

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

TUESDAY 25 November.

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

WEDNESDAY 26 November

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

THURSDAY 27 November

6.30 for 7pm Men's Dinner in Rutherford Room

SATURDAY 29 November

10.00am Fundraising Committee Planning meeting in Parish Centre.
7.00pm Indonesian Band Practice

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.trinity.edu.au/theology, or contact the Registrar, Dr Peter Campbell on (03) 9348 7127 or tcts@trinity.unimelb.edu.au

NEXT SUNDAY - 30 November, 2014

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80. 1-7, 17-19;
1 Corinthians 1.1-9; Mark 13. 24-37

8am EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Reader: Gillian Forwood
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Hans Ferdinands

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: David Moore
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Don Heath, Glenis Heath
Intercessor: Andrew Porter
Servers: Neil Nyholm (MC)
Robin Carter, Sue Banting,
Neicia Shaw
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, Neicia Shaw
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov, Alicia Palfreeman

11.30am Asylum Seeker & Refugee Support Group meets in Dempster Room

12 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

3.00pm INDONESIA—Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE—Keith Dempster



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

Feast of the Reign of Christ—23 November 2014

My Dear Friends,

The Christian vision – and especially the vision set before us on this Feast of the Reign of Christ – rejects the argument that life is merely random. The symbol of Christ reigning over all creation – which is of course a thoroughly monarchical symbol, arising in a patriarchal and monarchical first century Ancient Near East – is the very reverse of randomness. The creation, far from being merely random, is highly purposeful. There is direction, a goal, a fulfilment.

The gospel parable of the last judgement explicitly places purposefulness, direction, and outcome at the centre of human existence. Those who gave the hungry food, welcomed the stranger, clothed the naked, healed the sick, and visited the prisoner may not have realised that they were serving Christ – but this indicates only their lack of awareness, of consciousness. Those who did *not* feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, and so on may not have realised they were failing to serve Christ – but this too only indicates their lack of consciousness. In the moral-ethical domain, to behave in a manner which ignores the plight of the poor, the weak and marginalised does in fact have meaning.

In the Christian vision this purposefulness is attenuated to maximum dimensions – to nothing less than a cosmic scale! Our tradition's symbols of final judgement, eschaton, New Jerusalem, and so on, these boldly claim that there is nothing in all creation which can be called 'random'. The whole of creation, in that tremendous metaphor of St Paul, is groaning in its travail to its completion, fulfilment.

There is a challenge in our time to reimagine Christ the reigning saviour not as one whose universal power over creation is primarily seen in an extrinsic and juridical manner. Rather, 'Christ the Evolver', Christ as sign of the highest development, the consummation of human consciousness, who physically and literally ... fills all things.

Our task, then, is to willingly, hopefully and joyfully undergo the heroic quest of the evolution of consciousness for meaning and purpose in human life, in the whole of life. Human dignity and evolution is best served when life's suffering and hardship finds purpose and meaning, and when the individual meaning finds its place within the context of the whole of life. This cosmic scale of the Body of Christ is proclaimed and enacted every time we make Eucharist – every time we share in the Body of Christ – we are participating in the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

With my love, David

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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
Readers: Pamela Bowen & Oliver Beaumont
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Keith Dempster

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Reader: Ross Smith
Intercessor: Barbara Fary
Cantor: Greg Lee
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
Geoff Vincent, Jenny Cook,
Sue Banting
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Penny Galbraith
KIDZ@CHURCH: Liz Pratt, Janice Wong

11.30am Annual Meeting in the Rutherford Room. (If you did not get a copy of the Annual Report last week it is available today. Please take a copy.)

12 noon The Angelus

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation
David Moore

6.00pm Contemplative Service
Keith Dempster

Readings for the Day

The Reign of Christ
Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100;
Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25. 31-46.

ANNUAL MEETING - 23 NOVEMBER NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIONS

People's Wardens: (2 positions)

Noela Manton
John Lester

Parish Council: (up to 6 positions)

Glenis Heath
Lucky Kalonta
Alicia White
Jascha Gunawan
Natasha Bolch
Andrew Porter
Noela Manton

Incumbency Committee: (2 positions)

Ross Smith
Georgina Porter

PREPARING FOR ADVENT

Two resource booklets are available today. 'Advent-Christmas-Epiphany: a guide to the season' is enclosed in Contact. Copies of 'Taking Advent Home' are available in the Narthex.

ADVENT QUIET MORNING

Saturday 13 December 8.30am to 12.30pm, in the church and parish centre. Led by Fr David. All are welcome and invited to enjoy this half day of silence, prayer, and reflection. Tea and coffee will be available.

JOURNAL OF SCRIPTURE & PRAYER:

The Journal for Advent to CandleMass - 30 November to 1st February - is available today. Please take a copy.

AN OCCASIONAL MEN'S DINNER is on Thursday, 27th November, 6.30 for 7.00 pm. Please RSVP your intention to attend by adding your name to the list at the rear of the church or emailing to office@stjohnscamberwell.org.au by 25th November. Cost: \$20 at the door. Feel free to bring a friend. Enquiries to Kerry Pratt - kerry.pratt@monash.edu

The speaker is Prof. Peter Darvall AO - The Topic "The Life and Legacy of General Sir John Monash".

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE planning meeting—Saturday 29 November 10am.

THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP—

BYO Lunch to a Meeting Monday December 1 at 12 pm in the Dempster Room. RSVP Liz Pratt liz@pratt.id.au

FEAST OF SAINT NICHOLAS:

Everyone is invited to a 30 minute Eucharist in the Chapel followed by making care parcels for Mission House and a sausage sizzle. Saturday December 6, starting in the Chapel at 5.00pm. Dinner: BBQ/sausage sizzle at church. Please bring salad/dessert to share. BYO drinks. Care Parcels: Please bring non-perishable food items for making care packages – eg. Light fruit cake, treats, snacks. Speak to Clare for more information.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Leonie Jowett, Marian Morris, Elsa Hulme, Jean Mills, Ruth Daley, Jessie Colenso, Ruth Wetherell, Frank Woods (Bishop), Landells (Bob) Summerbell, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ANGLICARE CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL:

Please keep in mind the need for Christmas fare for the needy. Anglicare's target is 700-- and that's a lot of hampers.

Toy and gift appeal continues for young children and teenagers. Anglicare asks that toys and gifts are new and unwrapped.

Please bring to church on Sundays or to the office during office hours. *Thank you.*

FUTURE DATES

MEN'S DINNER: Thursday 27 November 6.30 for 7.00pm. Rutherford Room

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE Planning meeting 10am Saturday 29 November

**ASYLUM SEEKER & REFUGEE
SUPPORT GROUP** Nov. 30—11.30am.

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S BYO Lunch— meets on Monday 1 December at 12 noon.

ADVENT—CHRISTMAS 2014

Sunday 30 November

Saturday 6 December

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Sunday 7 December

Saturday 13 December

Saturday 20 December

Tuesday 23 December

Wednesday 24 December

Advent 1—Blessing of Advent Wreath.

Advent Quiet Day 10am-3pm Carmelite Centre Melbourne.

5pm Feast of St Nicholas in the Chapel followed by "Making Care Parcels" and meal in Rutherford Room.

7.30pm Ecumenical Carols at Camberwell Uniting Church.

Advent Quiet Morning—Church and Parish Centre

5pm Indonesian Celebration

10am Christingle making in the Rutherford Room.

Christmas Eve in the Church

5.00pm Christingle Service

11.00pm Carols

11.30pm Christmas Mass

Thursday 25 December

Christmas Day

9.00am Sung Eucharist