

FUTURE DATES

Anglicare Victoria Partnership Group—Monday 28 November—High Tea

Parish Council Commissioning—The next Parish Council will be commissioned during the Eucharist of Advent 2, Sunday 4 December

Friends of St John's Community Support Group December 5—12 noon Eucharist in Chapel followed by BYO lunch and meeting.

Advent Quiet Morning: Saturday 10 December at St John's.

Making Christingles—Friday 23 December 10am

2017 Parish Retreat—Friday 30 March to Sunday 2 April, at Santa Casa, Queenscliff.

DISCOVER PLACES OF WORSHIP—

Boroondara Interfaith Network Tours. Explore the diversity of the community in Boroondara—join a tour from 10am to 3pm on Wednesday 30 November. See noticeboard for details.

MONDAY 21 November 6.00-7.30pm (Light refreshments 5.30pm) *"Finding spirituality through art in the modern world: Jewish, Christian and Islamic perspectives."* - Dr Ori Z Soltes. Lecture Room K321 Monash Uni, Caulfield Campus. Free, but bookings required 9867 2248. See noticeboard.

THE 2017 PARISH RETREAT will be held at Santa Casa, Queenscliff, from Friday 30 March to Sunday 2 April (weekend of Lent 5). The retreat director will be Fr Peter Martin. Numbers are limited so please record your interest by contacting the Parish Office.

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IN THE PARISH

Morning & Evening Prayer will be prayed in the Chapel Monday to Friday—8.30am and 5pm

TUESDAY 22 November

12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel

12.35pm Staff meeting in Dempster Room

3.00pm Liturgy Meeting in Dempster Room

WEDNESDAY 23 November

9.30am Education Committee meets in Dempster Room

9.45am Little Seeds Playgroup

11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel followed by BYO lunch in Dempster Room

SATURDAY 26 November

9.00am **Advent Preparations** commencing with Morning Prayer in the Chapel.

5.00pm **Advent Celebration for children & Dinner**—starting in the Chapel.

FAITH WITHOUT FEAR 3.30pm to 5.30pm—an afternoon with Keith Mascord:

Saturday 3 December 2016. Trinity College, \$25/\$20 concession includes afternoon tea.

email to theologyevents@trinity.edu.au or call 9348 7127. See flyer on noticeboard.



CONTACT WARTA JEMAAT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

The Reign of Christ—20 November 2016

Divine Supremacy

from William H Vanstone, 'Love's Endeavour, Love's Expense'

The imagery of popular devotion suggests a divine supremacy over the universe – a supremacy such that whatever may be predicated of the universe in terms of glory, majesty or power may be predicated to a yet higher degree of God. [But] supremacy is not the relationship of the artist to the work of art, nor of the lover to the object of his love. That God should be superior to an inferior universe is a quite illegitimate deduction from the doctrine of creation. It is also a deduction which endangers the integrity of religion. For it tends to reduce religion to the prudent recognition of divine supremacy; to suggest that God is to be respected for the superiority of his powers and resources to any challenge or comparison that might be offered; and to make the inferiority of the creature sufficient reason for reverence and worship. Respect on the part of an inferior may be dictated by prudence: but it can hardly be justified by moral sensitivity. Superiority as such confers no moral right to respect: in particular, superiority of power confers no such right.

The contemporary age has seen more clearly than precursors the moral ambiguity of power. Through the possession and exercise of ever-increasing power in his own hands, man has discovered the distinction between power and worth, and the irrelevance of the one to the other. The argument that one who is great in power should therefore be respected is seen to involve a *non sequitur*; and, psychologically, the display of power has become an obstacle rather than an assistance to respect. Power is seen as involving privilege rather than worth: why should the possession of privilege carry a further entitlement to respect? So religious imagery which displays and celebrates the supremacy of divine power neither convinces the head nor moves the heart. It is relevant only to those to whom the practice of religion is a rule of prudence. If the work of God in creation is a work of love, then truth demands an imagery which will do justice to the limitless self-giving which is among the marks of authentic love: and the imagery which the head demands may have a new power of appeal to the moral sensitivity of the heart.

If the creation is the work of love, then its shape cannot be predetermined by the Creator, nor its triumph foreknown: it is the realisation of vision, but of vision which is discovered only through its own realisation: and faith in its triumph is neither more nor less than faith in the Creator himself – faith that he will not cease from his handiwork nor abandon the object of his love. The creation is 'safe' not because it moves by programme towards a predetermined goal but because the same loving creativity is ever exercised upon it.

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 following the 10am liturgy in the Rutherford Room.

ONE LITURGY TODAY

10.00am EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm
Readers: Georgina Porter & Andrew Porter
Intercessor: Barbara Fary
Cantor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Jenny Cook, Robin Carter, Sue Banting
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, John Manton
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov, Sue Massoud

11.30am ANNUAL MEETING

Note:
No 8am, 3pm or 6pm Liturgies.
Kebaktian jam 8am, 3pm dan 6pm ditiadakan.

TODAY'S LECTIONS

*Jeremiah 23.1-6; Psalm 93;
Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43*

VICAR'S PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER REPORT is available in the narthex.

2017 PARISH LITURGICAL CALENDAR: These were distributed on Sunday 6 November. Copies are available in the narthex.

ADVENT QUIET MORNING: Saturday 10 December 9am - 1pm. Now is a good time to consider the December diary, before the pressures to clutter it up. Now is the time to plan for space and time. All are welcome.

ANNUAL MEETING TODAY

11.30am

Rutherford Room

Copies of the Annual Report are available in the Narthex.

END OF YEAR!: Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. The new church year, 'Year A', the 'Year of Matthew', commences on Advent Sunday - next Sunday. Materials for Advent were distributed on 6 November, and continue to be available in the narthex: Advent -Christmas-Epiphany 2017 calendar; Taking Advent Home, and 'Advent-Christmas-Epiphany: a Guide to the Season'. Perhaps you may know of someone who might appreciate receiving these resources? Now is most definitely the time to consider how we are going to celebrate Advent's 40 days.

RESOURCES FOR ADVENT: Parish materials are available in the narthex (see above). Two excellent and accessible commentaries on the Gospel of Matthew are worth acquiring now: Brendan Byrne's 'Lifting the Burden: Reading Matthew's Gospel in the Church Today', and Dorothy Lee's 'Friendly Guide to Matthew's Gospel'.

ADVENT LITURGY OF LIGHT: 5pm Weekdays during Advent. If you have not experienced this beautiful and simple liturgy (from An Australian Prayer Book), why not give it a go during Advent, as an antidote to December's hyper-activity?

WARTA JEMAAT

1. Kami ucapkan selamat datang untuk beribadah pada hari Minggu ini. Hari ini setelah kebaktian, kami undang untuk "Annual Meeting" di Rutherford Room.
2. Kebaktian Hari Natal 25 Desember, diadakan jam 10pagi. Mohon perhatiannya bahwa pada hari itu kebaktian jam 8pagi, 3sore dan 6sore, ditiadakan.

CHICKEN & QUIZ NIGHT—As a result of the success of this night \$986.63 is available to assist people in Camberwell seeking Asylum. Thanks to Keith Dempster, Graham Pratt, and the team.

ADVENT PREPARATIONS: We will prepare the church for Advent on Saturday 26 November, commencing with Morning Prayer at 9am.

ADVENT EUCHARIST for children & families commencing in the chapel at 5pm on Saturday 26 November, followed by Dinner in the Rutherford Room. Also making up Care Parcels.

CHRISTMAS APPEALS: Anglicare and Camcare are asking for gifts of toys and food items to make up hampers. Donated toys should be new and unwrapped. **CHILDREN'S COLOURING BOOKS & TEXTAS** are needed and food items suggested are **Christmas fare, instant coffee, peanut butter, vegemite.** Please bring to church on Sundays or to the office during office hours.

ANGLICARE Christmas Cards available for sale now. On display in the church or office. Contact person is Ann.

ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR 2017—now available—\$12 each. All proceeds go to **Anglican Overseas Aid.** Contact person is Alice.

BCA BOXES are now due. Please give to Carole Nicholls or bring to the office during office hours.

MORNING TEA: More people are needed once a month to fill out the roster for morning tea on Sundays after the 10am Service. Please speak with Diana.

SMALL CLEAN JARS are needed by Diana for jam. Please bring to the church or parish office.

NEXT SUNDAY, 27 November 2016

Advent 1

*Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm 122;
Romans 13.9-14; Matthew 24.36-44*

8am EUCHARIST

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

10.00am BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATH & SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Ross Smith
Readers: Sue Banting, Kerry Pratt
Intercessor: Brian Porter
Servers: Geoff Vincent (MC), Robin Carter, Alison Asquith, Neil Nyholm

Euch. Assts. Verona Lea
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov

3.00pm LITURGY OF THE WORD

Bahasa Indonesia

Presider: Kuncoro Rusman
Liturgis: Kuncoro Rusman
Pengkotbah: Kuncoro Rusman
Pembaca Mazmur: Darius Hetharia
Pembaca P Baru: Julia Sutanto
Pembaca Firman: Norma Philippe
Pemain Musik: GroupBand1
Setup PA Sys: GroupBand1
Usher: Albert Lengkong

Sekolah Minggu:
Konsumsi: Christian and Sue
Petugas kebersihan: Yolanda, Helena, Norma, Tia

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE—Keith Dempster

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Margaret Jessie Pitman, Jean Corin, Mary McPhee, Elaine Moyle, Vonda Cohn, Marjorie Driberg, Leonie Jowett, Marian Morris, and Elsa Hulme, whose anniversaries occur at this time.