

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

MONDAY 24 March

- 1.30pm** Anglicare Auxiliary meets in Rutherford Room
2.15pm Fr. David Moore speaks in the Rutherford Room: *Coincidence of opposites: reflections on faith and life.* All welcome.

TUESDAY 25 March

- 12.00noon** Eucharist in the Chapel
12.40pm Staff meeting in Dempster Room
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting in Dempster Room
7.30pm Ecumenical Studies—3rd Session
Venue: St John's

WEDNESDAY 26 March

- 9.30am** Education Committee meets in Dempster Room
9.30am Playgroup in Rutherford Room
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel
12.15pm BYO Lunch in the Dempster Room
1.00pm ADFAS Church Recorders in Church and Rutherford Room Annex
1.30pm Bp. Perry Inst. Training Committee in Dempster Room
4.30pm Wardens meet in Dempster Room

NEXT SUNDAY - 30 March

*Lent 4 : Mothering Sunday
1 Samuel 16.1-13; Psalm 23;
Ephesians 5. 8-14; John 9. 1-41*

8.00am EUCHARIST

- Presider:** Emily Fraser
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Reader: Keith Dempster
Intercessor: Neil Nyholm
Server: Neil Nyholm
Euch. Asst. Keith Dempster

10.00noon SUNG EUCHARIST

- Presider:** David Moore
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Readers: Carole Nicholls; John Manton
Intercessor: Noela Manton
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
Sue Banting
Robin Carter
Euch. Assts. John Manton; Carole Nicholls
Kidz@Church: Sue Pratt, Debbie Pratt and Wendy Way

12.00 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

3.00pm INDONESIAN : Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE



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ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

Lent 3—23 March 2014

My Dear Friends,

In his poem 'Emerging', the Welsh Anglican priest R S Thomas considers the relationship between God, prayer, and the evolving human consciousness. What is prayer? What is prayer as we grow up? Lent's 40 day frame is an invitation to examine our prayer, and our own growing up. Thomas reckons that prayer is not aimed at a return, but a forward and upward movement of the spirit - an annihilation of difference even! This task requires an entire lifetime's experimentation. Each year 40 days are set aside as Lenten laboratory of the spirit. Blessed experimenting!

With my love, David

Not as in the old days I pray,
God. My life is not what it was.
Yours, too, accepts the presence of
the machine? Once I would have asked
healing. I go now to be doctored,
to drink sinlessly of the blood
of my brother, to lend my flesh
as manuscript of the great poem
of the scalpel. I would have knelt
long, wrestling with you, wearing
you down. Hear my prayer, Lord, hear
my prayer. As though you were deaf, myriads
of mortals have kept up their shrill
cry, explaining your silence by
their unfitness.

It begins to appear
this is not what prayer is about.
It is the annihilation of difference,
the consciousness of myself in you,
of you in me; the emerging
from the adolescence of nature
into the adult geometry
of the mind. I begin to recognise
you anew, God of form and number.
There are questions we are the solution
to, others whose echoes we must expand
to contain. Circular as our way
is, it leads not back to that snake-haunted
garden, but onward to the tall city
of glass that is the laboratory of the spirit.

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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 lunch following the liturgy in the Rutherford Room.

N.B. No 10am or 3pm Service today. Instead the congregations will join for a combined Eucharist at 12 noon followed by lunch.

8.00am EUCHARIST

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

11.45am The Angelus

12 noon EUCHARIST— Combined Congregations

Presider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Keith Wilkins
Readers: TBA
Intercessor: Keith Wilkins
Cantor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Jenny Cook (MC)
Neicia Shaw
James Moorhouse
Euch. Assts. TBA

KIDZ@CHURCH (combined) Clare Tomasov

*Lent 3—Readings
Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95;
Romans 5.1-11; John 4. 5-42*

6.00pm This Evening: Contemplative Service

HOLY WEEK: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—8pm—Spend some time at the cross of Christ, quietly and contemplatively.

EASTER 3 DAYS

Holy Thursday 17 April— 8pm
Good Friday 18 April— 2pm
Easter Vigil 20 April— 6am*
***NB: EASTER VIGIL AT 6AM**
followed by champagne breakfast.

See **Paschal Mystery: resources for Lent-Easter** for full Holy Week details.

ASYLUM SEEKERS, REFUGEES & ANGLICANS Today's Contact includes a document which you will recognise from Lent 1. However, we are inserting it again because the document has been given the revised title: "Fact Sheet". This document sets out the many and various ways in which Anglicans in the Diocese, the Province, and in this parish have been expressing pastoral and practical support for asylum seekers and refugees. It does not claim to express an opinion, but sets out the facts. Some of us may well be surprised by the sheer scale and extent of the Anglican Church's engagement on these matters. Along with Parish Council, I am grateful for the work of the parish group, led by Helen Howells, which has brought all this to our attention, in such a clear, objective, and concise form. I am sure that it will be of great benefit as an aid to our prayers and reflections on the difficult matter at hand.
Fr David

RECOMMENDED READING

Paschal Mystery: Resources for Lent-Easter.

A guide for the season is available today.
Please take a copy.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEETING is on today at **10am**. Enquiries Neicia Shaw : Neicia@nsproject.com.au

ANGLICARE AUXILIARY: TOMORROW, Monday 24 March at 2.15pm in the Rutherford Room, come to hear our first speaker for the year—our vicar, Fr. David Moore. The Title for his talk is: Coincidence of opposites: reflections on faith and life. All welcome .
Prior to the talk, there will be a meeting of the Auxiliary at 1.30pm in the Rutherford Room.

ECUMENICAL LENT STUDIES —

All are welcome to join with the Camberwell Catholic and Uniting parishes for this study series: 7.30pm Tuesdays 25th March (St John's), 1st (UCA), 8th April (OLV). Study booklets are available on the Narthex table, and through the parish office. Hosting of the sessions will be shared by the three churches. —**St John's on 25 March.** If you would like to assist on this occasion contact Dawn Sullivan in the parish office.

MOTHERING SUNDAY—30 March — There is a **BBQ** and everyone is welcome to come after church, from 12.00noon onwards. Anderson Park, Anderson Street, Hawthorn East. Meet near the playground in Widford Street, it's near the tennis courts, Mel Ref 59 G3. **BYO:** Food for BBQ, cricket bats, etc. Any questions, please speak to Clare.

PALM SUNDAY WALK FOR REFUGEES: With so many in the congregation concerned for the plight of asylum-seekers, it would be good if we could field a group to take part in the "Walk for Justice for Refugees" that starts at the State Library at 2pm on Palm Sunday, 13 April. Please speak to Muriel Porter if you are interested.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Desma Hansford, Harry Gray, Dell Goodenough, Roma Sell, Albert Taylor and Florence Creaton, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ANNIVERSARY : On April 6, the date that marks six years since our Indonesian Congregation made St John's its home, **all are invited** to the 3pm service on that day and to the meal which follows.

DIARY NOTE: Daylight Saving ends in Victoria on Sunday 6 April. Clocks are turned back by one hour.

ANGLICAN OVERSEAS AID (AOA) thanks parishioners at St John's for continued support. A copy of its Annual Report is available for perusal at the back of the church.

FUTURE DATES

ECUMENICAL LENT STUDIES

Tuesdays March 25th (StJ's), and April 1st (UCA) and 8th (OLV)

PARISH RETREAT: 4th-6th April. Brochures available.

ANNIVERSARY: April 6—Indonesian Congregation—6 years at St John's. 3pm Service followed by meal.

APRIL 26: 5pm—Inter-faith event being held by Indonesian Congregation—dialogue between speakers from Christian, Muslim and Buddhist traditions.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL: 4 May—10am only—followed by lunch. Preacher: Canon Dr Colleen O'Reilly. **NB: No 8am** this day.

'CONFESSING THE FAITH' COURSE, commences 11 May at 4pm—continues on Sundays at 4pm for 9 weeks.

ASCENSION DAY: 29 May—6.30pm

TAIZÉ CBD LENTEN PRAYERS: 7pm Saturday 29 March-Wesley Uniting Church, 148 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. Focus is on 15 to 35 age group.