

## 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 24 August

- 1.15pm** Anglicare Auxiliary meets in Rutherford Room  
**2.15pm** A talk in the Rutherford Room given by Diana Cerini entitled, "I'm still here - and still in control."

### TUESDAY 25 August

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

### WEDNESDAY 26 August

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

### THURSDAY 27 August

- 11.00am** The Funeral of Mrs Beryl Philips in the Church.

**ANGLICAN FAMILY CAMP 2016—THE LONG WEEKEND CAMP AND CONFERENCE—11-14 March 2016.—Phillip Island.** Organised by St John's Anglican Church East Malvern, The Long Weekend has gathered a group of wonderful teachers and presenters who will **stimulate and encourage participants of all ages.** People from a number of parishes across Melbourne join in. See noticeboard or the brochure.

## NEXT SUNDAY - 30 August 2015

Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15;  
James 1.17-27; Mark 7.1-8, 14-23

### 8am EUCHARIST

- Presider:** David Moore  
**Preacher:** David Moore  
**Reader:** Pamela Bowen, Oliver Beaumont  
**Intercessor:** Hans Ferdinands  
**Server:** Hans Ferdinands  
**Euch. Asst.** Hans Ferdinands

### 10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

- Presider:** David Moore  
**Preacher:** David Moore  
**Deacon:** Kuncoro Rusman  
**Sub-Deacon:** Cynthia Nyholm  
**Readers:** Glenis Heath, Brian Porter  
**Intercessor:** Noela Manton  
**Servers:** Geoff Vincent (MC)

Jenny Cook, Robin Carter, Sue Banting

**Euch. Assts.** Sub-Deacon, Jenny Cook

**Kidz@Church:** David Moore, Clare Tomasov

### 3.00pm INDONESIAN CONGREGATION—Kuncoro Rusman

### 4.00pm Experiencing Christian Faith—Dempster Room. Second Session of Four

### 6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE—Keith Dempster



# CONTACT

## ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost—23 August 2015

My Dear Friends,

Today's gospel is the culmination of the Lectionary's five week long 'Year of Mark' diversion into the Gospel of John. John's chapter six, the 'bread of life discourse', ends today - bluntly. "This teaching is hard, who can accept it?" The crowds, initially so enthusiastic, walk away. Even "many of his disciples turned back and no longer went with him." Only the 'twelve' remain – and even they will all betray him!

The teaching of Jesus will not change the world by filling football stadiums with titillated crowds – whose enthusiasm is self-centred superficiality. If we latter-day disciples could grasp this liberating evangelical fact we would not be so anxious and fear-filled about the future of our religious institutions. For the mass-minded unconsciousness of religious spectacle (chillingly like the mass hysteria of football crowds and Nuremberg rallies) does not transform the world into 'living bread'. "Does this offend you?" "Do you also wish to go away?" Peter's honesty has no doubt encouraged generations of struggling and dispirited disciples: "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life."

You must eat me – this is the hard teaching of Jesus. You can think what you like about me, he says to us. You can quote all the Scriptures which gesture towards me. You can feel group solidarity with the masses who mistake the truth about me for the superficial warmth of mere spectacle. But all this is spiritual short-cut. This is not me. If you desire me, he tells us, you must eat me. "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them."

Does this teaching offend you? "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" John's chapter six magnificently exposes the literalist error – which so besets and corrodes Christianity in our time. The inner truth of Jesus' teaching can only be grasped with the symbolic imagination. Eating is about assimilating. If you desire me, he says, you must assimilate me, you must chew on my flesh so that it becomes your flesh - so that you yourselves become my flesh.

St Augustine of Hippo grasped this when he declared to those coming to receive communion: 'Say Amen to what you are!' St Irenaeus of Lyon got it, when he taught that 'Christ became as we are, that he might make us what he is.' As the ordinary matter of bread and wine is transformed into the Real Presence of Christ at the Altar, so is the disciple to be transformed at the Altar, into Real Presence as his living Body, who all share in the one bread. At every Eucharist we are to be so transformed at the Altar: to be taken, blessed, broken, and given.

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 lunch in the Rutherford Room following the 12 noon liturgy.

### 8.00am Eucharist

Presider: David Moore  
Preacher: David Moore  
Reader: Keith Dempster  
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands  
Server: Hans Ferdinands  
Euch. Asst. Hans Ferdinands

### 12.00noon One-Parish Eucharist

Presider: David Moore  
Preacher: David Moore  
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman  
Sub-Deacon: John Manton  
MC: Ross Smith  
Cruicifer: Geoff Vincent  
Acolytes: James Moorhouse  
Christian Mundung  
Organist: David Byrne  
Band: Radit Gunawan, Ben Kalla,  
Indra Karmawan, Rama  
Rusman, Arielle Rusman.  
Cantor: Ben Sharrock  
Readers: Verona Lea, Christine Hetharia  
Intercessors: Muriel Porter, Sue Lengkong  
Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Norma Powell  
PA System: Neil Nyholm  
Welcomers: Ann Darlington, John Bortoli,  
Margaret Kelly, Rick Kelly  
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov  
Nora Manurung

**4.00pm Experiencing Christian  
Faith in Dempster Room**  
**6.00pm Contemplative Service**

### Readings for the Day

*Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34;  
Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69*

**A CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNITY:** a proposal to enrich and develop the parish's core mission, stimulating spiritual vitality. All information is available on the parish website and in the narthex. At the recent Open Forum The Reverend Jasmine Dow, Noel Carter Associate Lecturer in Practical Theology at Trinity College Theological School and ABM Education Officer, spoke about her experience in a contemplative community based at the parish of St John's Reid, Canberra. A summary of that forum is available on the table in the narthex.

**PARISH RETREAT 2016 - ADVANCE NOTICE:** Next year's retreat will be held from Friday (evening) 4 to Sunday (afternoon) 6 March, at Santa Casa Retreat House Queenscliffe. The Retreat Conductor will be The Reverend Dr Sarah Bachelard. Sarah is an Anglican priest and theologian, and a member of the World Community for Christian Meditation. She served as director-in-residence of the John Main Centre for Meditation and Inter-faith Dialogue at Georgetown University, and was a keynote speaker at the John Main Seminar in Montreal in 2007. She has lectured in theology, spirituality and ethics, and is the author of *Experiencing God in a Time of Crisis* (Convivium, 2012) and *Resurrection and Moral Imagination*. Sarah founded 'Benedictus', a Canberra ecumenical Christian community with the practice of silent contemplative prayer at its heart. This retreat will be limited to 19 participants. To register interest please contact Dawn Sullivan at the parish office.

**EXPERIENCING CHRISTIAN FAITH:** The first session in this study unit begins **TODAY** at 4pm in the Dempster Room. Casual attenders welcome: \$10 per session.

**THE ANGLICARE AUXILIARY** will meet tomorrow Monday, August 24th at 2.15 pm in the Rutherford Room. The guest speaker will be Diana Cerini and her talk is entitled, "*I'm still here - and still in control.*" Diana specialises in information that is designed to assist with future planning: matters such as "Advanced Care Planning." Afternoon tea will be available. All are welcome. This will be preceded by a meeting of the auxiliary at 1.15pm.

**SPRING SERIES ON LITURGY:** The invitation is still open if you would like to participate in the planning group, or if you have questions, please contact David Moore as soon as possible.

**BOOK SALE** raised \$3424 which will be given to Anglican Overseas Aid. Thank you for your support.

**MISSION HOUSE** is in need of toothbrushes for adults and also toothpaste. Please bring along on Sundays or to the Parish Office during office hours. *Thank you.*

**ARCHBISHOP'S CONVERSATION** is on Wednesday 2 September at **7.30am**. With Abp Freier will be Fatima Measham, a consulting editor and columnist at Eureka Street and Indigenous Australian Benson Saulo, a former Australian Youth Representative to the UN, considering the challenges for youth today. At Deakin Edge, Federation Square. **Note 7.30am.**

**LECTIONARIES FOR Year C 2016** are now available. If you would like to purchase a copy for \$13 (inc. GST) please put your name on the list on the noticeboard or ring the Parish Office and one will be ordered for you.

**YEAR'S MIND:** We remember before God, Gordon MacNeil, Vivienne Allan, John Mills, Harold 'Hal' Williams, Norma Nickson, Arthur Harvey (Priest), Ruby Margaret Moore, Avice Blennerhassett, Ethel Davidson, Ernest Carter, Michael King (Abbot), and Milla Livsey, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**THE FLOWERS** in the church today are given by Dawn Harvey and family in loving memory of The Reverend Arthur Harvey.

**+GENIEVE BLACKWELL**, our new regional bishop, will make her initial pastoral visit to St John's on Sunday 20 September, presiding and preaching at 8am, 10am & 3pm.

**PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS:** We need someone who is willing to take on the task of looking after our Parish Centre bookings. This involves taking and managing the various enquiries we receive, as well as managing the diary and liaising with outside user groups. Enquiries to the Vicar. Dawn Harvey has been undertaking this task for some years, and will be very happy to explain the role.

### FUTURE DATES

**Experiencing Christian Faith 4-6pm—** Four Sundays commencing **23 August**.

**Parish Council Annual Dinner:**— 6pm Saturday 29 August at the Vicarage.  
**Asylum Seekers & Refugee Group** will meet at 11.40am, Sunday 6 September in the Dempster Room.

**Open Forum** after 10am—13 September.  
**Spring Series:** an exploration of liturgy. 4, 11, 18, 25 October—11.30am to 1pm.  
**Open Forum** after 3pm—11 October  
**Annual Meeting:** 22 November at 11.30am in the Rutherford Room.