

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Morning & Evening Prayer is prayed in the Chapel on weekdays at 8.30am and 5pm respectively.

MONDAY 22 September

1.30pm Anglicare Auxiliary Meeting
2.15pm David Freeman will talk in Rutherford Room about your precious antique.

TUESDAY 23 September

12noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.45pm Staff meeting
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting

WEDNESDAY 24 September

9.30am Education Committee meets in Dempster Room
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel
12.15pm BYO Lunch in Dempster Room

SATURDAY 27 September

1.00pm Meeting in Rutherford Room

THINKING OF STUDY IN 2015?

Theology for Today's Church. Trinity College Theological School offers programs for everyone: lay people, ordinands, chaplains and researchers. Website www.tinity.edu.au/theology, or contact the Registrar, Dr Peter Campbell on (03) 9348 7127 or tcts@trinity.unimelb.edu.au

NEXT SUNDAY - 28 September, 2014

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 78.1-4, 11-16;
Philippians 2 or 2.1-13; Matthew 21. 23-32.

8am EUCHARIST

President: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Readers: Oliver Beaumont & Pamela Bowen
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Hans Ferdinands

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

with Holy Baptism

President: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Ross Smith (Sub-D)
Reader: Muriel Porter
Servers: Neil Nyholm (MC); Geoff Vincent, Sue Banting, Neicia Shaw

Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Carole Nicholls

Kidz@Church: In recess for school holidays.

Please make use of children's activities at the back of the church.

12 noon **The Angelus** in the Chapel

3.00pm **INDONESIAN SERVICE**

Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm **CONTEMPLATIVE**

SERVICE—Keith Dempster



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ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

The Feast of Matthew—21 September 2014

"In the story of the development of Western civilization, from around 2000BC, we begin to see the beginning of a new phase of evolution of human consciousness and a change of focus from a lunar to a solar mythology. The primary theme of lunar mythology is a cyclical process of birth, death, and regeneration. The theme of solar mythology is a great battle between light and darkness, good and evil. Whereas the focus of lunar culture is on an ensouled cosmos and mythic participation in the life of a Sacred Order, the focus of solar culture is on the conquest and mastery of nature, the development of the rational mind, and the differentiation of the outstanding individual from the tribal group.

One of the major features of the solar era is the change in the image of deity from Great Mother to Great Father. The image of God of the three Abrahamic religions portrays him as transcendent to and separate from creation. God is the *maker* of heaven and earth, whereas the Great Mother *was* heaven and earth. In this change of emphasis the essential identity between creator and creation is broken, and a fundamental duality is born from their separation. With separation came fear because death was no longer seen as leading to the renewal of life, as in the lunar era; it became final and terrifying, leading to the need for power and control over whatever aroused fear.

Solar mythology led ultimately to the idea of the holy war – the victory of the forces of good over evil – and to the idea that human sacrifice was justifiable and acceptable to God when it served the purposes of eradicating evil in the form of a designated enemy. Hence, the medieval onslaught of Christianity against Islam and the later efforts of the Christian Church to extirpate the 'evil' of heresy; hence Islam's belief in conquest in the name of Allah and its slaughter of the 'infidel'. Victory was the coveted prize bestowed by God and God was invoked by both sides to support the battle of 'good' against 'evil'.

Wherever today we hear the words 'good' and 'evil' mentioned in the context of a struggle between opposing forces, we may expect to find the old solar myth and an individual assuming the mantle of the solar hero and leading his people against the demon of darkness. We may also expect to find the ritual demonizing of an enemy and all the propaganda that accompanies the modern constellation of a battle between opposing forces.

As long as we are not conscious of the fissure within our own nature, and our catastrophic disconnection from the instinctual soul, we will be driven to seek out and attack an object on which to project our darkness."

from The Dream of the Cosmos: A Quest for the Soul, by Anne Baring

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SERVICES TODAY

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 in the Rutherford Room following the 10 am liturgy.

8.00am Eucharist

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Reader: Neil Nyholm
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Neil Nyholm
Euch. Asst. Keith Dempster

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Margaret Anderson
Noel Anderson
Cantor: Eleanor Forwood
Intercessor: Noela Manton
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
Geoff Vincent, Jenny Cook,
James Moorhouse
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Carole Nicholls

KIDZ@CHURCH: In recess for school holidays. Please make use of children's activities at the back of the church.

11.30am Open Forum

12 noon The Angelus

1.30pm Baptism in the Church

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation

Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm Contemplative Service

Keith Dempster

Readings for the day:

*Proverbs 3.1-6; Psalm 19.1-6;
Ephesians 4.1-14; Matthew 9. 9-13.*

TODAY OPEN FORUM

Everyone is welcome and warmly invited to participate in today's 'Open Forum' – **11.30am-12.30pm** in the Rutherford Room. This will be a conversation which I will chair. The agenda is open though, as advertised last Sunday, I will be keen to hear responses to the 2015 education and formation proposal. There will be no motions, nor is debate its aim – that's what Parish Council is quite properly set up to do. Rather, the aim is for us to hear each other, freed from the need to debate. There will be no 'minutes' – but the key points will be summarised and distributed to all afterwards. I will be very happy to answer any questions which are mine to answer, and I will be most grateful to hear from you about what matters. Though I should add that I do not intend this to be primarily a conversation with me - rather I envisage an atmosphere in which all of us are in conversation with each other. *David.*

CLARE is on leave returning on Sunday 5 October.

EMILY is on leave until 5 October.

JUDY MOORE is Acting Director of Music.

LITTLE SEEDS PLAYGROUP is in recess for the school holidays.

KIDZ@CHURCH is in recess for school holidays. Term 4 starts on 5 October.

THE PARISH COUNCIL September Report is with these notices and also on the table in the narthex.

DEADLINE FOR NOTICES in Contact—1pm Thursdays.

TOMORROW—COME TO HEAR DAVID FREEMAN of *David Freeman Antique Valuations* who will talk about **your** precious antique (not furniture or jewellery) on Monday 22 September at 2.15pm here in the Rutherford Room. Afternoon tea. An Anglicare Auxiliary meeting at 1.30pm will precede this talk. All donations to Anglicare. Enquiries to Marg Kelly.

NB As there are five Mondays in September please note that the above mentioned meeting is on the **fourth Monday**, 22 September, not the last Monday in the month.

MONSTER CLIMATE PETITION: Emeritus Professor Judith Brett, political scientist, historian and public commentator, has recently retired and has become involved in what she calls "a venture of political activism". With a group of distinguished women from across Australia she is promoting a petition to the House of Representatives urging **action on climate change**. They are seeking 300,000 signatures by early November. If you wish to sign the petition copies are available at the back of the church. The Monster Climate Petition takes its name from the 1891 Victorian monster suffragist petition. www.monsterclimatepetition.com.au tells all about the Petition and the people promoting it.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, May Albrecht, Howard Young, Clare Jardine, Rodney Oliver (Priest), Kathleen Loosli, Betsy Lober, Curzon William Millott, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FUTURE DATES

ST FRANCIS DAY & PET BLESSING SERVICE: 12 October at 10am.

PIZZA & QUIZ NIGHT—Friday 24 October at 7pm. Watch for more details.

ALL SAINTS— November 2 at 8am and 10am.

ALL SOULS—November 2—Requiem Eucharist at 7pm.

ANNUAL MEETING 23 November in Rutherford Room 11.30am. (Closing date for nominations for Wardens, Parish Council and Incumbency Committee is **Friday** 14 November at 12 noon.)