

CONTACT WARTA JEMAAT



ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
Last Sunday before Lent—26 February 2017

FUTURE DATES

“Year of Matthew” 11.45am-12.45pm —
3 Sessions: Sundays 5th, 12th & 19th March
Asylum Seeker & Refugee Support Group
meets Monday 6 March 4pm Dempster Room

Lent Quiet Morning—Saturday 11 March

Families Beach Eucharist Noon Sunday 19
March at Shoreham. Details from Clare.

Lent Parish Retreat-March 31 to April 2 at Santa
Casa, Queenscliff.

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY

SUPPORT GROUP: Welcome to 2017 and a
very big thank you to all our volunteers who have
continued their ministry in the community
throughout the holiday season. The ongoing need
for support at our aged care homes and for the
Camcare Community Support Group is always
welcome. Volunteers are needed for the following
outreach activities: -

Camcare – •Bread run roster; •The monthly
community BBQ - at Camcare; •The Fair Trade
Shop in Camberwell - 3 hour shifts; •Shopping
and setting up for monthly afternoon tea buffet at
Camcare - 2hours.

Aged Care Homes – **Mary MacKillop, Shenley
Manor & Camberwell Gardens** – •Visiting
residents;

•Coffee Chats; •Cards; •Art/Painting/Scrap Book/
Craft; •Gardening; •Walking Group; •Bus Outings;
•Knitting.

If you are interested in any of the above activities
and can volunteer weekly, fortnightly, monthly or
occasionally please contact Liz Pratt.

IN THE PARISH

*Morning Prayer 8.30am & Evening Prayer 5pm
in the Chapel weekdays unless otherwise listed*

MONDAY 27 February

1.15pm Anglicare Partnership Group meets
in Rutherford Room followed at

2.15pm Anglicare Group Working Bee
packing tea bags.

1.30pm Wardens' Meeting

TUESDAY 28 February

12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel

12.35pm Staff Meeting in Dempster Room

3.00pm Liturgy Meeting in Dempster Room

WEDNESDAY 1 March ASH WEDNESDAY

9.45am Little Seeds Playgroup

11.30am Liturgy of the Ashes

12.15pm BYO lunch in Dempster Room

No Evening Prayer at 5pm

8.00pm Liturgy of the Ashes

THURSDAY 2 March

7.30pm Choir Practice

8.00pm Thursday Study Group at Ross' home

FRIDAY 3 March—No Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 4 March

8.30am Archives Group in Rutherford Room

LITTLE SEEDS PLAYGROUP at St John's
Wednesdays (during school terms) 9.45am—
11.30am. Contact Jennifer Moore 9882 4851 or
playgroup@stjohnscamberwell.org.au

**“MISSION AS LISTENING”—Workshop 5-7pm
March 20 St Stephens' Richmond.** Details on
noticeboard.

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My Dear Friends,

On this Last Sunday before Lent the gospel is always the event known as 'the transfiguration'. This event takes place on a mountain. There are three mountains in Matthew's gospel architecture.

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, the 'sermon on the mount', where Jesus the new Moses sits down to teach the crowds: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law... I have come not to abolish but to fulfil." On this mountain there are great crowds; the masses who will subsequently turn against Jesus and buy for his blood. Throughout history unconscious mass-minded crowds are always on the lookout for a quick-fix, a cheap thrill, readily abandoning one 'high' in search of the next fix.

At the end of the gospel the 'mount of olives', where Jesus takes the disciples immediately following his last meal with them. On this mountain there are no crowds, only the small band of disciples, the 'little flock' who are struggling to understand the cost of Jesus' gospel. On this mountain Jesus prays the agonising and salvific prayer of detachment: "If it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want, but what you want." Meanwhile, even his closest three friends – Peter, James, and John, the same three friends in today's gospel – could not manage to stay awake with Jesus. On this mountain Jesus demonstrates to his friends the shocking cost of love, non-violently resisting evil - "All who take the sword will perish by the sword" – as he 'drinks the cup' of his arrest.

At the centre of this gospel architecture, today's mountain, the mountain without a name; but which Christian tradition has tended to associate with Mount Hermon, the highest point in modern-day Syria. This is the highest of the three mountains. Its function as the central mountain of the gospel is as site of transfiguration. Transfiguration as spiritual reality is beyond time and space, nameless and unnameable. The past, in the form of Moses and Elijah, is present. The future, in the form of the Beloved Son, is beckoning. Yet that which is beyond time and space is simultaneously the eternal present, the Divine now, the awesome Silence, the centre of Reality. This, of course, is the very nature of the paradox of spiritual truth. As Fritz Kunkel puts it: "Here and Now is face to face with the Beyond." To be centered in this Reality is the human vocation, which Jesus' followers only come to properly understand "after the Human One has been raised from the dead."

As we prepare ourselves to be signed with ash on Wednesday, the mountain at the centre of the gospel reveals to us the mystery of the Christ, the mystery of the overshadowing cloud which is awesome Silence, and the mystery of our daughter and sonship in Christ.

With my love, David

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 following the 10am liturgy in the Rutherford Room, or for the evening meal following the 3pm liturgy.

8am EUCHARIST
Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Readers: Hans Ferdinands, Keith Dempster
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst: Hans Ferdinands

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST
Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Muriel Porter
Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm
Reader: Tess Hayes
Intercessor: Hal Porter
Cantor:
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Jenny Cook, Jessica Pratt
Assistant: Matthew Hayes
Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Janice Wong
Kidz@Church: Everyone in the Church

3.00pm EUCHARIST

Bahasa Indonesia

Presider: Bp Genieve Blackwell
Pengkotbah: Bp Genieve Blackwell
Pembaca Mazmur: Tetty Hutagalung
Pembaca P Baru: Sue Lengkong
Pembaca Firman: Albert Lengkong
Pemain Musik: GroupBand1

6.00pm LITURGY of LIGHT

Keith Dempster

TODAY'S LECTIONS

*Exodus 24. 12-18; Psalm 99;
2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9*

LENT-EASTER CALENDAR & SEASONAL GUIDE: This is available in the narthex. Please take a copy.

LENT BOOK: The 2017 Lent-Easter Calendar recommends Richard Rohr's book, 'Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life'. Copies of a Study Guide, prepared by the Anglican Diocese of Niagara, are available in the narthex.

HEAR DOROTHY LEE NEXT SUNDAY

Canon Professor Dorothy Lee will speak on 'Matthew's Story', the first in our series on Matthew's Gospel, next Sunday, 5 March, following morning tea after the Sung Eucharist. At morning tea, she will present certificates to the six people who have completed the Trinity Certificate in Theology & Ministry here. Fr John Stewart will speak on 'Matthew's Spirituality' on 12 March, and Fr David on 'Matthew's Soul' on 19 March.

SPRING SERIES 2016 FOLLOW-UP

BOOKLET: The follow-up booklet to last year's series, 'Prayer in Daily Life', is available in the narthex for our communal reflection and conversation.

WARTA JEMAAT

Kami ucapkan selamat datang untuk beribadah pada hari Minggu ini.
Kami undang semuanya, terutama bagi yang baru pertama kali hadir, untuk berkumpul beramah tamah dan menikmati makan malam bersama di Rutherford Room setelah kebaktian selesai.

ANGLICARE GROUP: First meeting for 2017 is TOMORROW, Monday, in Rutherford Room at 1.15pm followed by a WORKING BEE at 2.15pm packaging tea etc. for Mission House.

MISSION HOUSE: Thank you for ongoing support. Currently needed tinned spaghetti and tea bags.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 2017 NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 5, 2.00-4.00pm.

At the **Uniting Church, Camberwell Road.** Please support this ecumenical event so that St John's might have good representation. Flier on noticeboard.

PALM BRANCHES: Our previous major supplier of palm branches in recent years having moved house, and the Council only able to make 4 branches available, we are now looking for a new source of palm branches. We will be needing them in the week prior to Palm Sunday. If you know of such a potential source, please speak with Keith Dempster or Fr David.

New Welcomers required: We urgently need to replace 2 Welcomers on our Roster :
8am Services - 1 Welcomer needed for the 4th Sunday in each month.

10am Services - 1 Welcomer needed for the 1st Sunday in each month.
Please contact Jonathan Way if you would like to participate in this fulfilling but not too demanding ministry.

BOOK LAUNCH: Parishioners are warmly invited to the launch of Muriel Porter's book, *The New Scapegoats: The Clergy Victims of the Anglican Church Sexual Abuse Crisis*, on Tuesday 7 March in the Rutherford Room, commencing at 6pm. If you intend coming, please add your name to the list on the noticeboard for catering purposes.

THE 2017 LENT PARISH RETREAT Friday 31 March to Sunday 2 April. Note the dates. Registration is required. Please contact the Parish Office or speak with Ross Smith.

NEXT SUNDAY, 5 MARCH 2017

Lent 1

*Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7; Psalm 32;
Romans 5. 12-21; Matthew 4. 1-11.*

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Readers: Verona Lea, Brian Porter
Intercessor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Robin Carter, Sue Banting, Alison Asquith
Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Janice Wong
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov, Debbie Pratt

11.45am LENT PROGRAM:
"MATTHEW'S STORY"—Dorothy Lee

3.00pm EUCHARIST

Bahasa Indonesia

6.00pm LITURGY OF LIGHT

3 DATES from Bp. Genieve Blackwell: Details on noticeboard.

- Marmingatha Episcopate Lenten Quiet Day 28 March 9.30am-3pm Christ Church St Kilda.
- Urban Renewal & Social Cohesion in Melbourne 11 May 9.30am-3pm at Docklands Library
- Thy Kingdom Come—Wave of Prayer—25 May to 4 June. Beacon Event 3 June St Paul's.

LENT QUIET DAY: A space and time for quiet and reflection, open to all. 9am to 1pm Saturday 11 March, in the church and parish centre

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Mirriam Quick, Weston Moorhouse, Laviah Annie Millott, Katrina Herschell, and Lalith De Soysa, whose anniversaries occur at this time.