

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

MONDAY 25 August

- 1.30pm** Anglicare Auxiliary meeting in Rutherford Room
2.15pm A talk in the Rutherford by Judy Moore—*What! A PhD on Constipation!!*

TUESDAY 26 August

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

WEDNESDAY 27 August

- 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
3.30pm Wardens' Meeting in Dempster Room

THURSDAY 28 August & FRIDAY 29

August: Setting up Dempster Room for Book Sale

SATURDAY 30 August

9.00am-3.00pm BOOK SALE in Rutherford Room

NEXT SUNDAY - 31 August 2014

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 3.1-15; Psalm 105. 1-6, 23-26;
Romans 12.9-21; Matthew 16. 21-28

8am EUCHARIST

- Presider:** Emily Fraser
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Readers: TBA
Intercessor: TBA
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. TBA

No 10am Service today (See 12 noon)

11.45 am *The Angelus* in the Chapel

12.00noon COMBINED EUCHARIST

- Presider:** David Moore
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Readers: TBA
Intercessor: Noela Manton
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
Neicia Shaw, James Moorhouse
Indonesian Server TBA
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, TBA
Kidz@Church: Combined Congregations

Lunch follows the Combined Eucharist

No 3pm Service today—(See 12 noon)

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost—24 August 2014

Who is Jesus?

The true identity of Jesus is a major theme in all four Gospels. Again and again, people puzzle over who this itinerant carpenter from Nazareth really is. He is clearly no ordinary craftsman. His healing, his teaching, his evident authority when he speaks, makes that perfectly plain. But who is he?

For most of their time with him, even his disciples are not too sure. His mother and brothers and sisters are as puzzled as anyone else. At one point, clearly embarrassed by his public behaviour, they try to drag him away home, fearful he is actually mad. The scribes and Pharisees challenge him repeatedly to identify himself. The high priests and Pilate try to trap him into a self-identification that will condemn him. At the moment of his death, a Roman centurion believes he is in the presence of the Son of God.

In today's gospel reading from Matthew, Jesus confronts the issue head on with his disciples. Who do people say that I am? he asks first. Then, who do you say I am? Peter's declaration that he is none other than the Messiah, the Son of the Living God, marks an important stage in the disciples' growing understanding.

If we believe with Peter that Jesus is the Son of God and not just a good man, then that has inevitable implications for us. As St Paul says in his letter to the Romans, our worship of God requires no less than offering ourselves as a living sacrifice. That in turn leads to the renewal of our minds in conformity with the will of God rather than with the diametrically opposed pressures from the world around us.

The Anglican Church's national and diocesan stance against the cruelty of our Government's treatment of asylum seekers, for instance, is not popular. Nor is our concern for the world's 50 million refugees – half of them children – who are desperate for protection, shelter and a secure future. But the absolute biblical requirement that we welcome the stranger at our gates assures us that all we can do to change our politicians' minds in these areas is nothing less than a faithful response to God's call to us.

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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 liturgy.

8.00am Eucharist

Presider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: Muriel Porter
Readers: Oliver Beaumont & Pamela Bowen
Intercessor: Clergy
Server: Geoff Vincent
Euch. Asst. Keith Dempster

12 noon The Angelus

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation

Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm Contemplative Service

Readings for the day:

*Exodus 1.8-2.10; Psalm 138;
Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20*

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: Muriel Porter
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Ross Smith
Readers: Ross Smith, Sue Banting
Cantor: John Lester
Intercessor: Penny Galbraith
Servers: Jenny Cook (MC)
Sue Banting, Geoff Vincent,
Robin Carter
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, Penny Galbraith
KIDZ@CHURCH: Liz Pratt, Alicia Palfreeman

READERS AND INTERCESSORS' ROSTER: We thank John Lester for offering to take on the role of coordinator of this roster. Additional people are being sought to expand the roster. Training and assistance will be available. Expressions of interest should be made to the Vicar.

COME AND HEAR JUDY MOORE speak on Monday 25 August 2014 at 2.15pm.

What! A PhD on Constipation!

Arranged by the Anglicare Auxiliary, in the Rutherford Room. Afternoon tea. All donations to Anglicare Victoria.

There will be a meeting for the Anglicare Auxiliary at 1.30pm.

BOOK SALE: NEXT SATURDAY: 9AM—3PM in the Rutherford Room. Refreshments available.

TODAY is the last day for donating books so they can be sorted and priced in time for the sale. Proceeds from the sale will be shared between Anglicare Victoria and Anglican Overseas Aid to assist their work with asylum seekers and refugees. Enquiries to Penny Galbraith.

PARISH TREASURER NEEDED. After many years of valuable service our current Treasurer, John Manton, is not continuing beyond the Annual Meeting in late November. Please contact the Vicar or Wardens (Graham and Kerry) if you feel you could assist the parish by becoming its Treasurer. John and others will assist in training the new Treasurer as part of a handover and will be available for advice on a continuing basis. No formal qualifications are required for the job - just a willingness to have a go !

IN A LETTER last week Archbishop Philip Freier wrote: "*The horror of Northern Iraq, of Syria, of South Sudan, the Palestinians and other countries deserves our best response, not only in daily prayer but in advocacy and partnership.*"

On the table in the narthex are donation forms from Anglican Overseas Aid in support of appeals to assist those fleeing the horror, or go to the website: www.anglicanoverseasaid.org.au .

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Harold 'Hal' Williams, Norma Nickson, Arthur Harvey (Priest), Avice Blennerhassett, Ethel Davidson, Ernest Carter, Milla Livsey, Neita Quail, and Kath Prest, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

DR VAL WEBB will be at Toorak Uniting Church for a weekend seminar on **Saturday September 13 and Sunday September 14.** The theme follows her book, "Stepping out with the Divine" and the input and workshops will centre on the significance of the sacred and the divine in progressive thought. Phone 9829 0300 or email ToorakUC@bigpond.net.au. Flyer on noticeboard.

ANGLICARE MISSION HOUSE is in need of basic food items. Copies of a list from Anglicare are on the noticeboard at the back of the church. Please take a copy with you when shopping. Please bring items to church for the basket on Sundays. *Thank you from Mission House.*

NEXT SUNDAY—31 AUGUST at 12 Noon A COMBINED SERVICE FOR ALL CONGREGATIONS

will be held at 12 noon followed by lunch.

- **There will be** a service at 8am that day.
- **There will not** be services at 10am or 3pm on that day.
- **Kidz@Church** will also be combined and will be on at 12 noon.
- **Please write** your name on the list on the noticeboard if you are attending the lunch.
- **If you could contact** someone who's not here today, to let them know, that would be greatly appreciated.

FUTURE DATES

BOOK SALE—Next Saturday
30 August—9am-3pm

COMBINED EUCHARIST: Next Sunday 31 August at Noon followed by lunch. (No 10am or 3pm Services)

PET BLESSING SERVICE: 12 October at 10am.