

FUTURE DATES

Friends of St John's Community Support Group
Monday December 5—12 noon Eucharist in Chapel followed by BYO lunch and meeting.

Advent Quiet Morning: Saturday 10 December at St John's.

Making Christingles—Friday 23 December 10am

Vicarage Christmas Open House—Saturday 31 December 1-5pm.

2017 Parish Retreat—Friday 30 March to Sunday 2 April, at Santa Casa, Queenscliff.

ADVENT QUIET MORNING: Saturday 10 December 9am - 1pm. Now is a good time to consider the December diary, before the pressures to clutter it up. Now is the time to plan for space and time. All are welcome.

Friends of St John's Community Support Group Invitation: We invite any interested members of the Parish to our end of year meeting on Monday 5 December at 12 pm in the Chapel with a BYO lunch and meeting to follow in the Dempster Room. Please let me know if you would like to join us. Liz Pratt 9885 8060 liz@pratt.id.au

2017 PARISH RETREAT will be at Santa Casa, Queenscliff, from Friday 30 March to Sunday 2 April (weekend of Lent 5). The retreat director will be Fr Peter Martin.

IN THE PARISH

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

MONDAY 28 November

2.15pm Anglicare Victoria Partnership Group—High Tea in Rutherford Room

TUESDAY 29 November

12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.35pm Staff meeting in Dempster Room
3.00pm Liturgy Meeting in Dempster Room

WEDNESDAY 30 November—Feast of St Andrew

9.30am Education Committee meets in Dempster Room

9.45am Little Seeds Playgroup
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel followed by BYO lunch in Dempster Room

THURSDAY 1 December

7.30pm Choir Practice
8.00pm Thursday Study Group at Ross' home

SATURDAY 3 December

8.30am Archives Group meets in Rutherford Room
10.00am Communications Committee meets in Dempster Room

FAITH WITHOUT FEAR 3.30pm to 5.30pm—an afternoon with Keith Mascord: Saturday 3 December. Trinity College, \$25/\$20 concession includes afternoon tea. email to theologyevents@trinity.edu.au or call 9348 7127. See flyer on noticeboard.

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ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
The First Sunday in Advent—27 November 2016

My Dear Friends,

On Advent Sunday we begin a new year, the 'Year of Matthew', 'Year A' of the church's three-year liturgical cycle. The English word Advent is from the Latin *Adventus*, coming. We pray in the liturgy of Advent the Aramaic spoken at the time of Jesus: *Maranatha!* Come Lord! Of course, Advent as a spiritual theme is not really about the calendar: we may be required to enter into this spiritual task at any time, at any stage of life, perhaps even many times throughout the year. But like all spiritual practices – including and especially the Eucharist itself – our regular practicing in the spiritual discipline of *Adventus* is what prepares us to undergo it when life demands it of us. This is so throughout the various stages of life; coming to its climax, of course, when we are confronted with the final passage. Learning well the spiritual practice of Advent during the course of our life prepares us to pray even in the face of death, *Maranatha!* Come, Lord!

We can see in this that Advent's principal theological motif is hope. The disciple who can pray *Maranatha*, even in the face of death, is giving herself/himself over to the future which cannot be seen, or proved, but which is the work of the Spirit. Clearly, the prayer *Maranatha!* defies the conventional logic of the dominant culture. Whereas the dominant culture demands signs and proofs and plans and strategies to guarantee and safeguard the future, the disciple of Christ is the one who has learned, though a lifetime's practice, simply to pray *Maranatha!* The disciple, like the Master, cannot see the future, but places her/his confidence in the One who is the Future, drawing us into that Future. That is the nature of hope: not mere optimism or 'positive thinking', but trust in that which cannot be seen, that for which there is no 'proof' or guarantee. Political events the world over at this time are spawning outbreaks of regressive, violent, and hateful energies, generating great waves of anxiety everywhere. How great is the world's need of the spiritual discipline of Advent!

So it is that on this first day of the church's year, in this 'Year of Matthew', we hear the voice of Jesus speaking directly to each and every one of us: "Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming... you must be ready, for the Human One is coming at an unexpected hour." The spiritual discipline of Advent is the discipline of wakefulness, of spiritual readiness for that coming whose time and place are unknown and unexpected. It's easy to see, therefore, how impoverished we will be if we spend December in a Christmas mode: we will have cheated ourselves of the very spiritual gift we need.

I wish you all a blessed Advent.

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

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

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Prisider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Ross Smith
Readers: Sue Banting, Kerry Pratt
Intercessor: Brian Porter
Cantor:
Servers: Geoff Vincent (MC), Robin Carter, Alison Asquith, Neil Nyholm
Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Verona Lea
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov

3.00pm LITURGY OF THE WORD

Bahasa Indonesia

Prisider: Kuncoro Rusman
Liturgis: Kuncoro Rusman
Pengkotbah: Kuncoro Rusman
Pembaca Mazmur: Darius Hetharia
Pembaca P Baru: Julia Sutanto
Pembaca Firman: Norma Philippe
Pemain Musik: GroupBand1
Setup PA Sys: GroupBand1
Usher: Albert Lengkong
Sekolah Minggu: Mun Rusman
Konsumsi: Christian and Sue
Petugas kebersihan: Yolanda, Helena, Norma, Tia

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

Keith Dempster

TODAY'S LECTIONS

Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm 122;

Romans 13.9-14; Matthew 24.36-44

A JOURNAL OF SCRIPTURE & PRAYER for December and January is available today. Please take a copy.

HAPPY NEW YEAR: The new church year, 'Year A', the 'Year of Matthew', commences today. Materials for Advent were distributed on 6 November, and continue to be available in the narthex: Advent-Christmas-Epiphany 2017 calendar; Taking Advent Home, and 'Advent-Christmas-Epiphany: a Guide to the Season'. Perhaps you may know of someone who might appreciate receiving these resources?

RESOURCES FOR ADVENT: Parish materials are available in the narthex (see above). Two excellent and accessible commentaries on the Gospel of Matthew are worth acquiring now: Brendan Byrne's 'Lifting the Burden: Reading Matthew's Gospel in the Church Today', and Dorothy Lee's 'Friendly Guide to Matthew's Gospel'.

ADVENT LITURGY OF LIGHT: 5pm Weekdays during Advent. If you have not experienced this beautiful and simple liturgy (from An Australian Prayer Book), why not give it a go during Advent, as an antidote to December's hyper-activity?

ADVENT MASS SETTING: For the four Sundays of Advent, we will once again sing the hauntingly lovely mass setting, 'Missa Emmanuel', by American composer Richard Proulx, at the 10am liturgy. This very simple setting echoes the key musical phrases from the well-known Advent hymn, 'O Come, O come, Emmanuel', which we will also be singing each Sunday.

WARTA JEMAAT

1. 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.

2. Kebaktian Hari Natal 25 Desember akan diadakan jam 10pagi. Mohon perhatiannya bahwa pada hari itu kebaktian jam 8pagi, 3sore dan 6sore, ditiadakan.

ADVENT VESTMENTS: A new set of blue Advent vestments will be blessed during the 10am Eucharist today. These vestments have been designed and made by Barbara Gronn, a parishioner of St Faiths Burwood. We express our gratitude to the three parishioners who have paid for them to be made. For information about the colour blue and Advent, see the seasonal guide booklet 'Advent-Christmas-Epiphany: a guide to the season', page 3.

ADVENT PREPARATIONS: Thanks to all who participated in yesterday's Advent preparations.

ANGLICARE VICTORIA PARTNERSHIP GROUP High Tea—tomorrow Monday 2.15. pm.

45th ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTING: We offer our congratulations to The Reverend Dr Brian Porter on the 45th anniversary of his ordination as priest. With gratitude for Brian's long and distinguished ministry in schools and parishes, Brian will preside at the 11.30am Eucharist on the Feast of St Andrew, Wednesday 30 November.

CHRISTMAS APPEALS: Anglicare and Camcare - gifts of toys and food items can still be brought to the church.

ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR 2017—still available—\$12 each. Proceeds go to **Anglican Overseas Aid**. Contact person is Alice Sephton.

ANGLICARE Christmas Cards are available for sale now. The local charity card shops are not as prevalent this year and we have had people coming off the street buying cards. So if you want to buy our Anglicare Christmas cards, please see the display and speak with Ann Darlington soon.

NEXT SUNDAY, 4 December 2016

Advent 2

Deuteronomy 30.11-14; Psalm 19.1-6;

Romans 10.8-18; Matthew 4. 18-22

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with Commissioning of Parish Council

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Pembaca Firman:
Pemain Musik: Darius Hetharia

Setup PA Sys: Ben Kalla
Usher: Norma Philippe

Sekolah Minggu: Tia Hutajulu

Konsumsi: Tetty & Holly

Petugas kebersihan: Nikki, Nick, Julia, Rama

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE

SERVICE—Keith Dempster

2017 PARISH LITURGICAL CALENDAR:

Copies are available in the narthex.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Jean Mills, Ruth Daley, Jessie Colenso, Ruth Wetherell, Frank Woods (Bishop), Joyce Paterson, Walter Oxley, Landells Robert Summerbell, Marjorie Beaumont, and Enid Beeton, whose anniversaries occur at this time.