

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Morning & Evening Prayer is prayed in the Chapel on weekdays at 8.30am and 5pm respectively.

TUESDAY 30 September

12noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.45pm Staff meeting
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting

WEDNESDAY 1 October

11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel
12.15pm BYO Lunch in Dempster Room
6.30pm Communion and Curry

THURSDAY 2 October

7.00pm Camberwell Camera Club in Rutherford Room
7.30pm Choir Practice
8.00pm Thursday Study Group at Ross' home

SATURDAY 4 October

8.30am Archives Group in Rutherford Room
12.30pm Camberwell Camera Club in Rutherford Room

THINKING OF STUDY IN 2015?

Theology for Today's Church. Trinity College Theological School offers programs for everyone: lay people, ordinands, chaplains and researchers. Website www.tinity.edu.au/theology, or contact the Registrar, Dr Peter Campbell on (03) 9348 7127 or tcts@trinity.unimelb.edu.au

NEXT SUNDAY - 5 October, 2014

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 20. 1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;
Philippians 3. 1-14; Matthew 21.33-46

8am EUCHARIST

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Reader: Geoff Vincent
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Geoff Vincent
Euch. Asst. Keith Dempster

9.00-9.30am Ministry of Healing

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: David Moore
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Readers: Adrienne Bolch
Verona Lea
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
Jenny Cook, Neicia Shaw,
Robin Carter
Euch. Assts. Sub Deacon, Neicia Shaw
Kidz@Church: Clare Tomasov

12 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

1.30pm Indonesian Coordinating Committee meets in Dempster Room

3.00pm INDONESIAN SERVICE

5.00pm Indonesian Elders meeting

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE—Keith Dempster



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost—28 September 2014

My Dear Friends,

Today we are delighted to welcome Edward David Holden into the church by water and Spirit – offering our hospitality and prayers to his parents Jennifer and Greg, and their family and friends. The church baptises according to the familiar formula: 'in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. It's a formula which is understood to contain in itself a certain authority. But the true authority to baptise does not reside in that formula – nor in the priest, nor the congregation, nor parish, nor even with the Anglican Church. The true authority is the living presence of Christ.

It so happens that the word authority is crucial in the gospel which the lectionary gives us this day – a happy coincidence. "By what *authority* are you doing these things?" This is the question of those who are clearly perceiving *their* authority to be challenged. At the conclusion of Matthew's 'sermon on the mount' the evangelist tells the reader: "the crowds were astounded at Jesus' teaching, for he taught them as one having *authority*, not as their scribes." The observation spells trouble! And now we see clearly in today's gospel fragment - located in the heart of the religious establishment, the Jerusalem Temple, and following Jesus' provocative entry into the city – the collision course which has been coming. It's all about authority. What is authority? Who possess it? And how do we know?

In the thought world of the Greek the word translated into English as 'authority' means an unconstrained freedom, a sense of there being no hindrance, of unlimited possibility, the source of an absolute power. But when conscripted into the legal and political machinery it takes on the familiar tone of control, about which Jesus' criticism is emphatic and sustained. Those who imagine they have a firm control over truth are bound to feel threatened in the presence of true authority. The presence of unconstrained freedom and unlimited possibility in the person of Jesus was met with a lethal response. Jesus refuses to 'reveal his sources' to them. True authority cannot be photographed; it is not for sale; it's not a programme to be franchised; it's source is as ineffable and ungraspable as God. True authority is a gift, given in secret, by the 'Father who sees in secret', and walks free in the midst of petty powerbrokers. Crucially, *it freely lays its own life down in love.*

Now here's the rub: every person baptised into the death and resurrection of Christ is called into that same landscape of unconstrained freedom and unlimited possibility. Every baptised person is invited into the 'secret place', into the depths of our own being which is the divine ground – so as to walk free, and, crucially, to freely lay our own lives down in love.

With my love, David

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SERVICES TODAY

WELCOME! 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 10 am liturgy.

8.00am Eucharist

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

10.00am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Ross Smith
Reader: Muriel Porter
Cantor: Selina Lin
Servers: Neil Nyholm (MC)
Geoff Vincent, Sue Banting,
Neicia Shaw
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Carole Nicholls

KIDZ@CHURCH: In recess for school holidays. Please make use of children's activities at the back of the church.

12 noon The Angelus

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm Contemplative Service Keith Dempster

Readings for the day:

*Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 78. 1-4, 11-16;
Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21. 23-32.*

WE WELCOME Edward David Holden who comes for baptism at the 10am Eucharist this morning. We also welcome his parents, Jennifer and Greg Holden, his siblings, Jessica and Thomas, and his sponsors, Jillian Tomlinson and Stephen Tomlinson.

NOTES from the **Open Forum** held last Sunday are inserted in these notices today and are also available on the table in the narthex.

PARISH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER REPORT was circulated last Sunday, copies are on the table in the narthex.

MINISTRY OF HEALING: On the first Sunday of the month from 9 to 9.30am clergy will be in the chapel. All are welcome to receive laying on of hands and anointing. Healing Ministry is always available at any time, simply contact one of the clergy.

JOURNAL OF SCRIPTURE & PRAYER: The Journal for October-November is available today. This edition includes an outline of the Liturgical Year, which you might find helpful as we draw closer to the beginning of the new Church Year in Advent.

CLARE is on leave returning on Sunday 5 October.

EMILY is on leave until 5 October.

JUDY MOORE is Acting Director of Music.

LITTLE SEEDS PLAYGROUP is in recess for the school holidays.

KIDZ@CHURCH is in recess for school holidays. Term 4 starts on 5 October.

DEADLINE FOR NOTICES in Contact—1pm Thursdays.

LECTIONARIES FOR 2015: If you ordered a copy please arrange to collect it from the office. If you wish to purchase a copy please ring the office. They are \$13 each (incl. GST).

THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COMMITTEE of the Diocese has much interesting news in its September newsletter which is available at the following link:

<http://www.melbourne.anglican.com.au/Search/default.aspx?k=sOCIAL%20RESPONSIBILITIES%20COMMITTEE>. There is a copy on the noticeboard if you do not have access to a computer.

ANGLICARE MISSION HOUSE is in need of basic food items. Copies of a list from Anglicare are on the noticeboard at the back of the church. Please take a copy with you when shopping. Please bring items to church for the basket on Sundays. *Thank you from Mission House.*

ADVANCE NOTICE: 2015 PARISH RETREAT:

Booked at Pallotti College for the weekend of Friday 27 February to Sunday 1 March. All are welcome and warmly encouraged.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Ione Pelton, David Penman (Bishop), Margaret Cook, Frederick Humffray, Clement Crisp, Arthur Rowe, and Peter Krahnert, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDAR—2015—to aid Anglican Overseas Aid—Available soon \$12 each. Enquiries: Dawn Harvey.

ANGLICARE CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available at St John's. Order list and display on Sundays is in the Church and in the office during office hours. Please order early as the best ones run out quickly. *Yoland Sargood.*

AL AHLI ANGLICAN HOSPITAL IN GAZA APPEAL: You can assist this appeal by supporting our Pizza and Quiz Night on October 24 at 7pm. Tickets will be available soon.

FUTURE DATES

ST FRANCIS DAY & PET BLESSING SERVICE: 12 October at 10am.

PIZZA & QUIZ NIGHT—Friday 24 October at 7pm. Watch for more details.

ALL SAINTS— November 2 at 8am and 10am.

ALL SOULS—November 2—Requiem Eucharist at 7pm.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE to aid Camcare—November 8 all day at Masters, Toorak Road.

ANNUAL MEETING 23 November in Rutherford Room 11.30am. (Closing date for nominations for Wardens (2), Parish Council (6) and Incumbency Committee (2) is **Friday** 14 November at 12 noon.)