

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

TUESDAY 1 July

- 9.30am** Pastoral Care Support Team meets in the Dempster Room
12 noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.45pm Staff Meeting
1.15pm Staff lunch out
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting

WEDNESDAY 2 July

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

THURSDAY 3 July

- 8.00pm** Thursday Night Study Group at Ross' home.

SATURDAY 5 July

- 8.30am** Archives Group meets in Rutherford Room
All day Major tree works conducted in the old vicarage garden.

Indonesian Presidential Elections are taking place this day at the Indonesian Embassy in Melbourne.

ONGOING PLUMBING WORK is being done behind the church and some excavation has been necessary. Please take care when walking or parking there.

NEXT SUNDAY - 6 July 2014

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Ps 45.10-17;
Romans 7. 14-25; Matthew 11.15-30

8am EUCHARIST

- Presider:** Emily Fraser
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Reader: Hans Ferdinands
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Hans Ferdinands

9.00-9.30am Healing Ministry

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

- Presider:** David Moore
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm
Readers: Margaret & Noel Anderson
Intercessor: Clare Tomasov
Servers: Neicia Shaw (MC); Jenny Cook, Geoff Vincent, Robin Carter
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, Clare Tomasov
Kidz@Church: In recess for School holidays. Please make use of children's resources at the back of the church.

12.00 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

3.00pm INDONESIAN

CONGREGATION: Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE



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ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

Feast of St Peter and St Paul — 29 June 2014

My Dear Friends,

How do we respond to the reality of Islam? Our response is likely to be crucial for global well-being in the coming century. Responses to the application to construct a mosque in Bendigo, by the Australian Islamic Mission, has reminded us again that the matter is pressing. Opponents seem to want Islam to just go away – certainly to be excluded from Australia. This seems to me to be futile, and ethically dubious.

The manner in which opposition to the Bendigo mosque has been conducted reminds us at St John's of our own efforts in October last year with the three-session series 'Christians Understanding Islam'. We were shocked and appalled when the third session, with Sherene Hassan, was aggressively disrupted by a mysterious group who suddenly appeared. In order to more fully understand what The Age described in one of its articles about the Bendigo mosque process as 'fear and loathing' it's worth consulting the web site of 'The Q Society' <http://www.qsociety.org.au/> This group describes itself as 'Australia's Leading Islam-critical Movement'. Personally, I find their website chilling reading.

I have searched the news web sites for Christian response to the Bendigo mosque application, to no avail. (I'll be delighted if it turns out that I simply didn't look far enough or in the right places!) This silence is deeply disturbing. In a culture of fear and loathing, and especially in the midst of a widespread mood of xenophobic nationalism, it seems to me that Christians ought to be able to communicate something of the spirit of Christ.

Crucial among (a raft of) objections to the mosque, and Islam more generally, is the feeling that Islam fosters violence, extremism, and totalitarianism. Mosques are portrayed as 'hate speech' breeding grounds for violent jihadists. Islam does seem to have a problem in this regard. Its sectarian schisms remind me of the lethal Catholic-Protestant violence which wracked Europe for centuries – not only spilling vast quantities of blood, but also leaving behind a legacy of hatred which is taking centuries of undoing. Islam's progressive and liberal-minded leaders have a huge task – as do Christianity's! Christians and Muslims alike have sacred texts which preach love, respect and tolerance. Yet these same texts can just as readily be used to justify the opposite. This fact makes religion odious.

I wonder, if we can be honest about this painful fact together, can we assist each other to progress beyond our own tendencies to violence? Can we assist each other to come to grips with the devastating consequences of our exclusive claims to the truth? Our future could depend on it.

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 liturgy.

8.00am Eucharist

Prisider: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Reader: Ross Smith
Intercessor: Clergy
Server: Ross Smith
Euch. Asst. Ross Smith

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Prisider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: David Moore
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Readers: Adrienne Bolch
Sub-Deacon
Intercessor: Keith Wilkins
Cantor: Naomi Lee
Servers: Ross Smith (MC), Neil Nyholm,
Sue Banting, James Moorhouse
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Keith Wilkins
KIDZ@CHURCH: In recess for school holidays.
Resources at the back of the church.

12 noon The Angelus
3.00pm Indonesian Congregation—
The Revd. Denny Pinontoan

4.00pm “Confessing our Faith” -
Dempster Room

6.00pm Contemplative Service

NEW PRIMATE & GENERAL SYNOD

By the time you read this, the Anglican Church of Australia will have a new Primate (presiding bishop), following an election held in Adelaide yesterday.

Archbishop Phillip Aspinall of Brisbane, who has been Primate for the maximum nine-year term, is standing down at the end of this week. He will continue as Archbishop of Brisbane.

Before he steps down, he will chair the General Synod – the church’s “national parliament” – which begins in Adelaide tonight. The Diocese of Melbourne has 32 elected clergy and lay representatives attending the synod.

In a full week, the synod will grapple with a wide range of matters, including the future viability of the Anglican Church, given the vast changes in society over the past few decades.

It is sobering to note that, of Australia’s 23 dioceses, six are on the verge of bankruptcy, and four others are not far behind. They are country dioceses, impacted by rural depopulation, drought, and in some cases, the failure of church schools.

Other motions before the synod will tackle the treatment of asylum seekers, constitutional recognition of Indigenous people, poverty, climate change and much more besides.
Muriel Porter

MINISTRY OF HEALING: On the first Sunday of the month from 9 to 9.30am clergy will be in the chapel, and you are invited to come to talk, have hands laid on or be anointed. Healing Ministry is always available at any time, simply contact one of the clergy.

'CONFESSING OUR FAITH': The final session in this course, 'We believe...', will be held this afternoon at 4pm in the Dempster Room. Casual attenders welcome.

EXPLORING FAITH: If you're interested in preparing for baptism, confirmation, reception into the Church or making a re-affirmation of faith, you're invited to join 'Exploring Faith' to reflect on that journey with others. Two discussion and information sessions will be held on July 13th, at 11:45am and 5.15pm. All are welcome. For more details, see the leaflet 'Exploring Faith' in the narthex, or speak to Father David or Mother Emily.

DID YOU “flap” Anglicare Christmas Cards last year? We have another 15,000 to do. Come on Monday 14 July for as long as you can spare after 10am. Tea/coffee provided—BYO lunch.

WELCOME TO ITALY! This is our 2014 Winter Dinner theme. A night not to be missed—mark this date in your diary now **25/7/14**. Tickets on sale as from Tuesday 1st July either through the Church Office or after the 10.00am services on the following Sundays. New goods or talents for the silent auction are now open to be received. Contact Neicia Shaw Email: neicia@nsproject.com.au
USED TERRACOTTA PLANT POTS—10 or 12 of these (120mm in diameter) are needed for the Winter Dinner. Please bring to the church or speak with Neicia.

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP? As well as your generous support of Anglicare, we do offer help to those in the community who come to *our* door needing food. This need has increased and the “local” shelf in the cupboard is looking bare. We need small ringpull cans of fish, meat, vegetables, fruit in snack packs, soup, noodles, dry biscuits breakfast cereals. If you can assist please bring goods to church on Sundays or to the office during the week. All help given is greatly appreciated.

A PARISH COUNCIL REPORT from the June meeting is with these notices.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Elsa Muggidge, Joan Gray, Alice Gillam, Wilks Gordon Simmons, and Florence Orr, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

KIDZ@CHURCH is in recess during the school holidays. The program returns on Sunday 13 July. Please make use of the children’s resources at the back of the church.

LITTLE SEEDS PLAYGROUP is in recess for the school holidays. It returns on 16 July at 9.30am. Roster starts that day.

WI-FI POLICY: This is presently being worked on for the Parish and any contributions or suggestions towards the drafting of this policy will be most welcome. Please email to the Vicar.

THE GAY APOLOGY: The Anglican Parish of St Mark's Fitzroy, under the leadership of Vicar Stuart Soley, former St John's curate, has launched a project to illuminate the spire of their church with bishop's purple - as a symbol of apology to the LGBTI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex) community for the stigma the Christian Churches have often attached to people suffering from HIV AIDS or for being same sex attracted. The lighting of the spire will be their contribution to marking the World AIDS Conference in Melbourne, between July 20 - 25. To find out more and to support the project see The Gay Apology website: <http://www.pozible.com/project/182832/251863>

BOOKS: St John’s Annual Booksale: The date is Saturday 30 August - Mark your diary and start sorting those books now!

FUTURE DATES

EXPLORING FAITH: 2 sessions—
11.45am and 5.15pm on July 13.

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN’S Community Support Group:Lunch Meeting 12noon Jul 21

WINTER DINNER: 7 for 7.30pm— Friday 25 July.

BOOKSALE—Saturday 30 August.

BP. BARBARA’S FINAL VISIT: 10am Sunday 17 August.

Readings for the day: Acts 12. 1-11; Psalm34; Acts 9. 32.43; John 21.15-22