

## FUTURE DATES

**Serving Christ Today**—Sundays 21 & 28 August, 4 & 11 September—4pm-6pm in Dempster Room (Note changed date of commencement of sessions.)

**One Parish & Family Eucharist No. 3**—Sunday 28 August at 12 noon.

**Book Sale No. 2:** Saturday September 17 from 9am to 3pm in the Rutherford Room

**The Spring Series** - Sundays 2, 9, 16 and 23 October from 11.30am to 1pm here at St John's.

**AN INVITATION** to the Commissioning of the Rev'd Dr. Michelle Trebilcock as Chaplain at the Brotherhood of St Laurence (BSL) and the Gerard Tucker Oration at 6 pm on Sunday, 21st August at Christ Church South Yarra. Michelle will continue in her role as Honorary Associate Priest at St Johns.

**SPRING SERIES:** Contact of Pentecost 7 was accompanied by a copy of the booklet 'Our Worship, Our Faith, Our Mission', a follow-up resource from last year's Series. Copies are available in the narthex, the church, and the parish office. The booklet is offered as a resource to stimulate our reflection and discussion, and to assist us as we prepare for this year's Series 'Prayer in Daily Life'. The Spring Series is Parish Council's number 1 priority for adult education and formation for 2016. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this whole-of-parish event. 4 Sundays in October (2, 9, 16, 23) 11.30am - 1pm. Questions? Please do ask me. *David.*

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## IN THE PARISH

*Morning & Evening Prayer will be prayed in the Chapel Monday to Friday—8.30am and 5pm*

### MONDAY 1 August

**4.00pm** Refugee & Asylum Seeker Support Group meets in Dempster Room

### TUESDAY 2 August

**9.30am** Pastoral Care Support Team meets in Dempster Room

**12 noon** Eucharist in Chapel

**12.35pm** Staff meeting

### WEDNESDAY 3 August

**9.45am** Little Seeds Playgroup—**Note** starting time.

**11.30am** Eucharist in the Chapel followed by BYO lunch in Dempster Room

**6.30pm** Communion & Curry

### THURSDAY 4 August

**7.30pm** Choir practice

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

### SATURDAY 6 August

**8.30am** Archives Group meets

**6.00pm** ICC2Band Practice in Dempster Room



# CONTACT WARTA JEMAAT

**ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL**  
**Pentecost 11—JULY 31 2016**

Dear Friends,

Today's text is one of a great many Scriptural texts expressing very clear ethical teaching regarding money, wealth, and possessions. Unlike the (literally) six biblical verses used to justify the most extreme and rigid views about homosexuality, the bible contains many hundreds of verses on today's subject. Indeed, it may well be that there is no more voluminously attested ethical theme in the entire scriptures.

Yet Christians are not known chiefly for our stance on money and possessions, but for what the bible supposedly has to say about sexuality and the body. While a literal interpretation of a single verse about homosexuality can be insisted upon as having one 'plain meaning' valid for all time, we readily dismiss the legion of verses about money as no longer needing to be taken literally. This reveals the poverty of the supposedly 'literal' interpretation of the bible - since it is obviously the case that supposedly literal interpretations can so readily be side-lined, when it suits us!

This over-dependence on supposedly 'literal' interpretations of the bible is a relatively recent phenomenon. In the early church period biblical interpretation looked to at least four different strategies:

Literal: What the passage says about past events

Allegorical: What the passage can tell us about Christ

Moral: What the passage can teach us about how to live

Anagogical: What the passage tells us about our ultimate fate

One considered a biblical text's literal meaning, yes, but one never assumed that this could fully explain or exhaust the meaning of scripture. Indeed it was frequently the case that the literal meaning was subordinate to other meanings. Our ready dismissal of the clear ethical teaching about money and possessions is partly the consequence of a literal-mindedness which is able to argue that these teachings only relate to past events, and thus don't relate to us now. (Though, as we see, not all subjects are treated thus!)

The interpretive strategy which has been most neglected and disabled is the very one that was regarded as most valuable in the early period – the symbolic imagination. It is the symbolic imagination which is subtle and wise enough as to be able to set the various interpretations in their proper perspective, and which is sufficiently open to the creative Spirit. In this age of religious tension and conflict recovery of the symbolic imagination has become an urgent matter.

With my love, David.

## 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 following the 10am liturgy in the Rutherford Room or for the evening meal following the 3pm liturgy.

### 8am EUCHARIST

**Presider:** David Moore  
**Preacher:** David Moore  
**Readers:** Hans Ferdinands  
**Intercessor:** Geoff Vincent  
**Server:** Hans Ferdinands  
**Euch. Asst:** Hans Ferdinands

### 10am SUNG EUCHARIST

**Presider:** Kuncoro Rusman  
**Preacher:** David Moore  
**Deacon:** David Moore  
**Sub-Deacon:** Ross Smith  
**Readers:** Glenis Heath, Don Heath  
**Intercessor:** Muriel Porter  
**Cantor:**  
**Servers:** Geoff Vincent (MC), Robin Carter, Sue Banting, Jenny Cook  
**Euch. Assts.:** Sub-Deacon, Janice Wong  
**Kidz@Church:** Clare Tomasov

**AT MORNING TEA:** Archive Display in Rutherford Room

### 3.00pm LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Bahasa Indonesia*

**Presider:** David Moore  
**Liturgis:** Kuncoro Rusman  
**Pengkotbah:** Kuncoro Rusman  
**Pembaca Mazmur:** Riduan Hutajulu  
**Pembaca P Baru:** Ferry Hosiholan  
**Pembaca Firman:** Helena Hutajulu  
**Pemain Musik:** ICC2Band  
**Setup PA Sys:** ICC2Band  
**Usher:** Albert Lengkong  
**Sekolah Minggu:** Clare Tomaosov  
**Konsumsi:** Norma, Yolanda  
**Petugas kebersihan:** Yolanda, Julia, Tia

### 6pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE- Keith Dempster

**PRAYER JOURNAL:** The readings in the August-September Journal of Scripture & Prayer begin tomorrow, so take your copy today.

### TODAY'S LECTIONS

*Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14, 2.18-23; Psalm 49.1-12; Colossians 3.1-11; Luke 12. 13-21.*

**AN INVITATION TO MORNING TEA TODAY** after the 10 am service to view the St John's Record of Church Furnishings, a project undertaken by ADFAS (Association of Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Societies), supported by members of the congregation. The book covers all aspects of the interior of St John's. Also on view will be stoles and a Bible given to the Archives by the family of the Rev. Marion Weisser, much loved Assistant Curate from 1986-1991.

**OPEN FORUM NOTES** from 24 July are with these notices and on table in narthex.

### WARTA JEMAAT

1. Bagi yang pertama kali hadir beribadah disini, mohon berdiri dan memperkenalkan diri.
2. Pdt David Moore akan mengambil liburan mulai tanggal 1 Agustus selama tiga minggu. Kembali melayani di Gereja tanggal 22 Agustus. Selamat berlibur & Tuhan memberkati.
3. Brunswick Uniting Church mengundang kita semua untuk menghadiri "Malam Pujian" dengan tema "Doa Bagi Bangsa". Sabtu 6 August jam 5pm-9pm dan Minggu 7 August jam 5pm-9pm. Alamat 214 Sydney Road Brunswick.
4. Setelah kebaktian selesai, kami mengundang seluruh jemaat, terutama yang baru pertama kali hadir, berkumpul beramah tamah dan menikmati makan bersama di Rutherford Room.

**THE REFUGEE & ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP** will meet TOMORROW, Monday 1 August at 4pm in the Dempster Room.

**PASTORAL CARE TEAM** meets Tuesday 2 August at 9.30am Dempster Room.

**'SERVING CHRIST TODAY' CHANGE OF DATES:** The four-week course 'Serving Christ Today' will now start on **Sunday 21 August** (instead of 14 August) and conclude on 11 September.

**THE BARRY MARSHALL LECTURE 2016 : WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST—7.30PM** -“*My Song is Love Unknown: Reimagining Christian Desire*” is presented by The Revd Dr Gregory Seach, Warden of Wollaston Theological College, Perth and a former curate here at St John's Camberwell. Old Warden's Lodge, Trinity College Theological School, Royal Parade, Parkville. The event is free but please RSVP to Alae Taule'alo (03) 9348 7127; tcts@trinity.edu.au

**TRINITY APPEAL:** Last Sunday envelopes were distributed for your personal contribution to the Trinity College Theological School's annual 'Faith in our Future' appeal. Trinity is dependent on the generosity of parishes such as ours to continue its vital work of educating catholic Anglican clergy to cherish and build our tradition. Please place your contribution in the envelope in the collection plate by Sunday 21 August. If you missed receiving an envelope or have mislaid it, spares are available from the parish office.

**TRINITY APPEAL DINNER:** The Archbishop's 'Faith in our Future' dinner will be held at Trinity College on 31 August. If you would like to be part of a parish table at the dinner (\$100 per person), please give your name to the parish office by 14 August.

**THANK YOU** to the volunteers who packed Christmas cards on Monday. Their help was appreciated.

**THANK YOU** to all who worked so hard to bring about the Winter Dinner. It was a great success. Proceeds to Nungalinya College will be advised at a later date.

## NEXT SUNDAY, 7 August 2016

### *Pentecost 12*

*Genesis 15.1-6; Psalm 33. 13-21; Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16, (17-28); Luke 12.32-40*

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**Konsumsi:** Norma and Holly  
**Petugas kebersihan:** Ben, Rama, Cliff

### 6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

Keith Dempster

**SPRING SERIES:** Prayer in Daily Life. Our principal whole-of-parish education/formation event in 2016. Fliers on table in Narthex.

**YEAR'S MIND:** We remember before God, Thelma Peters, Lorna Mason, Dorothy Webster, and Stuart Morriss, whose anniversaries occur at this time.