

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

TUESDAY 1 April

- 9.30am** Pastoral Care Team meets in Dempster Room
12.00noon Eucharist in the Chapel
12.40pm Staff meeting in Dempster Room
1.15pm Staff lunch out
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting in Dempster Room
7.30pm Ecumenical Studies—4th Session, Venue: Camberwell Uniting

WEDNESDAY 2 April

- 9.30am** Playgroup in Rutherford Room (Last for Term 1)
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel
12.15pm BYO Lunch in the Dempster Room
12.30pm Deanery Meeting (elsewhere)
6.30pm Communion and Curry

THURSDAY 3 April

- 7.30pm** Choir Practice

FRIDAY 4—SUNDAY 6 April—Parish Retreat

SATURDAY 5 April

- 8.30am** Archives Group meets in Rutherford Room

SUNDAY 6 April—3am Daylight Saving Ends. Turn clock back by one hour.

NEXT SUNDAY - 6 April 2014

Lent 5

Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 130;
Romans 8.6-11; John 11. 1-45

8.00am EUCHARIST

- President:** Emily Fraser
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Reader: Geoff Vincent
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: TBA
Euch. Asst. Hans Ferdinands

10.00noon SUNG EUCHARIST

- President:** Emily Fraser
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: TBA
Readers: Kerry Pratt; Margaret Anderson
Intercessor: Noel Anderson
Servers: TBA
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; TBA
Kidz@Church: In recess—School Holidays
Activities available at the back of the church.

12.00 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

3.00pm INDONESIAN :

Kuncoro Rusman—6th Anniversary at St John's—All welcome to attend Service and meal afterwards.

6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE



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ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

Lent 4—30 March 2014

My Dear Friends,

Lent's mid point is an apt moment for us to recall something of our purpose. Christendom and cultural Christianity being largely behind us, those of us who remain engaged with a faith community are in many respects liberated from its baggage. Under the influence of the Christendom paradigm Lent tended to be fixated on the moral side of the equation, regulated by 'shoulds' and 'oughts' – and it's little wonder many regarded Lent as a miserable and depressing time. This may also account for the assessment that Lent has little or no relevance to a 'modern person'. Though Lent rightly retains its invitation to self-examination, Christendom's moral orientation may be giving way to what came before Christendom – the orientation of desire.

Increasingly, people don't come to churches because they feel they 'ought' any more (well, mostly). Thanks be to God! The slow dying of Christendom, though painful, is necessary. What's increasingly left in the aftermath of Christendom is the community of desire – those who have caught a glimpse, who have heard the rumour of God, who have tasted and seen and touched the Infinite, and who cannot but respond from the heart. And for this reason the contemporary lament about what's called 'decline' strikes me as a superficial response fuelled by insecurity, anxiety – and by what Alfred Adler called 'the power drive'. It should be evident that nothing evangelical, nothing Christ-like, lies there.

In Lent's forty days we are realistically and honestly examining and repenting of our own power drive - turning away from our will to control. But, crucially, not because someone tells us that we 'ought' – that's the religion of law and Christendom. Rather, having heard the rumour of self-emptying Love we are discovering again our deepest desire, our longing to respond in love, to self-emptying Love.

This is the spirit in which I have been extending to you my invitation to celebrate the Great Easter Triduum – set out in **Paschal Mystery**, the Lent-Easter seasonal resource booklet (which was first distributed on the Last Sunday before Lent and which has been in the church narthex throughout Lent). The Easter Triduum is challenging and demanding, most definitely - would any of us who has ever attempted any intimate relationship expect otherwise. The Easter Triduum is celebrated as one undivided whole, much as it would make no sense to pick and choose between the movements of a great symphony. If you haven't yet had the total experience, no amount of my telling you about it can satisfactorily convey it. Each of us discovers this for ourselves. It's *not* a matter of law or morality. It's an invitation to the heart, an appeal to the soul's longing.

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 following the liturgy in the Rutherford Room.

8.00am Eucharist

Presider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Reader: Keith Dempster
Intercessor: Neil Nyholm
Server: Neil Nyholm
Euch. Asst. Keith Dempster

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Presider: David Moore
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Readers: Carole Nicholls, John Manton
Intercessor: Noela Manton
Cantor: Judy Moore
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
Sue Banting; Robin Carter
Euch. Assts. John Manton, Carole Nicholls

KIDZ@CHURCH: Sue Pratt, Debbie Pratt,
Wendy Way

12 noon The Angelus

3.00pm Indonesian— Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm: Contemplative Service

*Readings Lent 4: 1 Samuel 16. 1-13;
Psalm 23; Ephesians 5. 8-14; John 9. 1-41*

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

3 days—1 liturgy

Holy Thursday 17 April—8pm
Good Friday 18 April—2pm
Easter Vigil 20 April—6am*

***NB: EASTER VIGIL AT 6AM**
followed by champagne breakfast.
See **Paschal Mystery: resources for Lent-Easter** for full Holy Week details.

OTHER HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Palm Sunday

10am commencing at Our Lady of Victories

Holy Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
8pm Meditation at the Cross & Communion

Holy Thursday

9.30pm to Midnight Vigil of Prayer

Good Friday

11.15am Ecumenical Walk of Witness
commencing at Our Lady of Victories

Holy Saturday

9.30am Morning Prayer
followed by Easter preparations

Easter Day

10am Sung Eucharist
3pm Indonesian Service
6pm Contemplative Prayer

PRAYER AT THE CROSS & COMMUNION: 8pm Holy Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. Holy Monday's meditation will focus on the Meszaros 'Stations of the Cross', accompanied by Lizst's 'Via Crucis', played by Roger Creed. Holy Tuesday and Wednesday's meditations will be focussed around the cross. Each night Communion from Reserved Sacrament will be offered.

CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST—Easter Day. If you intend being at the breakfast please place your name on the list at the back of the church.

JOURNAL OF SCRIPTURE & PRAYER:
The April-May edition of the Journal is available TODAY. Please take your copy.

RECOMMENDED READING

Paschal Mystery: Resources for Lent-Easter.

A guide for the season is available today.
Please take a copy.

TODAY MOTHERING SUNDAY BBQ
after church, from 12.00noon onwards in Anderson Park, Anderson Street, Hawthorn East. Meet near the playground in Widford Street, near the tennis courts, Mel Ref 59 G3. **BYO:** Food for BBQ, cricket bats, etc. Any questions, please speak to Clare. All welcome.

ECUMENICAL LENT STUDIES —
7.30pm Tuesdays, **April 1st (UCA), 8th (OLV).** Thank you to those who assisted in hosting St John's session last Tuesday.

PALM SUNDAY WALK FOR REFUGEES: With so many in the congregation concerned for the plight of asylum-seekers, it would be good if we could field a group to take part in the "Walk for Justice for Refugees" that starts at the State Library at 2pm on Palm Sunday, 13 April. Please speak to Muriel Porter if you are interested.

CONTEMPORARY CATHOLIC ANGLICAN: This is our parish's self-description. What does it mean and how does it relate to pressing contemporary concerns such as looming ecological disaster, poverty, justice for refugees and asylum seekers, same-sex marriage and other issues? We will attempt to unpack this in the next unit in the Trinity Certificate, 'Confessing our Faith', beginning on 11 May. Bookings must be made by **Palm Sunday, 13 April.** Full details are in the insert today.

ASYLUM SEEKERS, REFUGEES & ANGLICANS—A Fact Sheet is available at the back of the church.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Nancy Allan, Enid Sabine, Ian Harrison, Gladys Penwarden, and Peter Jones, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR EASTER:

You are invited to give a donation for the flowers for Easter Day in memory of loved ones whose names will appear on the banner which will hang from the pulpit. Forms are available at the back of the church to complete and place together with your donation in the box nearby. Speak with Wendy Way if you have any queries.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU today to Audrey Ferdinands and Gillian Forwood who made our simnel cakes for Mothering Sunday.

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS in Victoria next Sunday 6 April. Clocks are turned back by one hour.

ANNIVERSARY : Next Sunday April 6, the date that marks six years since our Indonesian Congregation made St John's its home, **all are invited** to the 3pm service on that day and to the meal which follows.

FUTURE DATES

ECUMENICAL LENT STUDIES

Tuesdays April 1st (UCA) and 8th (OLV)

PARISH RETREAT: 4th-6th April.

ANNIVERSARY: April 6—Indonesian Congregation. 3pm Service followed by meal.

APRIL 26: 5pm—Inter-faith event being held by Indonesian Congregation—dialogue between speakers from Christian, Muslim and Buddhist traditions.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL: 4 May—10am only—followed by lunch. Preacher: Canon Dr Colleen O'Reilly. **NB: No 8am** this day.

'CONFESSING OUR FAITH' COURSE, commences 11 May at 4pm—continues on Sundays at 4pm for 9 weeks. See insert.

ASCENSION DAY: 29 May—6.30pm