

FUTURE DATES

Asylum Seeker & Refugee Support Group Monday 5 June 4pm Dempster Room

Pastoral Care Support Group—Tuesday 6 June 9.30am Dempster Room

The Curry Night— Wednesday 7 June 6.30pm Eucharist followed by curry meal.

Trinity—11 June

Corpus Christi—Thursday 15 June—6.30pm Eucharist and Lecture.

Farewell for Clare Tomasov—After 10am liturgy on July 9.

Winter Dinner - Evening of Friday 28 July.

ADVANCE NOTICE: CORPUS CHRISTI

The parish's annual Corpus Christi lecture will be on Thursday 15 June, following the 6.30pm Eucharist. Dr John D'Arcy May, a research fellow with the Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College, Dublin, will speak on 'Deep Ecumenism: Facing up to Religiously Motivated Violence'. See flyer with these notices and also on the table in the narthex.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Morning or Evening Prayer

Weekdays 8.30am and 5.00pm unless otherwise listed below.

MONDAY 29 May

2.15pm Anglicare Partnership meeting in Rutherford Room—Speaker Maree Italiano—Anglicare Victoria

TUESDAY 30 May

12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY 31 May

9.45am Little Seeds Playgroup
11.00am Eucharist at Broughton Hall

THURSDAY 1 June

5.00pm Evening Prayer including focussed prayer for Fr David and the parish.

7.30pm Choir Practice

8.00pm Thursday Study Group at Ross' home

FRIDAY 2 June

3.00-5.00pm Richard Wilson present in the Chapel

SATURDAY 3 June

8.30am Archives group meets in Rutherford Room

THE TRIDUUM SERMONS: Fr David's three sermons over the Sacred Triduum are available today in booklet form in the Narthex.



CONTACT WARTA JEMAAT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

Easter 7—28 May 2017

The time of 'Holy Absence'

Most of us crave certainty. We do not like it when our lives are in a state of flux, whether it is in our private lives or our jobs or our faith or our church.

It is why churches that preach a strict certainty in faith and morals, no matter how harsh, are usually strong and growing. At least people know what to believe and what to expect, even if it does not fit comfortably with their secular lives. In a time when society is unsettled and quite frightening, as is the case today, the more attractive these churches become.

Certainty is what Jesus' disciples were craving too. Time and again in the Gospels they tried to pin him down about what was going to happen next. And it happened just before Jesus' Ascension, as we can see from this morning's reading from the Acts of the Apostles. "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" they asked him anxiously. Surely everything is going to be sorted and put to rights now! Jesus' answer however, as it had so often been, was clear: "It is not for you to know..."

Jesus' Ascension, which we celebrated last week and continue reflecting on today, was the end of certainty for the disciples. Jesus was no longer with them, eating and drinking and talking with them. He was no longer available to them by sight. After all the extraordinary happenings of the past weeks – Jesus' passion and death, followed by his resurrection – this new situation must have been deeply unsettling.

And it is also unsettling for us. Like the disciples, we have entered a time of absence. But it is a 'holy absence', removing our need for certainty so we can instead know God through love and faith, as today's Collect puts it:

O God,
you withdraw from our sight
that you may be known by our love:
help us to enter the cloud
where you are hidden,
and surrender all our certainty
to the darkness of faith
in Jesus Christ. Amen

Muriel Porter

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

8.00am EUCHARIST

Presider: Richard Wilson
Preacher: Muriel Porter
Reader: Neil Nyholm
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands
Server: Julian Rait
Euch. Asst: Hans Ferdinands

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Richard Wilson
Preacher: Muriel Porter
Deacon: Muriel Porter
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Georgina Porter, Rachael Lim
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Cantor: Pranav Roy
Servers: Ross Smith (MC),
Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Verona Lea
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomosov

11.30am: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? Following the Sung Eucharist this morning, please come to share in a conversation in the Rutherford Room about how we might move forward together as a parish. *The Wardens*

3.00pm EUCHARIST

Bahasa Indonesia

Presider: Kuncoro Rusman
Pengkotbah: Kuncoro Rusman
Pembaca Mazmur: Julia Sutanto
Pembaca P Baru: Kwee Giok Bwee
Pembaca Firman: Tina Rumayar
Doa Syafaat: Ferry Hosiholan
Eucharistic Assistants: Sue and Christine
Pemain Musik & Choir: GroupBand1
Setup PA Sys.: GroupBand1
Usher: Julia Sutanto
Sekolah Minggu: Helena and Arielle
Konsumsi: Iesje and Norma
Petugas kebersihan: Ben, Max, Tetty, Ferry, Lilly

6.00pm LITURGY OF LIGHT

Keith Dempster

Lectons for the day

*Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10,32-35;
1 Peter 5; John 17.1-11*

Dear Friends,

Last week it was announced that I have decided to leave St John's. Over the last year of discernment along with my current experience in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), ongoing spiritual direction and much personal prayer and reflection, I feel that my vocational calling has changed and that I am being called to minister in a new way outside parish ministry. I feel that it is time for me to leave my ministry as Children and Families minister at St John's to make the space to allow for new ministry to emerge.

I am inspired by the words of Frederick Buechner, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

I believe that this is true of my vocational calling by God, a calling that is not static, but dynamic. I desire to be open to all that God calls me to. At this stage in my faith journey, I feel that my vocational calling is to ministry as an Anglican hospital Chaplain.

It is with a mixture of sadness (saying goodbye is never easy) and excitement (at what lies ahead) that I write this as St John's has been my home for 10 years. My last Sunday in the parish will be Sunday July 9 after which I will be going on Long Service Leave.

With love and thanks, Clare.

CLARE'S FAREWELL: The parish will have an opportunity to farewell and thank Clare Tomosov following the 10am liturgy on 9 July. More details later.

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST will be celebrated next Sunday at 10am with a **combined sung Eucharist** for the 8am and 10am congregations. This supersedes an earlier plan to have a Family Service. Please wear something red. **N.B. No 8am liturgy next Sunday.**

THANK YOU to all who organised and worked hard to make the fundraising awareness dinner a success on Friday evening.

THE ANGLICARE PARTNERSHIP GROUP will meet **TOMORROW**, Monday, May 29 at 2.15 p.m. in the Rutherford Room. The guest speaker will be Maree Italiano from Anglicare Victoria and her talk will feature the work of the Anglicare foster care program. All are welcome. Afternoon tea will be available.

MEET MISS BLUEBELL and guess her birthday. Your \$1 donation per guess goes to Anglicare. If your guess is correct you can take Miss Bluebell home at the end of May. She is in the Rutherford Room on Sundays and in the Parish Office during office hours. Enquiries to Dawn Harvey.

JUNE-JULY JOURNAL: The June-July Journal of Scripture & Prayer is available today. Please take a copy.

WARTA JEMAAT

1) Kita diminta untuk menyanyi satu pujian di kebaktian Saint Paul Cathedral Melbourne. Kamis 1 Juni jam 5.10pm. Kita akan latihan setelah makan malam. Siapa saja dipersilakan untuk bergabung.

2) 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.

NEXT SUNDAY —4 June 2017

The Feast of Pentecost

*Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104. 26-036;
1 Corinthians 12.1-13; John 20.19-23*

No 8.00am Liturgy this day.

Combined with 10am.

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

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Pembaca P Baru: Nikki Milner
Pembaca Firman: Nora Maggs
Doa Syafaat: Christine Hetharia
Eucharistic Assistants: Sue and Helena
Pemain Musik: Darius Hetharia
Choir: Christine, Mun, Nikki
Setup PA System: Radit Gunawan
Usher: Kwee Giok Bwee
Sekolah Minggu: TBA
Konsumsi: Mun Rusman
Petugas kebersihan: Evi, Nora, Sue, Glenn, Stevy

6.00pm LITURGY OF LIGHT

Ross Smith

RECONCILIATION CHORAL

EVENSONG: Thursday 1 June 2017.

5.10pm-6.30pm. The choir of the 3pm congregation at St John's has been asked to sing at St Paul's Cathedral, for the Reconciliation Choral Evensong Church Service. Everyone is welcome.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Claude O'Leary, and Rex Nathanielsz, whose anniversaries occur at this time.