

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Morning & Evening Prayer will be prayed in the Chapel Monday to Friday 8.30am and 5pm respectively.

### MONDAY 25 May

- 10.00am** Funeral Service for Mrs Phyl Howell  
**1.15pm** Anglicare Auxiliary meeting in **Dempster Room**  
**2.15pm** A talk by Prof. Leigh Peterson—“*Mauve, how a colour changed the world.*” in the **Rutherford Room**, followed by afternoon tea. All welcome.

### TUESDAY 26 May

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

### WEDNESDAY 27 May

- 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  
**3.30pm** Wardens will meet in Dempster Room

### SATURDAY 30 May

- 9.00am-5.00pm** Camberwell Camera Club Workshop in Rutherford Room and Kitchen all day.  
**10.00am** Communications Committee meets in Dempster Room

## NEXT SUNDAY - 31 May 2015

### Trinity

Isaiah 6. 1-8; Psalm 29;  
Romans 8. 12-17; John 3. 1-17

### 8am EUCHARIST

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

### 10am SUNG EUCHARIST

**Presider:** David Moore  
**Preacher:** David Moore  
**Deacon:** Kuncoro Rusman  
**Sub-Deacon:** Neil Nyholm  
**Readers:** Kerry Pratt, Neil Nyholm  
**Intercessor:** Muriel Porter  
**Servers:** Geoff Vincent (MC)  
Alison Asquith, Neicia Shaw,  
James Moorhouse

**Euch. Assts.** Sub-Deacon, Neicia Shaw  
**Kidz@Church:** Clare Tomasov, Janice Wong

### 3.00pm INDONESIAN CONGREGATION— Kuncoro Rusman

**3.00pm** Kidz@Church—Clare Tomasov

### 6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE—Keith Dempster



# CONTACT

## ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL Day of Pentecost—24 May 2015

My Dear Friends,

The Christian Pentecost experience is prone to distorted melodramatic spectacularisation, so much so that many Christians do not identify themselves as 'pentecostal'. This is an absurd situation, as absurd as Christians rejecting for themselves the descriptions 'evangelical' or 'catholic'. All three are essential to the very heart of the Christian experience - every person baptised into the death and resurrection of Christ is, by definition, truly pentecostal, truly evangelical, truly catholic. Either this is true of us, or we are not in fact Christian at all. For we are baptised by water *and Spirit*. Our baptism is a commissioning to proclaim *the evangellion*, the gospel. By baptism we are united with the Christ in whom *all things, the 'katholikos'*, are reconciled and brought to completion.

Spectacle rarely, if ever, leads to lasting positive transformation. The instant emotional gratification of the euphoric moment of spectacle quickly fades – leaving us not only with the craving for the next fix, but also with an adolescent dependence. With euphoric spectacle there is always the very great risk of regression into unconscious mass-mindedness. Consider any situation where tens or hundreds of thousands gather and ask the question: what is going on here, are people being transformed in the truth?

The Jesus who declares that 'it is good for us that he leaves' also declares that 'the Spirit of truth will guide you in all truth'. An experience of the *paracletos*, the 'advocate', the Holy Spirit, cannot be photographed and posted up on a website as a 'marketing tool' for the very reason that the truth is not a 'technique', it's not for sale - and because it is precisely the regressive and infantile state of unconscious mass-mindedness from which the truth seeks to liberate us.

There is much that we cannot yet bear, truth that we cannot yet know - but into which the Pentecostal Spirit, the living presence of the resurrected Christ, is leading us. This fact alerts us to the error in all claims, including Christian claims, that truth has been revealed in its final form, that truth is static and fixed. Even in the pre-Copernican, pre-evolution, pre-Quantum world of the 1<sup>st</sup> century Ancient Near East, Jesus' teaching already anticipates what we now know scientifically. Namely, that truth is not Plato's fixed form, but an unfolding-ongoing-dynamic revealing. There is always yet more. And when the further truth is revealed by the Spirit, much that we claim to be 'final' and 'absolute' is proved to be wrong!

We are truly pentecostal in the degree to which we are open to the Spirit who blows where she will, who is always leading us into that which we cannot yet bear.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! 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 morning tea in the Rutherford Room following the 10am liturgy, and for an evening meal following the 3pm liturgy.

### 8.00am Eucharist

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

### 10.00am Family Eucharist

Presider: David Moore  
Preacher: David Moore  
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman  
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm  
Thurifer: Neil Nyholm  
Gospel Reader: Hal Porter  
Cantor: Ben Sharrock  
Intercessors: Kidz@Church  
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)  
Neil Nyholm; Clare Tomasov  
and Kidz@Church  
Euch. Assts: Sub-Deacon, Janice Wong

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

### 3.00pm Indonesian Service - Preacher: David Moore

### 6.00pm Contemplative Service - Keith Dempster

*Gospel of the Day*  
*John 15: 26-27, 16:4b-15.*

**10AM LITURGY TODAY:** Our hearty thanks to Clare and the young people and their families for leading us in the liturgy today.

**CHORAL SCHOLARS:** Today we welcome two new Choral Scholars, Ben Sharrock and Pranav Roy, who will be commissioned during the Family Eucharist. The Choral Foundation offers young people the chance to enhance their music education through the singing of quality music which enhances their spiritual growth through participation in worship and liturgy. Members of the congregation are invited to contribute to the scheme in small or large amounts as a thanksgiving for the music which enlivens our corporate worship. Please speak to Director of Music, David Byrne, if you would like to contribute to the Choral Foundation.

**INSIDE TODAY'S CONTACT:** There's a bumper Pentecost collection of inserts today - a paper outlining a Christian understanding of asylum seeker issues; a flier advertising The Reverend Michelle Trebilcock's forthcoming lecture; Please do take these home - and 'read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest'.

**CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNITY PROPOSAL:** Information was included last week with the notices about the proposal Parish Council has been considering. Additional copies in the narthex. If you would like to be involved with the planning group please contact David Moore.

**A JOURNAL OF SCRIPTURE & PRAYER** for Pentecost is available today in the narthex. Please take a copy.

**ANGLICARE AUXILIARY:** The next meeting will be held TOMORROW, Monday, May 25 at 2.15pm in the Rutherford Room. The speaker is Professor Leigh Peterson and the intriguing topic of the presentation is "*Mauve, how a colour changed the world.*" All are welcome and, of course, afternoon tea will be served.

This talk will be preceded by a meeting of members at 1.15pm in the Dempster Room.

**NB:** Meeting in Dempster Room 1.15pm.  
Talk in Rutherford Room 2.15pm.

**RECONCILIATION WEEK EVENTS:**  
**FRIDAY 29 MAY** at St Oswalds, 100 High Street, Glen Iris. The evening will commence at 7.30 pm and will include an exhibition of Aboriginal Art, an address by Mr John Baxter from Reconciliation Victoria and an opportunity to discuss the issues and ask questions. This is a Diocesan event.

**TUESDAY 2 JUNE**—Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral—5.10pm, Preacher: The Reverend Helen Dwyer (Aboriginal Reconciliation Liaison Officer.)

See noticeboard for more details.

**OCCASIONAL LECTURE:** "Liminality: the experience of betwixt and between". The Inaugural Feast of Corpus Christ Eucharist and Lecture, presented at St John's by The Reverend Michelle Trebilcock. Thursday 4 June. 6:30pm Eucharist, 7pm wine & cheese, 7:30pm Lecture. Gold coin donation. All welcome. Please see flyer with these notices.

**REFUGEES: A PARISH CONVERSATION:** The Revd Dr Stephen Burns, of Trinity College Theological School, will lead a parish conversation on the topic of refugees on Sunday 14 June at 11.45am. Please note this date in your diary now. Dr Burns has written a 'Grove' booklet on this topic - we will endeavour to obtain copies. See brochure with these notices.

**YEAR'S MIND:** We remember before God, Margery Parsons, Kenneth Lake, Sheila Hooper, Phyllis Montague, Lesley Oliver, Heather Burlison, Barbara Strachan, and Claude O'Leary, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**DINNER THANKS:** Our thanks to John Lester and Kerry Pratt and their team for last Wednesday's excellent occasional dinner.

**CAKE & PRESERVES STALL**—The final amount raised is \$2,500 shared equally between Camcare and Anglicare. Well done!

**CAR PARKING BEHIND THE BOOMGATE:** "Reserved" signs on tenants' spaces do not apply after hours or on weekends. Parishioners may park in any of the spaces in **that** carpark after hours on weekdays and all of the weekend when the boomgate is **up**, with the exception of the two clergy spaces.

**CLARE TOMASOV'S** reserved car space is in the regular St John's car park and this reservation, "Children's Minister", should be observed at **all** times.

## FUTURE DATES

**Anglicare Auxiliary**—25 May at 2.15pm meets in Dempster Room.

**Feast of Corpus Christi Eucharist and Lecture**—'Liminality: the experience of betwixt and between'. June 4 commencing with Eucharist at 6.30pm.; Lecture 7.30pm.

**Refugees: A Parish Conversation—Sunday 14 June** at 11.45am in the Rutherford Room Speaker: The Revd. Dr Stephen Burns of Trinity College Theological School.