

## FUTURE DATES

**Asylum Seeker & Refugee Support Group** meets on **Monday 14 May at 3pm**—NB earlier time.

**Ascension Day**—Thursday 10 May—6.30pm Eucharist followed by Education for Ministry program introduction. (See detailed notice on page 2 and separate flyer in narthex.)

**Parish Retreat:** 11th—13th May at Santa Casa, Queenscliff. **Numbers are limited to 19.** Brochures including registration forms are in the narthex.

**Cake & Preserves Stall**—In Burke Road—Saturday 12 May 9am-1.00pm

**Corpus Christi**—Thursday 31 May—6.30pm Eucharist followed by annual Corpus Christi Lecture. See notice on page 2.

**NEWS FLASH!** As you will be aware, we have been seeking to appoint a two-day a week office assistant to relieve the considerable workload of our Parish Administrator, Dawn Sullivan. We are delighted to inform you that an appointment has been made; the new assistant will be starting in the week beginning May 7, working on Thursdays and Fridays. More details later. *The churchwardens*

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

*Morning (9.30am) and Evening Prayer (5pm)  
Tuesdays to Fridays unless mentioned below.*

### MONDAY 30 April

**2.15pm** Anglicare Partnership Group—  
“Empowering Young First  
Australians” in the Rutherford  
Room. Afternoon tea follows.

### TUESDAY 1 May—Feast of Philip & James

**11.00am** Funeral in the Chapel

**12 noon** Eucharist in the Chapel

### WEDNESDAY 2 May (No Evening Prayer)

**6.30pm** Eucharist and curry

### THURSDAY 3 May

**7.30pm** Choir Practice

**8.00pm** Thursday Study Group at Ross’  
home

### SATURDAY 5 May

**8.30am** Archives group in Rutherford  
Room

**10.30-3.00pm** Oblates meet in Chapel and  
Dempster Room

## CAKE & PRESERVES STALL:

**SATURDAY 12 MAY 9.00am** outside  
Priceline in Burke Road. Flyers with labels  
are on the narthex table.



# CONTACT

## ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

**Fifth Sunday of Easter—29 April 2018**

### Forward in Hope

The Easter season continues to provide opportunities for us to acknowledge our past and to be re-affirmed in our uniqueness and face a future that is marked by mercy, acceptance and hope. This weekend we are acknowledging the conclusion of Father David Moore’s ministry as Vicar of St. John’s. What does Easter and the risen Christ do for David, what does it do for us?

In John’s gospel account we read of Peter who had betrayed Jesus and had denied that he knew him; then by a charcoal fire burning on the beach, as if to make the connection even clearer, Jesus three times ask Peter if he loves him, and then not only forgives him but commissions him to be a leader of the church. That is what Easter does for Peter. It recognises the reality of the past and it offers a different future.

What does Easter do for us? How does this story relate to our stories? Our stories are created by everything that has happened to us from the moment we were born. Our past—everything we carry into this present moment—makes us what we are today. The older we grow the more past there is, and the more aware we are of the hold that power of the past has on us.

We can be nostalgic for the past for what has been or what might have been. But nostalgia means living in the past because we have little hope in the present and no confidence in the future. What Easter says to the nostalgic is that the God will hold us in that relationship with God at this and every moment of our lives and beyond; God calls us each by name and we face a future that will always contain mercy, acceptance and hope.

Maybe nostalgia is not our problem, perhaps our past has been hurtful or bitter and we carry around guilt, anger or resentments that tend to cripple our life in the present. Easter says to us who are damaged by guilt or resentment that while the past cannot be undone or changed, it can be redeemed. Memories can be healed, offences forgiven. The risen Christ’s presence in the midst of the disciples is the proof for them that everything he had said about God’s love is true. Christ speaks our name and calls us from the pain, the evil or the nostalgia of our past, into a future in which the people we have been can be salvaged and reaffirmed. The creative power of God is experienced as forgiveness, re-creation, change, now, in this amazing present moment.

At every Eucharist we tell the story of the past, we recall his life and death. But because we always tell that story in the light of Easter, it is a story of the present, a story that speaks of our relationship now in this amazing present moment with the God who raised Jesus from the dead and who forgives, welcomes, cherishes and affirms us, and points us forward in hope.

May we as individuals go forward in hope! May we as a church community go forward in hope! May David and Judy go forward in hope!

*Ken*

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**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 after the 10am liturgy and the shared lunch in the Rutherford Room.

## SERVICES TODAY

**8.00am EUCHARIST**  
*with thanksgiving for Fr David Moore's ministry at St John's*

**Presider:** Ken Hewlett  
**Preacher:** Ken Hewlett  
**Reader:** Geoff Vincent  
**Intercessor:** Hans Ferdinands  
**Server:** Hans Ferdinands  
**Euch. Asst.:** Keith Dempster

**10am SUNG EUCHARIST**  
*with thanksgiving for Fr David Moore's ministry at St John's*

**Presider:** Ken Hewlett  
**Preacher:** Ken Hewlett  
**Deacon:** Richard Wilson  
**Sub-Deacon:** Ross Smith  
**Readers:** Don Heath, Glenis Heath  
**Cantor:** TBA  
**Intercessor:** Muriel Porter  
**Servers:** Neil Nyholm (MC), Sue Banting, Robin Carter, Alison Asquith  
**Euch. Assts.:** Sub-Deacon, Verona Lea  
**For children:** Please make use of activities at the back of the church.

**6.00pm: EVENING WORSHIP**

### LECTIONS FOR THE DAY

*Acts 8: 26-40; Psalm 116;  
1 John 4: 7-21; John 15: 1-8*

**St John's 'Parish Covenant'** is the basis for all relationships, social interactions, and patterns of behaviour within and concerning the Parish. It is on display in the narthex and available on the parish website. All parishioners are encouraged to sign the Covenant, demonstrating their public commitment to a safe and healthy parish community.

**FATHER DAVID MOORE:** As part of our thanksgiving today for Fr David Moore's ministry as Vicar, a selection of his sermons, published in a booklet, is available. Please take your copy.

**'EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY':** EFM is a highly-regarded adult learning program that enables people to see and experience the connection between Christian faith and daily life.

We are holding an information session, with cheese and wine, following the 6.30pm Ascension Day Eucharist on Thursday 10 May. A flyer with more details is available on the narthex table.

## PATRONAL FESTIVAL NEXT

**SUNDAY:** Next Sunday, we will celebrate our Patronal Festival – St. John's Day – and our special guest will be Fr John Deane ABM Executive Director. John is located in Sydney and studied for the priesthood at Trinity College Melbourne. He was ordained in this diocese and has ministered in parishes as well as a member of staff at Trinity College.

NB There will be only one liturgy next Sunday, at 10am, followed by lunch in the Rutherford Room.

**Please bring lunch to share.**

**THE CORPUS CHRISTI LECTURE:** Barney Zwartz – journalist, media commentator and senior fellow of the Centre for Public Christianity – will be our Corpus Christi lecturer this year. The lecture will be held on Thursday 31 May, following the 6.30pm Corpus Christi Eucharist. More details later, but save the date now.

## TOMORROW—MONDAY EMPOWERING YOUNG FIRST AUSTRALIANS EDWARD TUDOR, CEO

of Melbourne Indigenous Transitional School will be our speaker on **APRIL 30th** 2.15 pm in the Rutherford Room for the Anglicare Partnership Group. Bring a friend. Afternoon Tea to follow.

**PHOTOGRAPHY DURING WORSHIP:** Please note that in response to diocesan privacy requirements, photographs during any of our public worship services may be taken only with the prior permission of the Locum Vicar.

**PARISH RETREAT: 11th—13th MAY** at Santa Casa, Queenscliff. Fr. Ron Browning will lead the retreat. All information is in the brochures (including Registration detail), which are now available on the table in the narthex. The Retreat is limited to 19 participants, so registration is essential. Cost \$200 per person. If cost is a hindrance please speak with Fr Ken. Other enquiries to Ross Smith.

**REFUGEE GARDEN PROJECT:** St John's Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Group gratefully acknowledges the generous donations of a number of parishioners which will pay for the building materials required for the garden protection cover. Brian Crouch's gift of labour for its design and making is acknowledged and appreciated. *Helen Howells & Norm Fary.*

**ACTIVITY REGISTERS:** Thank you to those group leaders and key individuals who have returned their completed activity registers. We are most grateful for your co-operation. We look forward to receiving those still outstanding. *The Churchwardens*

**SECURITY UPGRADE:** The electrical switchboard cupboard outside the vestry has a new lock. Keyholders have access for lighting purposes and must ensure that they lock the cupboard each time they use it.

## NEXT SUNDAY

*6 May 2018*

## PATRONAL FESTIVAL ST JOHN'S DAY

*One Liturgy only this day  
at 10.00am*

*Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 97:  
1 John 1:1-5; John 20: 2-8*

**10am SUNG EUCHARIST**

**Presider:** Ken Hewlett  
**Preacher:** John Deane  
**Deacon:** Richard Wilson  
**Sub-Deacon:** Cynthia Nyholm  
**Readers:** Noel Anderson, Margaret Anderson  
**Intercessor:** Adrienne Bolch  
**Servers:** Ross Smith (MC), Neil Nyholm, Robin Carter, Geoff Vincent, Alison Asquith  
**Euch. Assts.:** Sub-Deacon, Jonathan Way  
**For children:** Please make use of activities at the back of the church.

**11.30am MORNING TEA** followed later by a

**SHARED LUNCH** in the Rutherford Room

**YEAR'S MIND:** We remember before God, Frank Kingsley Norris, Wilfred De Soysa, Laura Lord, and Donald Parkinson, whose anniversaries occur at this time.