

## FUTURE DATES

**Children's Ministry Meeting:** Monday  
8 February 7.30pm—Dempster Room  
**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Wednesday 10  
February—11.30am & 8pm Eucharists  
**Amnesty Group** meets Wednesday 10  
February at 4pm in the Dempster Room.  
**Parish Council** meets Wednesday 17  
February 7.30pm  
**Lent Quiet Morning:** Saturday 20 February  
at St John's.  
**Eucharist—Matthias:** Wednesday 24  
February—6.30pm  
**PUBLIC LECTURE:** "Risking Delight..."  
*The Revd. Dr Sarah Bachelard*—Thursday 3  
March 7.30pm  
**Parish Retreat:** 4-6 March—Queenscliff.

**VISIT TO THE ISLAMIC MUSEUM:** The  
parish's Education Committee has organised  
a visit to the Islamic Museum, Thornbury, on  
Thursday 25 February at 10am. After a tour  
of the museum, followed by time to ask  
questions, we are free either to leave or to  
stay for lunch. Full details are on the sign-up  
sheet at the back of the church. If you intend  
coming, sign up by Sunday 21 February at  
the latest.

**A BROCHURE** setting out St John's 2016  
Formation and Education program is on the  
table in the narthex.

## IN THE PARISH

*Morning & Evening Prayer will be prayed in the  
Chapel Monday to Friday—8.30am and 5pm  
respectively unless otherwise noted below.*

### TUESDAY 2 February

**9.30am** Pastoral Care Team meets in Dempster  
Room  
**12 noon** Eucharist in Chapel  
**12.35pm** Staff meeting  
**1.00pm-2.30pm** Staff lunch out of office  
**3.00pm** Liturgy Meeting

### WEDNESDAY 3 February

**9.30am** Little Seeds Playgroup  
**11.30am** Eucharist in the Chapel followed by  
BYO lunch in Dempster Room  
**6.30pm** Communion & Curry

### THURSDAY 4 February

**7.30pm** Choir Practice  
**8.00pm** Thursday Study Group at Ross' home

### FRIDAY 5 February

Registration Deadline Parish Retreat.

### SATURDAY 6 February

**8.30am** Archives Group meets in Rutherford  
Room  
**10.00am** Eucharistic Assistants' training in  
Church



# CONTACT WARTA JEMAAT

**ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL**  
**Candlemas—31 January 2016**

My Dear Friends,

Throughout the forty days of Christmas-Epiphany the crib has been our guiding symbol, the focus of our deepening reflection on the coming of the Incarnation Light. On this last day of the Christmas-Epiphany cycle (Candlemas is in fact the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, but celebrated today as the nearest Sunday), we hear Luke's account of the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple at Jerusalem. This day is a hinge in the Christian year. We take one last look back to the baby of wooden crib, before turning our faces towards the man of wooden cross.

Today is known as Candlemas because in the 5<sup>th</sup> century it became associated with the lighting of candles and torchlight processions. In the Eastern Church this feast is known as "The Encounter" – regarded as a definitive event with cosmic significance, symbolised by the meeting with Simeon and Anna in the Temple. Candlemas is a bittersweet feast. We are confronted by Malachi's searching question: "Who can endure the day of the Lord's coming?" The revelation seen by Anna and Simeon calls for rejoicing. Yet the prophetic words of Simeon - which speak of the falling and rising of many, and the sword that will pierce – clearly articulates this feast's darker aspect. Our processional hymn today catches the breadth of the feast's vision.

Having been somewhat neglected by the churches, we can be thankful that Candlemas was recovered during the 20<sup>th</sup> century by the ecumenical and liturgical movements. Now we see more clearly the birth and death of our Lord as two aspects of the one whole. The child of Mary's womb who will be called Son of God is none other than the self-emptying Christ who must fall into the ground and die. At this feast there can be no mistaking that we have celebrated Christmas because of Easter, that Christmas expresses an aspect of the Paschal Mystery, as we ourselves make the journey from Crib to Font, from womb to tomb.

Today's candle lighting and procession is a tangible expression of our willingness to undergo our baptism pilgrimage, to be bearers of the light of Christ on the way of crucifixion-resurrection. Just as Simeon holds in his hands the Light of the world – the Light which darkness cannot grasp - so we also are to bear an inner light. We are ourselves lights, many particular aspects of the one Light, lights which darkness cannot grasp. As the 12th century Cistercian, Gueric of Igny, puts it: "Do not so much carry lamps as become lamps yourselves, shining within and without, for yourselves and your neighbours."

Blessed Candlemas!

David

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## WELCOME! SELAMAT DATANG! WOMINJEKA!

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 10am liturgy, and for an evening meal following the 3pm liturgy.

### TODAY EUCHARIST

**8am**  
**Presider:** David Moore  
**Preacher:** David Moore  
**Reader:** Keith Dempster  
**Intercessor:** Hans Ferdinands  
**Server:** Hans Ferdinands  
**Euch. Asst.:** Hans Ferdinands

### 10am SUNG EUCHARIST

**Presider:** Kuncoro Rusman  
**Preacher:** David Moore  
**Deacon:** David Moore  
**Sub-Deacon:** Neil Nyholm  
**Readers:** Jane Rait, Georgina Porter  
**Intercessor:** Andrew Porter

**Cantor:**  
**Servers:** Ross Smith (MC)  
Jenny Cook, Robin Carter,  
James Moorhouse  
**Euch. Assts.:** Sub-Deacon, Jenny Cook  
**Kidz@Church:** Clare Tomasov

**OPEN FORUM TODAY** following the 10am Liturgy, over morning tea. All welcome.

### 3pm LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Presider:** Kuncoro  
**Liturgis:** Kuncoro  
**Pengkotbah:** David  
**Pembaca Mazmur:** Christian  
**Pembaca P Baru:** Tina  
**Pembaca Firman:** Rein  
**Pemain Musik:** ICCBand2  
**Setup PA Sys:** ICCBand 2  
**Usher:** Norma  
**Sekolah Minggu:** Tia  
**Petugas kebersihan:** Luci, Christian, Tetty

### 6pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE- Keith Dempster

**A JOURNAL of SCRIPTURE & PRAYER**—The February-March edition is available today. Please take your copy.

### TODAY'S LECTIONS

*Malachi 3. 1-4; Psalm 24 or 84;  
Hebrews 2. 14-18; Luke 2. 22-40*

### LENT—EASTER RESOURCES

Available in the Narthex:

- **Paschal Mystery**—resources for Lent-Easter
- **Lent-Easter Calendar** 2016.
- **Last Sunday before Lent** (7 February) burning of palm crosses (bring your palm crosses from last year)—see flyer on table.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

**10 February**

11.30am & 8pm

Eucharist with imposition of ashes.  
See flyer with these notices.

### WARTA JEMAAT

1. Bagi yang pertama kali hadir beribadah disini, mohon berdiri dan memperkenalkan diri.
2. Minggu depan tanggal 7 Januari 2016 jam 12 siang, akan diadakan Kebaktian Gabungan. Mohon membawa sesuatu untuk disantap bersama (bring something to share). Kebaktian jam 10pagi dan 3siang ditiadakan.
3. "Ash Wednesday" adalah hari penting untuk diperingati di Gereja. Kita mulai Lent bersama-sama dengan "the Imposition of Ashes" dan Eucharist jam 11:30 pagi & jam 8 malam.
4. Setelah kebaktian selesai, kami mengundang seluruh jemaat, terutama yang baru pertama kali hadir, berkumpul beramah tamah dan menikmati makan bersama di Rutherford Room.

**PASTORAL CARE SUPPORT TEAM** meets in the Dempster Room on Tuesday 2 February at 9.30am

**LITTLE SEEDS PLAYGROUP:** The first session in 2016 is Wednesday 3 February—first set-up is 2 February.

**COMMUNION & CURRY**—Wednesday 3 February at 6.30pm.

**EUCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS TRAINING:** 10-11am Saturday 6 February. For all who are currently licensed as Eucharistic Assistants, and all who may be interested in participating in this ministry.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING:** 8 February 7.30pm in the Dempster Room.

**LECTURE AT ST JOHN'S:** Contemporary theologian the Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard, an Anglican priest based in Canberra, will give a public lecture on 'Risking delight: Yearning for joy in a world of pain' at St John's on Thursday 3 March at 7.30pm. Entry: \$15/\$10 (GST incl.) Dr Bachelard is also leading the parish retreat from 4 to 6 March.

**THANK YOU** to Neil Nyholm who is now doing the rosters for readers, intercessors and eucharistic assistants.

**KEEP UP TO DATE** with the new-look St John's Camberwell website online. [www.stjohnscamberwell.org.au](http://www.stjohnscamberwell.org.au)

**ROSTERED DUTIES:** If you are interested in finding out more about assisting as a reader, intercessor or server, please speak with the Vicar.

**MIDSUMMA MASS:** 7pm Friday 5 February, St Mark's Fitzroy. Celebrating the gay and lesbian community's contribution to Melbourne and church life. For more details see [stmarksfitzroy.com](http://stmarksfitzroy.com)

## NEXT SUNDAY, 7 February 2016

### Last Sunday before Lent

*Exodus 34.29-35; Psalm 99;  
2 Corinthians 3. 12-4.2; Luke 9. 28-36*

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### NOON ONE PARISH FAMILY EUCHARIST

*Burning of Palm Crosses*  
**Presider:** David Moore  
**Preacher:** David Moore  
**Deacon:** Kuncoro Rusman  
**Sub-Deacon:** John Manton  
**Intercessors:** Clare Tomasov  
**Servers:** Ross Smith (MC)  
Jenny Cook, Kidz@Church  
**Euch. Assts.:** Sub-Deacon, Norma Philippe  
**Kidz@Church:** All in Church

**LUNCH** follows in Rutherford Room (Bring something to share.)

### NO 3pm liturgy

**6pm CONTEMPLATIVE  
SERVICE-** Keith Dempster

**YEAR'S MIND:** We remember before God, Amanda Leech, Maurice Green, Christopher Wells, John Jackson, Annie Slattery, Ella Pearse, Marion Hale, Dot Oxley, and Ilse Morgan, whose anniversaries occur at this time.