

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

Monday 1 December

12 noon Friends of St John's Community Support Group—meeting. BYO lunch.

TUESDAY 2 December

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

WEDNESDAY 3 December

9.30am Little Seeds Playgroup
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel
12.15pm BYO Lunch in Dempster Room
6.30pm Communion and Curry

THURSDAY 4 December

Evening Choir Practice at Camberwell Uniting Church (for Ecumenical Advent Carols)
8.00pm Thursday Study Group at Ross' home

SATURDAY 6 December

8.30am Archives Group meets in Rutherford Room
10.00am Carmelite Centre Melbourne—Quiet Day.
10.00am Cursillo group meets in Dempster Room
5.00pm Feast of St Nicholas starts in Chapel followed by a meal in Rutherford Room and making up care packages for Christmas.

NEXT SUNDAY - 7 December, 2014

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85. 1-2, 8-13;
2 Peter 3. 8-15a; Mark 1.1-8

8am EUCHARIST

President: Emily Fraser
Preacher: Helen Creed
Reader: Neil Nyholm
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Neil Nyholm
Euch. Asst. Keith Dempster

9.30am Healing Ministry

10am SUNG EUCHARIST

with Commissioning of Office Bearers

President: Helen Creed
Preacher: Helen Creed
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Readers: Kerry Pratt; Verona Lea
Intercessor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Ross Smith (MC); Geoff Vincent, Neicia Shaw, Robin Carter

Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Neicia Shaw

Kidz@Church: Caroline Tanner, Janice Wong

12 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

3.00pm INDONESIAN SERVICE *with Commissioning of office bearers*—Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE—Keith Dempster

7.30pm ECUMENICAL ADVENT CAROLS at Camberwell Uniting Church



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ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

First Sunday of Advent—30 November 2014

My Dear Friends,

Advent's liturgies, scriptures and symbols speak profoundly and precisely into reality, both personal and collective. At the collective level, we know only too well the tumults, the traumas, the enormities and perplexities of the times in which we live – we are so awash with them there is hardly any need to rehearse them here.

At the personal level, all of us can begin to recognise the inner equivalents of these outer dramas. Our fears about what is happening outside – in the world, to our church, with our health or physical circumstances – are mirrors of our inner state of affairs. It feels like our sun is being darkened. A sense of former glory has collapsed, like stars falling from heaven. We feel utterly shaken. In the face of all this we may feel despairing, or angry, or resentful. And, feeling powerless, we can thrash around attempting to protect or preserve or recreate an imagined former glory: 'If we just do this or that, we can ensure our survival and our future.'

Advent is the reminder and the assurance that in spite of the fear, hopelessness, powerlessness or despair which we may feel, in the face of all the inner and outer troubles which we fear, and in fact cannot solve, God is always coming among us and doing something entirely new, in the ongoing birth of Christ. Beatrice Bruteau expresses it this way:

"The Messianic Age is always coming. It is always relative to whatever age of the world we are now in. Life is constantly seeking to renew itself, to transcend itself. The Christ is always the One who was and who is coming. Thus, every age must look forward to the coming of its Messiah, the formative principle that will make all things new. Every age needs to be saved from the deadness of the forms it is on the verge of outgrowing and to be lifted into a new kind of life. Whenever a new creation takes place, it takes place in Christ."

It is inevitable that we look back wistfully, longing to recreate some imagined secure or certain state of affairs. But the Messianic Age is always coming. Life is always renewing itself. God is always coming to birth. This is not our doing.

Advent is the gift of four weeks to foster the attentiveness we need to 'see these things taking place', within and without, and to be ready for what God is bringing to birth. 'Keep alert! Keep awake!' The more we stuff December with busyness and activity, the less likely we are to remain awake. I encourage us all to let Advent be Advent in December.

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: Gillian Forwood
Intercessor: Hans Ferdinands
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Hans Ferdinands

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: David Moore
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Don Heath, Glenis Heath
Intercessor: Andrew Porter
Cantor: Howard O'Brien
Servers: Neil Nyholm (MC)
Jenny Cook
Sue Banting
Neicia Shaw
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon, Neicia Shaw
KIDZ@CHURCH: Clare Tomasov, Alicia Palfreeman

11.30am Asylum Seeker & Refugee Group meets in Dempster Room

12 noon The Angelus

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation—
Rev. Apwee Ting

6.00pm Contemplative Service
Keith Dempster

Readings for the Day

*Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19;
1 Corinthians 1.1-9; Mark 13. 24-37*

COMMISSIONING: The newly-elected office bearers—Wardens, Parish Council, and Incumbency Committee—will be commissioned during the 10am and 3pm liturgies next Sunday, 7 December.

EMILY FRASER: Last Sunday David announced that my time at St John's will come to an end in late January and that I will begin my second curacy in the parish of St Andrew's in Brighton on February 1st. My final Sunday at St John's will be January 25th. Now is not yet the time for farewells, but I would like to thank the parish for their support and the wonderful opportunities they have given me over the past two years. -- *Mother Emily*

PREPARING FOR ADVENT

Two resource booklets are available today. *'Advent-Christmas-Epiphany: a guide to the season'* and *'Taking Advent Home'* are available in the Narthex. Please take copies.

ADVENT QUIET MORNING

Saturday 13 December 8.30am to 12.30pm, in the church and parish centre. Led by Fr David. All are welcome and invited to enjoy this half day of silence, prayer, and reflection. Tea and coffee will be available.

JOURNAL OF SCRIPTURE & PRAYER:

The Journal for Advent to CandleMass - 30 November to 1st February - is available today. Please take a copy.

THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP—

BYO Lunch to a Meeting tomorrow, Monday December 1 at 12 pm in the Dempster Room. RSVP Liz Pratt liz@pratt.id.au

FEAST OF SAINT NICHOLAS:

Everyone is invited to a 30 minute Eucharist in the Chapel followed by making care parcels for Mission House and a sausage sizzle. Saturday December 6, starting in the Chapel at 5.00pm. Dinner: BBQ/sausage sizzle at church. Please bring salad/dessert to share. BYO drinks. Care Parcels: Please bring non-perishable food items for making care packages – eg. Light fruit cake, treats, snacks. Speak to Clare for more information.

ECUMENICAL ADVENT CAROLS will be held this year at the Camberwell Uniting Church at 7.30pm on Sunday December 7. Churches combined choir. Come to join in this shared event between Our Lady of Victories, Camberwell Uniting Church and St John's. Everyone is welcome.

MINISTRY OF HEALING: NEXT SUNDAY-

On the first Sunday of the month from 9.30 to 9.50am 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.

“JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM” 2014—

Biblical lands and current issues. Friday December 5 at 7.30pm at Camberwell Uniting Church, Ian & Margery Brown will present this fascinating evening of images and insights from biblical lands today, with a focus on Palestine/Israel. This fund raiser is in support of their work to support asylum seekers. Donation \$15. Supper provided.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Joyce Paterson, Walter Oxley, Marjorie Beaumont, Ian Winter Ashton, and Mavis Fowler, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ANGLICARE CHRISTMAS HAMPER

APEAL and TOYS and GIFTS: Please keep in mind these appeals to enable Anglicare to assist those in need. Please bring to church on Sundays or to the office during office hours. *Thank you.*

ENVELOPES are available today for donations to The Christmas Bowl (Act for Peace) and also for ABM Advent 2014. See noticeboard for more details of their programs.

FUTURE DATES

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S BYO Lunch— meets on Monday 1 December at 12 noon.

FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS: Saturday 6 December 5pm.

ECUMENICAL ADVENT CAROLS— Sunday 7 December 7.30pm at Camberwell Uniting Church.

ADVENT QUIET MORNING Saturday 13 December 8.30am to 12.30pm in the church and parish centre.

INDONESIAN CELEBRATION Saturday 20 December 5pm in church and parish centre.

OFFICE CLOSSES at 12 noon on Christmas Eve and reopens on Wednesday 28 January 2015 at 10.00am.

EMILY'S LAST SUNDAY at St John's will be 25 January.

FURTHER ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS INFORMATION

is on the flyer within these notices and on the noticeboard.