, when it will open at 10.00am. Clergy will be in attendance during January and the phone will be monitored.

TODAY SUNDAY 19 JANUARY 2020

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7 | Psalm 40:1-14
1 Corinthians 1:1-9 | John 1:29-42

8.00am EUCHARIST

Presider: John Baldock
Preacher: John Baldock
Reader: Bruce Sanderson
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Eucharistic Asst: Hans Ferdinands

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: John Baldock
Preacher: John Baldock
Deacon: John Baldock
Sub-Deacon: Geoff Vincent
Readers: Jonathan Way, Wendy Way
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Servers: Sue Banting, Alison Asquith,
Tetty Hutagalung
Eucharistic Asst: Sub Deacon, Jonathan Way
For children: *Please make use of activities at the back of the Church*

6.00pm SERVICE OF THE LIGHT

NEXT SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 2020

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4 | Psalm 27:1-10
1 Corinthians 1:10-18 | Matthew 4:12-25

8.00am EUCHARIST

Presider: John Baldock
Preacher: John Baldock
Reader: TBC
Intercessor: TBC
Server: Geoff Vincent
Eucharistic Asst: TBC

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Colleen Clayton
Preacher: Colleen Clayton
Deacon: John Baldock
Sub-Deacon: Ross Smith
Readers: TBC
Intercessor: TBC
Servers: Alison Asquith, Janice Wong, Geoff Vincent
Eucharistic Asst: Sub Deacon, TBC
For children: *Please make use of activities at the back of the Church*

6.00pm SERVICE OF THE LIGHT

IN YOUR PRAYERS

MEDITATION: *Darest thou now O soul...*

Darest thou now O soul,
Walk out with me toward the unknown region,
Where neither ground is for the feet nor any path to follow?
No map there, nor guide,
Nor voice sounding, nor touch of human hand,
Nor face with blooming flesh, nor lips, nor eyes, are in that land.
I know it not O soul,
Nor dost thou, all is a blank before us,
All waits undream'd of in that region, that inaccessible land.
Till when the ties loosen,
All but the ties eternal, Time and Space,
Nor darkness, gravitation, sense, nor any bounds bounding us.
Then we burst forth, we float,
In Time and Space O soul, prepared for them,
Equal, equipt at last, (O joy! O fruit of all!) them to fulfill O soul.

Walt Whitman

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

YEAR'S MIND We remember before God, Gwen Legg, Geoff McCombe, Margery Scott, John Dempster, John Wilson (Bishop), and Laurence Evers (Priest), *whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH *Morning (9am) and Evening Prayer (5pm) Mondays to Fridays*

Tuesday 21 January 12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel



Sunday

8:00am Eucharist
10:00am Sung Eucharist
6:00pm Liturgy of Light
6.00pm Evensong -
2nd Sunday of the month

Weekday Eucharist

Tuesday 12.00noon
Wednesday 6.30pm
1st Wednesday Eucharist & *Curry*
2nd Wednesday 7.00pm

Morning & Evening Prayer

Weekdays 9:00am & 5:00pm

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