

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

MONDAY 23 June

- 1.30pm** Anglicare Auxiliary meets in Rutherford Room
2.15pm Talk in the Rutherford Room by Dr Liz Rushen about her book "*Bishops court Melbourne*"

TUESDAY 24 June

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

WEDNESDAY 25 June

- 9.00am** Education Committee meets in Dempster Room
9.30am Little Seeds Playgroup (Last session for term 2)
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel
12.15pm BYO Lunch in Dempster Room
1.30pm Bp Perry Institute meeting in the Dempster Room

OUR CAR PARK: Parishioners are asked to display on the dashboard a laminated parish authorisation (available from the office) or leave a note on the dashboard to clearly identify your car as a parish vehicle.

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NEXT SUNDAY - 29 June 2014

Feast of St Peter and St Paul
Genesis 22. 1-14; Psalm 13;
Romans 6. 12-23; Matthew 10. 40-42

8am EUCHARIST

- President:** David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Reader: Ross Smith
Intercessor: Clergy
Server: Ross Smith
Euch. Asst. Ross Smith

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

- President:** Emily Fraser
Preacher: David Moore
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Readers: Adrienne Bolch
Sub-Deacon
Intercessor: Keith Wilkins
Servers: Neicia Shaw, Neil Nyholm, Sue Banting, James Moorhouse
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Keith Wilkins
Kidz@Church: In recess for school holidays.
Please make use of activities at the back of the church.

12.00 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

3.00pm INDONESIAN

CONGREGATION: Preacher TBA

4.00pm CONFESSING OUR FAITH

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
Second Sunday after Pentecost — 22 June 2014

It is profoundly disturbing when someone we think we know starts speaking or acting in a way which seems out of character, in a manner which seems dissonant to the way in which we expect them to act or would like them to act. Today's Gospel passage contains one of those moments.

Jesus – the man whose love and peacefulness has shown forth through his compassion, his healing ministry and the way in which he has gently yet constantly taught and guided his disciples – makes the startling announcement that the disciples should “not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.”

Jesus declares that he comes to divide, and not just into groups or factions, even families will divide against one another – son against father, daughter against mother, and that's not even including the in-laws ...

So what can we make of this? What message do we receive from Jesus, and what do we do with this?

When we look at the passages which follow, known as passages of commission and preparation for ministry, where Jesus speaks to his disciples about the difficult and hard path their lives would follow – paths which would lead them to death as martyrs – it all begins with Jesus beholding the crowds gathered to hear him, and being moved with compassion for them ‘for they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd’ (Matthew 9:36).

But the English translation gives us a rather shallow reflection of Jesus' emotional response to the people. The original Greek word, *esplagchnisthe* (εσπλαγχνισθη) from the verb *splagchnizomai* (σπλαγχνιζομαι), means literally ‘to be moved to one's guts’, the *splagchna* (σπλαγχνα). Jesus' response to human need is a visceral response, one which is deep and loving and overflowing with compassion and mercy, and that gives him the courage to speak not what the disciples want him to say, but what they need to hear.

So even Jesus' difficult declaration is born from an act of love, mysterious and strange, and wonderful.

Thanks be to God.

Emily Fraser

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 liturgy.

8.00am Eucharist

Presider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Reader: Keith Dempster
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Hans Ferdinands

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Deacon: Emily Fraser
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Neil and Cynthia Nyholm
Intercessor: Noela Manton
Cantor: Naomi Lee
Servers: Neil Nyholm (MC)
Jenny Cook, Geoff Vincent,
Neicia Shaw
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Jenny Cook

KIDZ@CHURCH: Clare Tomasov (Last session for Term 2)

11.30 to 12 noon Winter Dinner Committee meeting

12 noon The Angelus

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation— The Revd. Apwee Ting

4.00pm “Confessing our Faith” - Dempster Room

6.00pm Contemplative Service

Readings for the day:
Genesis 21. 8-21; Psalm 86. 1-10, 16-17;
Romans 6. 1-11; Matthew 10. 24-39

PASCHAL CANDLE: The Paschal Candle, extinguished on Pentecost Sunday, remains at the Font until the Last Sunday before Lent, lit for baptisms, funerals, and the major feasts.

HEARING THE WORD

The hearing of sacred scripture is an encounter with a living Word. It is also a communal enterprise: the gathered people of God *together* listen as one as the lector (reader) reads from the sacred texts; we stand when the book of the gospels is processed into the assembly; we turn to face the reading of the gospel. Listening for the living Word is a spiritual practice. The mind is engaged, of course, but not as though one was listening for the ‘facts’ in a news report. The hearing of Scripture is primarily an inner attentiveness – requiring the hearing of the heart. This kind of hearing is greatly enhanced when we gather at the Eucharist having already meditated upon the lections in the week before our gathering. Scripture references for the current and the next Sunday are given in ‘Contact’ each week to enable us to prepare ourselves to break open the Word. The weekly liturgy booklet does not include the scripture texts, but copies of the lections are available each Sunday on the table near the Font.

TODAY—11.30am to 12.00pm. ALL WINTER DINNER COMMITTEE MEMBERS— Final meeting before the Winter Dinner— Your continued support is appreciated. Enquiries: Neicia Shaw 9836 2232.

'CONFESSING OUR FAITH': 'This afternoon's topic: 'Belief and Disbelief'; next Sunday's topic (the final session): 'We believe...'. Casual attenders welcome: \$10 each.

DR LIZ RUSHEN will speak about her new book, *Bishopscourt Melbourne: Official residence and family home*, **TOMORROW**, Monday 23 June at 2.15pm in the Rutherford Room. This will be preceded by an Anglicare Auxiliary Meeting at 1.30pm, in the Rutherford Room.

EXPLORING FAITH: If you're interested in preparing for baptism, confirmation, reception into the Church or making a re-affirmation of faith, you're invited to join 'Exploring Faith' to reflect on that journey with others. Two discussion and information sessions will be held on July 13th, at 11:45am and 5.15pm. All are welcome. For more details, see the leaflet 'Exploring Faith', or speak to Father David or Mother Emily.

WELCOME TO ITALY!

This is our 2014 Winter Dinner theme. A night not to be missed—mark this date in your diary now **25/7/14**. Tickets on sale as from Tuesday 1st July either through the Church Office or after the 10.00am services on the following Sundays.

New goods or talents for the silent auction are now open to be received. Contact Neicia Shaw neicia@nsproject.com.au.

USED TERRACOTTA PLANT POTS—10 or 12 of these (120mm in diameter) are needed for the Winter Dinner. Please bring to the church or speak with Neicia.

BOOKS: St John's Annual Booksale: The date is Saturday 30 August - Mark your diary and start sorting those books now!

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Arthur Kidder, Anne Ross, Kathleen Blackham, Alice Galbraith, Samuel Quick, George Willis, and William Algar, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THE FLOWERS in the church today are given by Diana Azzopardi in loving memory of George Howard.

WI-FI POLICY: This is presently being worked on for the Parish and any contributions or suggestions towards the drafting of this policy will be most welcome. Please email to the Vicar.

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP? As well as the assistance you give to Anglicare by bringing groceries, we do offer help to those in the community who come to our door needing food. The calls have been increasing, so the “local” shelf in the cupboard is looking bare at present. Needed are small ringpull cans of tuna, salmon, sardines, meat, vegetables or tomatoes, fruit in snack packs, soup (sachets or ringpull cans or cup-of-soup), noodles (two minute noodles or packs to which you add boiling water), dry biscuits (especially those with two or three separate packs in the box); breakfast cereals (small packs). If you can assist please bring goods to church on Sundays or to the office during the week. All help given is greatly appreciated.

FUTURE DATES

WINTER DINNER: 7 for 7.30pm— Friday 25 July.

BOOKSALE—Saturday 30 August.

BP. BARBARA'S FINAL VISIT: 10am Sunday 17 August.