

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Morning & Evening Prayer will be prayed in the Chapel Monday to Friday—8.30am and 5pm respectively unless otherwise noted below.

TUESDAY 21 July

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

WEDNESDAY 22 July

9.30am Little Seeds Playgroup
9.30am Education Committee meets upstairs.
11.00am onwards Flapping Anglicare Christmas Cards—Dempster Room.
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel followed by BYO lunch in Dempster Room

THURSDAY 23 July

1.00pm Rutherford Room in use.

FRIDAY 24 July

All day Setting up Rutherford Room

7 FOR 7.30pm WINTER DINNER—"BEST OF BRITISH" - See flyer.

SATURDAY 25 July

8.00am onwards—Rutherford Room Clean up.
12.30pm Sing Australia Concert in the Church.



BOOK SALE here at St John's on Saturday 15 August. Books may be brought along on Sundays, left in the box in the narthex or to the Parish Office during office hours. Books must be in by Sunday August 2 to allow time for sorting and pricing. All proceeds from the Book Sale will go to Anglican Overseas Aid Enquiries to Penny Galbraith. Flyers for letterboxing available from next Sunday.

NEXT SUNDAY - 26 July 2015

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
2 Kings 4. 42-44; Psalm 145. 10-18;
Ephesians 3. 14-21; John 6. 1-21.

8am EUCHARIST

Presider: Helen Creed
Preacher: Helen Creed
Reader: Neil Nyholm
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Neil Nyholm

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Helen Creed
Preacher: Helen Creed
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Carole Nicholls
Keith Dempster
Intercessor: Barbara Fary
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
Alison Asquith, Jenny Cook,
James Moorhouse
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Ross Smith
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov; Jacquelyn Bergstrum

11.30am ASYLUM SEEKERS & REFUGEE GROUP meets in Dempster Room.

3.00pm INDONESIAN CONGREGATION—

Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE—Keith Dempster



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE—19 JULY 2015

'Do not cling to me'

Jesus' words to Mary Magdalene in the Resurrection garden seem incredibly hard. Granted, the version in older translations of the Bible – 'do not touch me' – was a good deal worse, suggesting that the risen Christ was cutting himself off from all bodily human interaction. But 'do not cling to me' still sounds unkind.

Mary, a heartbroken witness of Jesus' cruel crucifixion, had come grief-stricken to his tomb to anoint his broken body only to find him gone. Imagine her anguish at that terrible discovery. And then imagine her heart-stopping joy when he stood before her in the garden, calling her by name! Of course she rushed to embrace him – only to be seemingly rejected: 'Do not cling to me'.

Why not? Surely she could have given him a big hug and life could have gone on as before?

But the reality is that life could *not* go on as before. Jesus' body had not been resuscitated like those he himself had brought back from death: Jairus' daughter, the son of the widow of Nain, and Lazarus, would in due course die again. No, Jesus had been raised by God – raised to a new, eternal life in God, ushering in the radical new creation God had inaugurated. In this new creation, death itself had been overcome.

And in this new creation, Mary Magdalene's new life was also beginning. She was sent to proclaim the resurrection to the other disciples, becoming the 'apostle to the apostles', as the early Church Fathers would later describe her.

As we celebrate her feast day, we need to do more than remember her and her extraordinary encounter with the risen Lord however. We need to enter the Resurrection garden ourselves, hear our Lord calling us by name, and listen carefully to his admonition not to cling to him. What is it we must not cling to, both personally, and as the Community of the Resurrection here?

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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: Muriel Porter
Readers: Graham & Elisabeth Pratt
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Neil Nyholm
Euch. Asst. Graham Pratt

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: Helen Creed
Preacher: Muriel Porter
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Ross Smith
Readers: Jonathan & Wendy Way
Intercessor: Andrew Porter
Cantor: Greg Lee
Servers: Neicia Shaw (MC)
Robin Carter, Geoff Vincent,
Sue Banting
Euch. Assts: Sub-Deacon; Jonathan Way
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov, Sue Massoud

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation

Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm Contemplative Service -

Keith Dempster

*Readings of the Day: Song of Solomon 3. 1-4a;
Ps. 63; 2 Corinthians 5. 14-21; John 20. 1-18.*

EXPERIENCING CHRISTIAN FAITH:

This four-week education program, commencing Sunday 23 August at 4pm, looks at how we experience our faith in daily life and in worship. The flyer on the narthex noticeboard gives full details. Please speak to Muriel Porter or email her at mporter@unimelb.edu.au.

THE PREACHER: We welcome (again) Dr Muriel Porter as our preacher this morning. Licensed by the Archbishop as an 'Honorary Parish Reader', Muriel is authorised to preach and lead worship.

A CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNITY: a proposal to enrich and develop the parish's core mission, stimulating spiritual vitality. Thanks to all who completed the initial response forms, and who have responded with letters and emails. All responses received were tabled at the July Parish Council meeting. The open invitation I have been extending since Sunday 13 May remains open, for anyone who would like to participate in the planning/discussion group to speak with me. I'm grateful for those who have now met twice, and prepared the various materials which were available at the Open Forum on 5 July. All the information is now available on the parish website or from the parish office, or the Narthex table. Readings, resources and links are available on the parish web site. I have set this vision before us, that we might spend 6 months in prayer, reflection and discussion as we consider where God may be leading us in mission and ministry. All are welcome to participate in the next discussion group conversation, 10 am Saturday 22 August in the Dempster Room. *David.*

SPRING SERIES ON LITURGY: On the front page of Contact of 7 June (copies on table in narthex), there was an update on Parish Council's Goal #1, 'Liturgical Development'. The invitation is still open if you would like to participate in the planning group, or if you have questions, please contact Kuncoro as soon as possible.

FLAPPING—Anglicare Christmas Cards—

Once again the cards need to be "flapped" and sorted. If you are able to come and help we will be using the Dempster Room next Wednesday, July 22 from 11.00am onwards. Help would be appreciated. BYO lunch if you wish—tea and coffee provided.

“BEST OF BRITISH” WINTER DINNER

Friday 24 July—7.00 for 7.30pm. See flyer enclosed or on noticeboard.

THE ANGLICARE AUXILIARY meets on Monday, July 27 at **2.00 pm** in the Rutherford Room. The guest speaker is Judy Dalton, who is well known in the world of tennis having competed successfully at Grand Slam events. She has also been the playing captain of the Australian Federation Cup team. Judy continues to give great support to women's tennis. We look forward to welcoming her. **Note earlier starting time at 2pm.** Afternoon tea after the meeting.

ONE-PARISH EUCHARIST:

Parish Council's Goal #2 is our growth as one parish, 'building inter-congregational conversations and relationships'. It's important that we all let go of our usual time-slot comfort zones and make the effort to worship together, as one parish. **12noon Sunday 23 August**, followed by lunch. There will be NO 10am or 3pm liturgies that day. Let us encourage each other on this journey. *Fr David*

FUTURE DATES

The Winter Dinner— “Best of British” - Friday **24 July—7.00 for 7.30pm.**

Anglicare Auxiliary meets Monday **27 July** - 2pm in Rutherford Room—**Speaker Judy Dalton**
Asylum Seeker & Refugee Support Group meets Sunday **26 July**-11.30am in Dempster Room.

Feast of the Transfiguration: Eucharist Thursday **6 August—6.30pm** followed by optional local dining out.

Open Forum after 10am Eucharist - Sunday **9 August** in the Rutherford Room.

Book Sale—Saturday 15 August 9am-3pm—in Rutherford Room.

Combined Eucharist, Sunday 23 August at 12.00 noon - **NO 10.00 am and 3.00 pm liturgies.**

Experiencing Christian Faith 4-6pm—Four Sundays commencing **23 August.**

Trinity College Archbishop's Dinner - 6.30-10.30pm Wednesday **26 August**

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God Ivor Obeyesekere; Eileen Jackson, Alan Brownell, Millie Anderson, Reginald Livsey, Nellie Barker, Ian Shumack, James Paterson, Russell Clark (Priest), Ivor Ferdinands, Geoffrey Moorhouse (Priest), Marion Parsons, and Olive Bolt, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

The Reverend Dr Norman Curry

As a parish community we celebrate the life and mourn the passing of The Rev Dr Norman Curry. We were privileged to have Norman as our locum on three occasions. The first period was during Tim Gaden's leave in July-August 2002. For the second locum period Norman was our priest between October 2002 and February 2004 prior to the induction of Gerald Beaumont. Norman was again our locum from September 2009 to June 2010 before Alison Taylor's induction. During these three occasions we benefited enormously from Norman's guidance and leadership. He led us with much wisdom, generosity, energy and inclusiveness. Norman was a true Christian gentleman who is loved and respected at St John's and in the many parishes he served as a locum in the Diocese. A funeral service to celebrate Norman's life will be held at Holy Trinity Kew on Tuesday 21 July at 11am.

Dr Graham Pratt.