

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.

MONDAY 22 June

- 1.15pm** Anglicare Auxiliary meets in Rutherford Room
2.15pm Talk in Rutherford Room by Kuncoro Rusman—“Personal Journey of Faith”, followed by afternoon tea.

TUESDAY 23 June

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

WEDNESDAY 24 June

- 9.30am** Education Committee meets in Dempster Room
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel followed by BYO lunch in Dempster Room

THURSDAY 25 June

- 8.00pm** Thursday Study Group.

SATURDAY 27 June

- 9.00am-2pm** Melbourne Cursillo using Rutherford Room and Chapel.

NEXT SUNDAY - 28 June 2015

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Lam 3.22-33; Ps 30
2 Cor 8 (1-6) 7-15; Mk 5.21-43

8am EUCHARIST

President: David Moore
Preacher: Muriel Porter
Readers: Geoff Vincent
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Geoff Vincent
Euch. Asst. Keith Dempster

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

President: David Moore
Preacher: Muriel Porter
Deacon: Muriel Porter
Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm
Readers: Noel and Marg Anderson
Intercessor: TBA
Servers: Neicia Shaw (MC), Alison Asquith, James Moorhouse, Sue Banting
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Neicia Shaw

Kidz@Church In recess for school holidays. Children's activities at the back of the church.

3.00pm INDONESIAN CONGREGATION Kuncoro Rusman

Open forum after dinner

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE—Keith Dempster



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL FOURTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST—21 June 2015

My Dear Friends,

Today's dramatic gospel events take place after Jesus says to his disciples: "Let us go across to the other side." It is *necessary* to make a crossing, to the 'other side'. As we can see from the Hebrew Scriptures, the Divine Presence has always been calling people to make a crossing, to some kind of other side. The Divine Presence, the Spirit of the Living Christ, is still calling people to make a crossing, to the other side: to leave a known and familiar state or situation, to undergo the risky yet life-giving journey to the place as yet unknown which is life.

To not make the crossing is to get stuck, which amounts to spiritual stagnation, possibly even spiritual death. That is Jesus' emphatic charge against the spiritual leaders of his time.

During the crossing the disciples become terrified. They fear for their lives. Their reaction is both understandable, but also out of all proportion to the facts of the situation. The storm is fierce, yes. However, the Lord of Life is with them: they are not in fact perishing. They are gripped with an irrational and overwhelming fear. Their reaction is literally hysterical – out of control. Like those with demons in the story preceding this episode, the disciples have become possessed – possessed by the idea that they are losing everything, when in fact they have everything, the Divine Presence.

It is always a sure sign that deep, and possibly repressed, fears and anxieties have been triggered when our reactions are out of all proportion to the situation. When we react instantaneously, perhaps even aggressively, we are likely to be in the grip of powerful forces deep within us. We have literally become possessed. The outer waves are in truth a sign of an inner reality.

"Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?"

The Greek text distinguishes between two very different kinds of fear. Jesus' question exposes the kind of fear which is irrational and cowardly. By contrast, 'great awe' speaks of reverential fear, that which is aptly expressed by the writer of the letter to the Hebrews: "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." The first kind of fear is neurotic, timid, and backward-looking – it is from this form of possession that the Divine Presence liberates us through the crossing over, to the other side. Crossing over to 'other side' sponsors the healthy and necessary reverence before the Divine Presence, who is always leading us out of possession and into the fullness and liberty of life.

With my love, David

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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: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Reader: Graham & Elisabeth Pratt
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Graham Pratt

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Jonathan & Wendy Way
Intercessor: Noela Manton
Cantor: Kerry Pratt
Servers: Neil Nyholm
Jenny Cook
Robin Carter
Geoff Vincent
Euch. Assts: Sub-Deacon, Janice Wong
Kidz@Church: in recess for school holidays
Children's activities at the back of church

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm Contemplative Service - Keith Dempster

Readings of the Day

*Job 38: 1-11; Psalm 107.1-3, 23-32,
2 Corinthians 6.1-13, Mark 4.35-41*

A COMTEMPLATIVE COMMUNITY—a proposal to enrich and develop the parish's core mission—**stimulating spiritual vitality**. The front page of last week's Contact contained information about this proposal and also a brochure with a response form. Copies are available on the table in the narthex. We are keen to hear from everyone so please complete the response form or send a letter by Sunday 28 June in preparation for the next open conversation—11.30am Sunday 5 July and the July Parish Council Meeting. An open invitation continues to be extended to anyone who would like to participate in the discussion and planning group working on this proposal—speak with David.

MAKING CONTACT: Do you have an email address that you have not provided to the parish office, or have you recently changed yours? If so - and if you are willing to be contacted by the parish office via email on important matters - please send an email to office@stjohnscamberwell.org.au.

ANGLICARE AUXILIARY; The next meeting will be held **TOMORROW** Monday, June 22 at 2.15pm in the Rutherford Room. The speaker will be our own Kuncoro Rusman and he will give an account of his own personal journey of faith. This promises to be inspirational. All are welcome and please join us for afternoon tea after the talk. The talk will be preceded by an auxiliary meeting at 1.15pm.

“BEST OF BRITISH” WINTER DINNER

A night not to be missed!
mark this date in your diary now.

Friday 24 July—7.00 for 7.30pm.

Come ready for a fun and entertaining Best of British evening—supporting the work of Nungalinga College, Darwin.

British menu, entertainment, prizes, silent auction and more...

Donations of new goods, talents or cash to contribute to our silent auction are welcome.

Tickets on sale from Sunday 28 June
\$40 per head including drinks (sorry, no byo)
- Dress code: “Best of British”.

WINTER DINNER DONATIONS: I am in need of donations of full bottles for a novelty game at this year's Winter Dinner. Suggestions: wine, liqueur or tomato sauce etc - the choice is yours! Please leave at the church office or call Neicia Shaw 9836 2232.

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 David as soon as possible.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God Arthur Kidder, Anne Ross, Kathleen Blackham, Alice Galbraith, Samuel Quick, Hugh Rutter, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MORNING TEA ROSTER: Diana Azzopardi would like some more volunteers to join the morning tea and vacuuming roster once per month after the 10 am service on Sundays. Please contact Diana.

THIS NEWSLETTER: “Contact” is our primary means of communicating within our parish community. Each week Contact is posted on the parish website. We endeavour to print sufficient hard copies each week so as to have enough not only for everyone at our 4 liturgies on a Sunday, and those unable to be here, but also for those who venture into the church building during the week. Please do take your copy of Contact home. And rather than throw away surplus copies, please leave them on the narthex table for those who may be seeking and searching.

FUTURE DATES

Anglicare Auxiliary — Monday 22 June— talk at 2.15pm by Kuncoro Rusman, in the Rutherford Room.

3pm Open Forum after Dinner –Sunday 28 June in the Rutherford Room

10am Open Forum after Eucharist— Sunday 5 July in the Rutherford Room

Refugee & Asylum Seekers Group—Parish Meeting in Rutherford Room, **Friday 10 July at 11am** with Misha Coleman, Executive Officer, Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce.

The Winter Dinner— “Best of British” - **Friday 24 July—7.00 for 7.30pm.** Tickets on sale from 28 June.