

FUTURE DATES

Serving Christ Today—Sundays 4 & 11 September—4pm-6pm in Dempster Room

Asylum Seeker and Refugee Support Group will meet at 4pm on Monday 5 September in Dempster Room

Pastoral Care Support Team meets in Dempster Room on Tuesday 6 September at 9.30am

Families Chapel Eucharist and dinner in Rutherford Room on Saturday 10 September commencing at 5.00pm.

Eucharist—Holy Cross 14 September—7pm in the Chapel

Book Sale No. 2: Saturday 17 September from 9am to 3pm in the Rutherford Room

IN THE PARISH

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

TUESDAY 30 August

12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel

12.35pm Staff meeting

3.00pm Liturgy Meeting in Dempster Room

WEDNESDAY 31 August

9.45am Little Seeds Playgroup

11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel followed by BYO lunch in Dempster Room

Evening: Archbishop's Dinner at Old Wardens Lodge, Trinity College, Parkville

THURSDAY 1 September

7.30pm Choir Practice

8.00pm Thursday Study Group at Ross' home

SATURDAY 3 September

8.30am Archives Group meets in Rutherford Room

1.30pm—5.00pm Sing Australia Concert in the church

6.00pm ICC2 Band practice in Dempster Room



CONTACT WARTA JEMAAT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
Pentecost 15—August 28 2016

Dear Friends,

One of my favourite stories about Jorge Bergoglio at the time of his election as Pope Francis is the incident on the balcony. The *cappa rubea*, red cape, is traditionally placed on Pope's at their election, a highly symbolic enacting of imperial authority. A Vatican official coming at him to place upon him the *cappea rubea*, Francis is reputed to have refused, saying: "No thank you, Monsignor. You put it on, instead. Carnival time is over!"

Lest we feel some superiority over the church of Rome - for whom, in truth, the 'carnival' is clearly a long way from being over - we can see the wider significance of the *cappa rubea* as symbol, well beyond Roman boundaries. Let us briefly remind ourselves of our origins. The Christian church began as a reform movement, turning the religious rules upside down, 'underground', dissenting, a fearful 'little flock' on the edges respectability - or completely outside of respectability. But with the advent of Emperor Constantine - beginning with the edict of Milan in 313, becoming solidified with the first council of Nicea in 325 - Christianity became *the* religion of empire. In many ways the Jesus of the gospels was suppressed, in favour of a refashioned Jesus serving the needs of imperial power and control.

Fast forward to us, dying remnants of the British Empire, we are inheritors of a now-collapsing empire religion. Look within the pages of the Book of Common Prayer to see how its language and structure has fashioned us. A St John's parish magazine of 1953 is a stark reminder that this imperial religion is not some ancient late medieval artefact, but likely to be quite formational in some of us here today. The issue in question - at the time of the coronation of Elizabeth II - so graphically demonstrates the hierarchical, monarchical, imperial culture of dear Anglican church at Camberwell junction. We Anglicans are steeped in respectability, hierarchy, order and control, in being dutiful 'important' citizens of the state. We have not yet relinquished our hankering after what today's gospel calls 'the place of honour'.

Today's gospel is the medicine we need: it's message about hierarchy, power and control abundantly clear. On the road to Jerusalem, there's no room for special places of honour, for this is the path of self-emptying. Jesus' table is not the exaggerated rectangle of Michaelangelo's famous painting, with a hierarchy of places designed for a hierarchically structured church building supporting an empire religion. Rather, Jesus' table is equal sided, a table around which all persons are equally gathered, a defiant stand against the world's relentless distinction-making, then and now.

Our spiritual renewal as disciples requires the re-ordering of our building, the reshaping of our Altar-Table, and the way we arrange ourselves around it.

With my love, David.

The Spring Series: Prayer in Daily Life

Sundays 2, 9, 16 and 23 October

11.30am to 1pm

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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 lunch following the 12 noon Eucharist in the Rutherford Room.

8am EUCHARIST

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

No 10am or 3pm Liturgies today.

12.00 noon ONE-PARISH FAMILY EUCHARIST

Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Reader: Charles Palfreeman
Intercessor: Arielle Rusman
Cantor:
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Lauren Bernabe-Wong, Claire Palfreeman, Robin Carter
Euch. Assts.: Sub-Deacon, Clare Tomasov
Kidz@Church: All in church for Family Eucharist
Pemain Musik: Darius Hetharia
Petugas kebersihan: Elly, Bwee, Holly, Christine

LUNCH will follow in the Rutherford Room

4.00pm 'SERVING CHRIST TODAY' - 2nd Session in Dempster Room

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE- Keith Dempster

OLD VICARAGE WORKING BEES: The Old Vicarage Working Group will be coordinating 2 working bees in the grounds of the old vicarage: Saturday 10 September & Saturday 8 October, from 8.30am. All are welcome, and invited, to participate. More details next week. Enquiries to Julian Rait or Kerry Pratt.

TODAY'S LECTIONS

*Proverbs 25. 6-7; Psalm 112;
Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14. 1, 7-14.*

GRATITUDE: In the last week of my annual leave Kuncoro was confronted with four funerals to be celebrated within a week (certainly a record since I've been at St John's). Kun officiated at two during my last week of leave, with two waiting for me on my return. But Kun had done all the preparation (which is substantial) for all four of them. I'm most grateful to Kun, and also to Muriel Porter, who, in addition to her preparations for leading the first Trinity Certificate session, at short notice stepped up as last Sunday's preacher. And around Kun and Muriel, a marvellous team making all the liturgical and practical matters run smoothly, in particular both Dawns (Sullivan and Harvey), Ross Smith, Bruce Williams, Keith Dempster, and Penny Galbraith and the 'funeral catering team'. Thanks to all of you. *David*

THE VICAR'S PARISH COUNCIL REPORT from the August meeting is enclosed with these notices today and is also available on the table in the narthex.

WARTA JEMAAT

Kita akan mengadakan kerja bakti "Working Bee" untuk membersihkan rumah sebelah Gereja, old vicarage. Hari Sabtu, mulai jam 8.30pagi, pada tanggal 10 September dan 8 Oktober. Mohon partisipasinya. Terimakasih & Tuhan memberkati.

BOOK SALE No. 2—Saturday September 17 from 9am—3pm in the Rutherford Room. Proceeds again to Anglicare. Books are needed now and may be left in the boxes in the narthex.

FLYERS FOR LETTERBOXING are still available at the back of the church. Please mark on the map which streets you will cover.

REPLACEMENT of the Electrical Switchboard—Monday 5 to Friday 9 September—No power available to the church and church side of the building during this time.

VOLUNTEER DRINKS: David, Kuncoro, Clare, Jenny, Dawn & David B, invite volunteers who help around the office and the parish centre to join them in the Dempster Room on Tuesday 13 September at 5.30pm for drinks. This is to say thank you for the myriad of tasks that you do.

SPRING SERIES: This 4 week series is the parish's principle education-formation focus for 2016, widely advertised and promoted since last Christmas. It is for the whole parish community - 8am, 10am, 3pm, and 6pm. I hope we will all make every effort to participate in this whole-of-parish spiritual formation opportunity together. If you have any questions, please do speak with me. And hold the planning group in your prayers as they prepare for the series: Alison Asquith, Wendy Crouch, Gillian Forwood, Lynn Goodall, Muriel Porter, Graham Pratt, Kuncoro Rusman, Ross Smith, and Mary Williams. The notes from last year's series were distributed at the beginning of July, and are still available in the narthex - these are offered as an aid to refreshing our memory of the terrain we travelled last year, and for further reflection as we prepare ourselves to consider our 'Prayer in Daily Life'. *David*

NEXT SUNDAY, 4 September 2016
Pentecost 16

*Deuteronomy 30. 15-20; Psalm 1;
Philemon 1-25; Luke 14. 25-35.*

8am EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
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Readers: Neil Nyholm
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Neil Nyholm
Euch. Asst. Neil Nyholm

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Readers: Clare Tomasov, Jane Rait
Intercessor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Jenny Cook (MC), Geoff Vincent, Julian Rait, Sue Banting

Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, Carole Nicholls

Kidz@Church: Liz Pratt, Janice Wong

3pm LITURGY OF THE WORD

Bahasa Indonesia

Presider: David Moore
Liturgis: Kuncoro Rusman
Pengkotbah: Kuncoro Rusman
Pembaca Mazmur: Elly Karmawan
Pembaca P Baru: Kwee Giok Bwee
Pembaca Firman:
Pemain Musik: ICC2 Band
Setup PA Sys: ICC2 Band
Usher: Albert Lengkong
Sekolah Minggu: Yolanda Ohello
Konsumsi: Norma, Yolanda
Petugas kebersihan: Yolanda, Helena, Norma and Tia

4.00pm 'SERVING CHRIST TODAY'
3rd Session. Dempster Room

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE
Keith Dempster

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Ernest Carter, Michael King (Abbot), Milla Livsey, Neita Quail, Kath Prest, Olwyn Game, Elva Hallt, Eric Sayce, and Gwen Dempster, whose anniversaries occur at this time.