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4th Sunday *in* Advent
22 December 2019

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

PARISH WORKING BEE

Thanks to all who helped with the Working Bee yesterday in the church, A great deal was done to help make the church look even more gorgeous for Christmas! *Well done team!*

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Parishioners are invited to donate to the cost of celebratory flowers for Christmas. Donations can be put in the container at the back of the Church or handed in to the Office on weekdays. Enquiries to Wendy Way

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?*

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

A number from the Parish will be joining for Christmas lunch, and if you would like to join in, you would be most welcome in the Rutherford Room on Christmas Day. Please put your name on the board at the rear of the church or at Morning Tea. Perhaps you may wish to bring a savoury or sweet to share. Call Keith Dempster for further information.

JOIN FOR LUNCH ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

And, a number from the Parish will also be joining for lunch on New Year's Day, and if you would like to join in, you would be most welcome in the Rutherford Room. Please put your name on the board at the rear of the church or at Morning Tea. Perhaps you may wish to bring a savoury or sweet to share. Call Keith Dempster for further information.

SONGS FROM A STRANGE LAND - ADVENT CALENDAR

Join with others in the parish in prayer and reflection during Advent, utilising a new ABM App '*Songs from a Strange Land*'. With scripture readings, quotes, photographs, poems, cartoons and songs to take you from Advent to Epiphany, it has a particular emphasis on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christianity, the Australian landscape and Creation theology. Download to your phone or copies of the accompanying book are available from the Vicar.

CAN YOU HELP WITH MORNING TEA? Help is needed to set-up and serve morning tea after Sunday services. Offering hospitality to visitors and parishioners if one great ministries of the church. Call Diana Azzopardi for further information.

ANGLICAN CHRISTMAS CARDS Anglicare Christmas cards are available after worship each Sunday from Ann Darlington or from the office during office hours. The cards are lovely and all the profits go to support the good work of Anglicare.

ANGLICARE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you for your wonderful response Mission House staff are very grateful for your support for the families they help at this time of the year with gifts and festive food.

WEEKLY MEDITATION

Join for Meditation in the Chapel each Tuesday at 4.00pm. No experience necessary!

DECEMBER - JANUARY PRAYER JOURNAL The Journal of Scripture & Prayer for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany is available today. Please take a copy.

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

DECEMBER - JANUARY OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed from 3pm on Christmas Eve. It will reopen at 10am on Thursday 30 January 2020. Clergy will be in attendance during January and the phone will be monitored.

'THANK YOU' FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

A big 'Thank you!' to everyone at St John's for all the help given to me throughout the year in the office and for many kindnesses shown. I am very appreciative. *Dawn Sullivan.*

TODAY SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER 2019

Fourth Sunday in Advent

8.00am EUCHARIST

Presider: John Baldock

Preacher: Colleen Clayton

Reader: Bruce Sanderson

Intercessor: Geoff Vincent

Server: Geoff Vincent

Eucharistic Asst: Geoff Vincent

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Colleen Clayton

Preacher: Colleen Clayton

Deacon: John Baldock

Sub-Deacon: Ross Smith

Readers: Verona Lea, Sue Keogh

Intercessor: Keith Dempster

Servers: Geoff Vincent (MC), Alison Asquith, Robin Carter, Hans Ferdinands

Eucharistic Asst: Sub Deacon, Verona Lea

For children: *Please make use of activities at the back of the Church*

6.00pm SERVICE OF THE LIGHT

Lections of the Day

Isaiah 7: 10-16 | Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

Romans 1: 1-7 | Matthew 1: 18-25

NEXT SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER 2019

First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 63: 7-9 | Psalm 148;

Hebrews 2:10-18 | Matthew 2: 13-23

8.00am EUCHARIST

Presider: John Baldock

Preacher: John Baldock

Reader: Geoff Vincent

Intercessor: Keith Dempster

Server: Hans Ferdinands

Eucharistic Asst: Hans Ferdinands

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Colleen Clayton

Preacher: John Baldock

Deacon: Colleen Clayton

Sub-Deacon: Geoff Vincent

Readers: Kerry Pratt, Tetty Hutagalung

Intercessor: Lyle Gurrin

Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Tetty Hutagalung,

Alison Asquith, Annette Holland, Robin Carter

Eucharistic Asst: Sub Deacon, Keith Dempster

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

Tuesday 24 December – Christmas Eve

12 noon	Eucharist in the Chapel
11.00 pm	Carols
11.30 pm	Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25 December – Christmas Day

8.00 am	Eucharist
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist

PARISH EVENTS IN JANUARY

Wednesday 1 January

12 noon

Naming and Circumcision of Jesus – Eucharist

There will be no Eucharist & Curry in January.

Tuesday Eucharists at 12 noon will continue throughout January.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

MEDITATION: *Mary and Joseph...*

Blessed Woman,
Excellent Man,
Redeem for the dull the
Average Way,
That common ungifted
Natures may
Believe that their normal
Vision can
Walk to perfection.

W. H. Auden

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritise the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

YEAR'S MIND

We remember before God, Rodney Gillam, Megan Tarry, Fenton Mattingley, Leon Moore, Edward Bradshaw, Christine Petrie, Ronald Paterson, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

JOAN WEST RIP

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Elizabeth Joan West. Joan was a faithful member of St John's until she moved to Kew and joined Holy Trinity Parish. She continued, however, as a committee member and active worker for St John's Anglicare Partnership Group. Her valuable service and commitment to Anglicare will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, Joan, and rise in glory!



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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