

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

### TUESDAY 2 September

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

### WEDNESDAY 3 September

**9.30am** Little Seeds Playgroup  
**11.30am** Eucharist in the Chapel  
**12.15pm** BYO Lunch in Dempster Room  
**12.30pm** Deanery Meeting at St Augustine's Mont Albert North  
**6.30pm** Communion and Curry

### THURSDAY 4 September

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

### SATURDAY 6 September

**8.30am** Archives Group meets in Rutherford Room  
**9.00am** Indonesian Ministers meet in Dempster Room

**NEXT SUNDAY - 7 September**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
*Exodus 12.1-14; Psalm 149;*  
*Romans 13.1-10; Matthew 18.10-20*

### 8am EUCHARIST

**Presider:** David Moore  
**Preacher:** Helen Creed  
**Readers:** TBA  
**Intercessor:** TBA  
**Server:** Ross Smith  
**Euch. Asst.** TBA

### 9.00-9.30am Healing Ministry

### 10am SUNG EUCHARIST

**Presider:** Emily Fraser  
**Preacher:** Helen Creed  
**Deacon:** Kuncoro Rusman  
**Sub-Deacon:** Neil Nyholm  
**Readers:** TBA  
**Intercessor:** TBA  
**Servers:** Ross Smith (MC)  
Jenny Cook, Geoff Vincent, Robin Carter

**Euch. Assts.** TBA  
**Kidz@Church:** Caroline Tanner, Sue Massoud

### 12 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

### 3pm INDONESIAN CONGREGATION - Kuncoro Rusman

### 6.00pm CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE



# CONTACT

## ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost—31 August 2014

Today's Gospel reading immediately follows Peter's declaration of faith and Jesus' statement that Peter is the rock on which the Church will be built. Matthew's account of the Transfiguration follows it. In all of these narratives we learn something of the identity and nature of Christ.

In this Gospel reading Jesus speaks to his disciples about his death and resurrection. Jesus is preparing them, as best he can, for the road ahead, which will seem strange to them. Strange in that Jesus is not acting in ways which will save his life. He is walking towards the danger that lies in Jerusalem, knowing precisely what the consequences will be.

He then speaks to them about the way they ought to live. He states that "if any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross" ... continuing with "those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it".

Here, like Jesus, we find ourselves in very dangerous territory. If we take this passage literally, we find ourselves facing the question of martyrdom, of self-sacrifice in the name of religion, and this has dire consequences. This passage can and has been used to justify crusades against those considered the enemies of the faith. It can be used to justify a notion of 'fighting for Jesus', that we are some kind of soldiers in a war of faith.

However, if ever there were a figure who stands apart from the notion of battles, of violence in the name of religion, it is Jesus. Jesus is a figure who, instead of fighting, instead of violently opposing those who were going to crucify him, willingly chose to go to Jerusalem and accept the consequences of that action.

As Christians, we are not soldiers, and Christ does not call us to fight in his name. If any term must be placed upon the faithful and what we do, we are servants. To take up the cross means not to take up arms, but to take up the mantle of Christ, the servant-leader who humbly served, who offered a teaching of love and compassion and grace that empowered his disciples through kindness, not through earthly concepts of power, might and dominance.

To focus on the needs of others, to be known by the compassion we offer others, is to take up the cross and live out its lesson. For the lesson of the cross is that even the Son of God was willing to die for humanity, to reconcile us to God not through an act of power and domination, but through a sacrificial act of love.

With love and blessings,

Emily

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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 lunch in the Rutherford Room following the 12 noon liturgy.

### 8.00am Eucharist

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

#### Readings for the day:

*Exodus 3. 1-5; Psalm 105. 1-6, 23-26;  
Romans 12. 9-21; Matthew 16. 21-28*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to The Reverend Dr Andrew Bunting who was ordained Priest yesterday at St Paul's Cathedral. Andrew will preside at the Eucharist for the first time today in the Parish of Sorrento/Rye.

### 12 noon Sung Eucharist Combined Congregations

*followed by lunch together  
in the Rutherford Room.*

Presider: David Moore  
Preacher: Emily Fraser  
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman  
Sub-Deacon: John Manton  
Reader: Yolanda O'Hello  
Cantor: Rachael Lim  
Intercessor: Noela Manton  
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)  
Neicia Shaw, James Moorhouse, Su Lengkong  
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon. Penny Galbraith  
KIDZ@CHURCH: Children's Groups combined.

**MINISTRY OF HEALING:** On the first Sunday of the month from 9 to 9.30am clergy will be in the chapel. 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.

**OPEN FORUM** Everyone is welcome and warmly invited to participate in the next parish 'Open Forum' – **11.30am-12.30pm Sunday 21 September** in the Rutherford Room. This will be a conversation which I will chair. The agenda is open. There will be no motions, nor is debate its aim – that's what Parish Council is quite properly set up to do. Rather, the aim is for us to hear each other, freed from the need to rebut. There will be no 'minutes' – but the key points will be summarised and distributed to all afterwards. I will be very happy to answer any questions which are mine to answer, and I will be most grateful to hear from you about what matters. Though I should add that I do not intend this to be primarily a conversation with me - rather I envisage an atmosphere in which all of us are in conversation with each other. *David*

### 11.45am The Angelus

### 6.00pm Contemplative Service

**BOOK SALE:** Our sincere thanks to the many helpers who contributed to the success of our Book Sale.

*Penny Galbraith, Keith Dempster.*

### ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP—

On Monday 25 August the Group had a meeting with Josh Frydenberg MP and raised their concerns about the current policies. There will be an opportunity for those concerned about this issue to hear about the meeting and the follow-up on Sunday 14 September in the Rutherford Room from 12.30 to 1.30pm. Light refreshments will be available. Inquiries Helen Howells.

**MORNING TEA:** More people are needed to fill out the roster for morning tea on Sundays after the 10am Service. Your turn would come around once a month. If you can help please speak with Diana Azzopardi

**PARISH TREASURER NEEDED.** After many years of valuable service our current Treasurer, John Manton, is not continuing beyond the Annual Meeting in late November. Please contact the Vicar or Wardens (Graham and Kerry) if you feel you could assist the parish by becoming its Treasurer. John and others will assist in training the new Treasurer as part of a handover and will be available for advice on a continuing basis. No formal qualifications are required for the job - just a willingness to have a go !

**LECTIONARIES FOR Year B 2015** are now available. If you would like to purchase a copy for \$13 (inc. GST) please put your name on the list on the noticeboard or ring the Parish Office and one will be ordered for you.

**YEAR'S MIND:** We remember before God, Olwyn Game, Nancy Taylor, Elva Hallt, Eric Sayce, Gwen Dempster, and Ken Goodisson (Priest), whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**THINKING OF STUDY IN 2015?** Theology for Today's Church. Trinity College Theological School offers programs for everyone: lay people, ordinands, chaplains and researchers. Website [www.tinity.edu.au/theology](http://www.tinity.edu.au/theology), or contact the Registrar, Dr Peter Campbell on (03) 9348 7127 or [tcts@trinity.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:tcts@trinity.unimelb.edu.au)

**READERS AND INTERCESSORS' ROSTER:** We thank John Lester for offering to take on the role of coordinator of this roster. Additional people are being sought to expand the roster. Training and assistance will be available. Expressions of interest should be made to the Vicar.

### FUTURE DATES

**PET BLESSING SERVICE:** 12 October at 10am.

**ASYLUM SEEKERS ISSUE:** Follow-up meeting (See note elsewhere on this page). 14 September 12.30pm to 1.30pm in the Rutherford Room.

**OPEN FORUM—**21 September at 11.30am in the Rutherford Room.

**ALL SAINTS—** November 2 at 8am and 10am.

**ALL SOULS—**November 2—Requiem Eucharist at 7pm.

**ANNUAL MEETING** 23 November in Rutherford Room 11.30am. (Closing date for nominations for Wardens, Parish Council and Incumbency Committee is 14 November at 12 noon.)