

## FUTURE DATES

**Spring Series:** an exploration of liturgy. 4, 11, 18, 25 October—11.30am to 1pm.

**Two Open Sessions** re Contemplative Proposal (1) after 11.30am Wednesday Eucharist 7 October and (2) at 10am on Saturday 10 October.

**St Francis Day with Blessing of the Animals** 10am Sunday October 11.

**Open Forum** after 3pm—11 October

**Melbourne Synod**—Wednesday 14 October to Saturday 17 October.

**All Souls Requiem Eucharist** 6.30pm Monday 2 November

**Annual Meeting:** 22 November at 11.30am in the Rutherford Room.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING** starts next weekend. Clocks go forward by one hour at 2am on Sunday 4 October.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** from Wardens, Parish Council, the Vicar, Assistant Curate, Children's Minister, Music Director, and **all** leaders of Parish Groups and committees need to be with the Parish Administrator no later than **30 October**.

**ANGLICARE 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.*

## 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 28 September

- 1.15pm** Anglicare Auxiliary meets in Rutherford Room  
**2.15pm** Talk in Rutherford Room give by David Law

### TUESDAY 29 September

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

### WEDNESDAY 30 September

- 11.00am** Eucharist at Broughton Hall  
**11.30am** Eucharist in the Chapel followed by BYO lunch in Dempster Room  
**4.00pm** Wardens' meeting in Dempster Room

### THURSDAY 1 October

- All day** Filming in the church by Swinburne Students  
**7.30pm** Choir Practice  
**8.00pm** Thursday Study Group at Ross' home

### FRIDAY 2 October—Public Holiday *Office closed.*

### SATURDAY 3 October

- 8.30am** Archives group meets in Rutherford Room  
**11.30am** Fundraising Group meets in Parish Centre



# CONTACT WARTA JEMAAT

**ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL**  
**Feast of Michael and All Angels—27 September 2015**

My Dear Friends,

Angels? The Hebrew root word is מַלְאָךְ *Malak*, meaning 'messenger'. The Greek Old Testament (known as the Septuagint, 'LXX') translates as **ἄγγελος** *angelos*. The word 'angel' (in both singular and plural forms) is used 455 times in the Scriptures, 272 of those instances in the New Testament. It is simply not possible to take the Scriptures seriously and ignore angels.

As we all know, both the birth and the resurrection narratives in the gospels feature the mediation of angels. We are perhaps less familiar with the fact that Jesus frequently speaks of angels in his teaching – for example, there are eleven such instances in Matthew's gospel in the voice attributed to Jesus. Angels are associated with dreams – such as in 'the angel of the Lord' appearing to Joseph in a dream, four times in fact. Angels are a way of speaking about spiritual powers, sometimes dark powers, but mostly as powers mediating between humankind and the Holy One.

Our forebears in the faith comfortably assumed that such is the nature of "all things, seen and unseen" as the well-known expression in the Nicene Creed puts it. Celebration of the feast of St Michael and All Angels was for them unproblematic. Then 'reason' and science declared such things as non-realities – what cannot be measured with a ruler and a microscope was declared to have no existence, merely the illusion of religion. Scientists claimed an emphatic victory. Christians retreated into a defensive ghetto. Post-modern Western masses voted (mostly unthinkingly) with the 'scientists' - but have since invented a plethora of esoteric factors, practices and doctrines to compensate for the fact that a reductive materialist world is a dead thing. The longing for human wholeness is not met by atoms and electrical currents alone. Love cannot be explained by the Dawkins brigade.

The Greek New Testament uses two very different words translated into English as 'to know': **οἶδα** *oīda* means the kind of knowing which is derived from the five senses, things that can be 'scientifically' measured; but **γινώσκω** *ginōskō* is not dependent on the five senses. When Jesus declares that he "knew" Nathaniel when he was under the fig tree it's the latter. Einstein's description of his intuitive scientific breakthroughs is remarkably close to this kind of knowing. Many people will privately admit that they have come 'to know' things they cannot explain. Some even report that their lives have been saved because of such knowing.

So if this *ginōskō* kind of knowing is not dependent on the five senses, then where does it come from? Good question. Classical science has no answer. Religion employs a symbol - angels.

With my love, David

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## 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.

### TODAY

#### 8am EUCHARIST

**Presider:** David Moore  
**Preacher:** David Moore  
**Reader:** Neil Nyholm  
**Intercessor:** Keith Dempster  
**Server:** Neil Nyholm  
**Eucharistic Asst.:** Neil Nyholm

#### 10am SUNG EUCHARIST

**Presider:** David Moore  
**Preacher:** David Moore  
**Deacon:** Muriel Porter  
**Sub-Deacon:** John Manton  
**Readers:** Sue Banting, Verona Lea  
**Intercessor:** Noela Manton  
**Cantor:** Janette Fly  
**Servers:** Geoff Vincent (MC)  
Sue Banting, Neicia Shaw  
**Eucharistic Assts.:** Sub-Deacon, Graham Pratt

**Kidz@Church:** In recess for school holidays—*Please make use of children's activities at the back of the church. Kidz@Church resumes on 4 October.*

**11.30am Asylum Seekers & Refugee Support Group** will meet in Dempster Room

#### 3pm EUCHARIST

**Presider:** David Moore  
**Liturgis:** David Moore  
**Pengkotbah:** David Moore  
**Pembaca Mazmur:** Chong  
**Pembaca Firman:** Ben  
**Pemain Musik:** Darius  
**Setup PA Sys:** Cliff  
**Usher:** Lucky  
**Sekolah Minggu:** Julia & Elly  
**Konsumsi:** Iesje & Norma  
**Petugas kebersihan:** Jimmy, Elly, Bwee, Holly

**6pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE-** Keith Dempster

### TODAY'S LECTIONS

*Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14; Psalm 138;  
Revelation 12.7-12a; John 1.45-51*

#### PARISH RETREAT 2016 - ADVANCE

**NOTICE:** from Friday (evening) 4 to Sunday (afternoon) 6 March, at Santa Casa Retreat House Queenscliffe. More details on noticeboard. To register interest please contact Dawn Sullivan at the parish office.

#### A CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNITY

**PROPOSAL:** I will be making a presentation about the proposal to all parish groups in the coming weeks. I'll also offer this presentation at two open sessions: (1) immediately following the 11.30am Eucharist on Wednesday 7 October - all are welcome, and invited to join us at the Eucharist; and (2) at 10am on Saturday 10 October.

#### WARTA JEMAAT

1. Bagi yang pertama kali hadir beribadah disini, mohon berdiri dan memperkenalkan diri.

2. Pdt. Kuncoro saat ini cuti sampai tanggal 4 Oktober 2015. Akan melayani kembali di Gereja pada tanggal 6 Oktober.

3. Setelah kebaktian selesai, kami mengundang seluruh jemaat, terutama yang baru pertama kali hadir, berkumpul beramah tamah dan menikmati makan bersama di Rutherford Room.

**NOTICES FOR CONTACT** should be in the office by Wednesday 1pm. This is due to the Public Holiday on Friday 2 October.

**THE ANGLICARE AUXILIARY** will meet TOMORROW, September 28 at 2.15pm in the Rutherford Room. The speaker is David Law who works on a government funded program - "*Open doors, open minds*", which program is directed towards secondary school students. A Devonshire tea will follow the talk. All welcome. Auxiliary members will meet at 1.15pm.

**SPRING SERIES Our Worship. Our Faith. Our Mission:** Our whole-of-parish education-formation series begins 4 weeks today - October Sundays 4, 11, 18, 25. I look forward to our conversation and exploration together. For more information about the series see the front page pastoral letter of Contact on 7 June (on the noticeboard, copies in the narthex), the flier handed out on 23 August (copies in the narthex), and Contact front page 20 September. If you have any questions, please do ask. *David*

**BCA BOXES** are now due. Please give to Carole Nicholls or bring to the Parish Office during office hours.

#### TRANSLATIONS:

Warta Jemaat : News  
Pembaca Mazmur : Reader, Psalm  
Pembaca Injil: Reader, Gospel  
Pemain Musik : Musician  
Konsumsi : Caterers  
Petugas Kebersihan : Cleaners

**VARIATION TO PREVIOUS NOTICE RE "PARKING RESTRICTIONS TO CHANGE":** Parishioners should note that Boroondara Council have advised that as of 1st October, the 1 hour metered parking will change to include 8am to 6pm on all days, **including Sundays**, on the **WEST SIDE** of Burke Rd between Victoria Rd and Denmark Hill Rd. **THE EAST SIDE** will remain as it is now—**NOT METERED ON SUNDAYS**.

#### JOURNAL OF SCRIPTURE & PRAYER:

The October-November edition of the Journal of Scripture & Prayer is available today. Please take a copy.

### NEXT SUNDAY, 4 October

#### Pentecost 19

*Genesis 2. 18-24; Psalm 8;  
Hebrews 1, 1-4, 2.5-12; Mark 10. 2-16*

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**Server:** Hans Ferdinands  
**Euch. Asst.:** Hans Ferdinands

#### 9am Healing Ministry

#### 10am SUNG EUCHARIST

**Presider:** David Moore  
**Preacher:** Muriel Porter  
**Deacon:** Muriel Porter  
**Sub-Deacon:** John Manton  
**Readers:** Kerry Pratt, Jane Rait  
**Intercessor:** Noela Manton  
**Servers:** Geoff Vincent (MC), Jenny Cook, Robin Carter, Julian Rait  
**Euch. Assts.:** Sub-Deacon; Jenny Cook  
**Kidz@Church:** Clare Tomasov

#### 11.30am Spring Series—Session 1

#### 3pm LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Presider:** David Moore  
**Liturgis:** David Moore  
**Pengkotbah:** Muriel Porter  
**Pembaca Mazmur:** Roy  
**Pembaca Firman:** Christine  
**Pemain Musik:** ICC Band  
**Setup PA Sys:** ICC Band  
**Usher:** Albert  
**Sekolah Minggu:** Yolanda  
**Konsumsi:** Nora & Tetty  
**Petugas kebersihan:** Helena, Christine, Ronald, Geri

#### 6pm CONTEMPLATIVE

**SERVICE-** Keith Dempster

**YEAR'S MIND:** We remember before God, Kathleen Loosli, Betsy Lober, Curzon William Millott, Ione Pelton, David Penman (Bishop), and Margaret Cook, whose anniversaries occur at this time.