

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

TUESDAY 18 February

- 11.00am** Service at Shenley Manor
12.30pm Staff meeting in Dempster Room
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting in Dempster Room

WEDNESDAY 19 February

- 9.30am** Playgroup in Rutherford Room
11.00am Service at Broughton Hall
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel
12.15pm BYO Lunch in the Dempster Room

THURSDAY 20 February

- 8.00pm** Thursday Study Group at Ross's home.

SATURDAY 22 February

CAR PARK: On Saturday 22 February CitiPower will be using our car park in the area behind the boomgate for most of the day so that a crane may be used to replace a power pole in the walkway near the school and the old vicarage. The car park is the only place close enough with sufficient space for the crane. So please do not park in that part of the car park on Saturday 22 February. The new power pole will be delivered on Friday 21 onto the Old Vicarage lawn and the old one taken away on 27 February from the lawn.

NEXT SUNDAY - 23 February 2014

Ordinary 7

Leviticus 19.1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119. 33-40;
1 Corinthians 3.10-17; Matthew 5. 38-48

8.00am EUCHARIST

- Presider:** Emily Fraser
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Readers: Oliver Beaumont & Pamela Bowen
Intercessor: Keith Dempster
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Hans Ferdinands

10.00am PARISH FAMILY EUCHARIST with Harvest Celebration and Commissioning of Children's Ministry Team

- Presider:** David Moore
Preacher: Emily Fraser
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Neil Nyholm
Readers: Kidz@Church
Intercessor: Young people of J2A
Servers: Jenny Cook (MC)
Geoff Vincent; James Moorhouse;
Sam Pratap

Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon

Kidz@Church: Staying in Church.

12 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation
Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm Contemplative Service



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ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
Ordinary 6—16 February 2014

My Dear Friends,

In a letter read at a hearing of the royal commission into institutional responses to child sexual abuse in Sydney, André Cox, world leader of the Salvation Army, said he was disturbed "to the very depths of his being" by what he was reading about in Australia. "While we knew that many of the stories would be harrowing, nothing could really prepare us for the full horror of the stories that are emerging." He went on to say that the army's great failure was to allow "evil and damaged people" to get away with child sexual abuse. (<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/feb/11/world-leader-unprepared-full-horror-child-sex-abuse-revelations>)

Let me be clear that in citing this particular case my interest is definitely not in taking a shot at the Salvation Army. That would make no sense, since there is just as much blood on our Anglican hands. Rather, what attracts my attention is that Mr Cox's description of the "greatest failure" could just as easily be a voice from any of the churches.

The implicit assumption is that the entire burden of guilt lies with 'certain individuals', who the churches tend to describe as "evil and damaged" people. The assumption is rarely, if ever, examined. But is it true? Is this the 'greatest failure'? Does the responsibility lie with 'certain persons'?

I smell scapegoating - the churches, collectively, evading the much harder questions. What about the churches' neurotic obsession with, and morbid fear of sex? What about the fact that the churches force people to live excruciating double lives? What about bishops actively promoting homophobic violence? And what about the churches' claims of 'scriptural warrant' to justify not only homophobia, but also misogyny and sexism?

That there are certain persons who have committed grave sins is without question. However, the churches' refusal to examine the connection between our use of the Bible and the kinds of dark matters presently before the Royal Commission will simply not wash. Many people will conclude that this is yet another institution attempting to cover its backside. Whatever genuine good that might be accomplished by the churches - and there is much that is good - is bound to be soiled. And all Christians are implicated.

What's required is an honest admission of the connection between the matters before the Royal Commission and the 'traditional teachings' of the churches on sexuality. This would be painful, and difficult. And it would be liberating for the churches - and truly good news for those who are suffering, in a world hungering for spiritual depth but rightly repelled by religious hypocrisy.

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: David Moore
Preacher: David Moore
Readers: Graham and Elisabeth Pratt
Intercessor: Clergy
Server: Geoff Vincent
Euch. Asst. Graham Pratt

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Keith Wilkins
Readers: John Lester
Wendy Way
Intercessor: Barbara Fary
Cantor: Howard O'Brien
Servers: Neicia Shaw (MC)
Sue Banting
Jenny Cook
Neil Nyholm
Euch. Assts. Sub Deacon
Jonathan Way
Kidz@Church Andrew Porter, Georgina
Porter, Cynthia Nyholm

12 noon **The Angelus in the Chapel**

1.30pm **Indonesian Coordinating
Committee - Dempster Room**

3.00pm **Indonesian Congregation—
Kuncoro Rusman**

6.00pm **Contemplative Service**

TODAY'S READINGS

*Deuteronomy 10. 12-22; Psalm 119;
1 Corinthians 3. 1-9; Matthew 5. 21-27*

GETTING READY FOR LENT

Burning Palm Crosses

On the Last Sunday before Lent – Sunday 2 March - we will consign last year's palm crosses to fire, in readiness for our Lenten observance. Please bring last year's crosses on that day – and invite others to do likewise. If you have put last year's palm cross in a very safe place, now is a good time to go searching!

Lent BEGINS on Ash Wednesday!

11.30am & 8pm Wednesday 5 March Let us begin Lent together celebrating the Liturgy of Ashes & Eucharist.

Lent-Easter Guide

A guide for the season will be available shortly.

WELCOME TO MY PLACE FOR DINNER - an opportunity to extend our hospitality to refugees and asylum seekers in our community.

This is a World Vision initiative during Refugee Week 15 – 21 June. The idea is to help refugees and asylum seekers in our community to feel more welcome and to learn something of the community in which they live through the warmth and hospitality of sharing a meal in our own homes.

An information evening is to be held on Thursday March 6th from 6.30pm – 9.00pm. If you are interested in offering your home & sharing a meal with a small group of people in our community who are feeling isolated and lonely we would love to hear from you.

Contact Liz Pratt or Gillian Forwood or Helen Howells.

THE VICAR will be on leave this coming week, from Monday until Saturday. Pastoral matters should be directed to Mother Emily Fraser.

NEW NAME FOR VESTRY: WE NOW HAVE A PARISH COUNCIL!!

At our planning get together on Saturday 8 February the Vestry decided to adopt the new title of Parish Council immediately, well ahead of the formal Diocesan requirement of 1 July. We did this to get well practised to using the new title so it becomes second nature to all of us. We are no longer Vestry members but Parish Councillors – sounds much better !!

NEXT SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY: At the Parish Family Eucharist at 10am there will be a Commissioning of those involved in Children's Ministry. We will also have a Harvest Celebration. All goods received for the Harvest will be taken to Anglicare Mission House. Particular needs at present are honey, peanut butter and also small size boxes of breakfast cereals.

ANGLICARE AUXILIARY—The first meeting for this year is on Monday 24 February at 1.30pm in the Rutherford Room. This is a planning meeting and all are most cordially invited. Come along and be part of the action for 2014. Marg Kelly.

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet in the Dempster Room on Wednesday 26 February at 9.30am.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday March 7 at 10am at the Camberwell Baptist Church 460 Riversdale Road. Theme: "*Streams in the desert*" prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee in Egypt.

PARISH RETREAT 2014—Conductor: The Vicar.

The annual parish retreat will be held at Pallotti College Warburton, Friday evening 4 April until Sunday lunchtime 6 April.

For details: See brochure enclosed with these notices and on table at the back of the church.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Justin Judd, Elma Jenkin, Allan Thomson, Eric Nash, and Orwell Foenander, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MORNING TEA ROSTER: Helpers are needed to assist with the morning tea on a rostered basis. If you can help please speak with Diana Azzopardi.

JAMS AND PRESERVES: If anyone is making jams or preserves and would like to put some aside for the street stall (in May), all donations will be gratefully received. Also if you have fruit to spare, Diana Azzopardi can use it.

FUTURE DATES

SHROVE TUESDAY: 4 March—Reflection in Chapel 5pm followed by sweet & savoury pancakes in Rutherford Room

ASH WEDNESDAY: 5 March—Liturgy of Ashes—11.30am and 8pm.

FAMILY CAMP at Philip Island —Friday 7 March to Monday 10 March 2014—Brochures available.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN STUDIES Tuesdays 11, 18, and 25 March, and 1 and 8 April.

PARISH RETREAT: 4th-6th April. Brochures available.

HOLY WEEK:
Palm Sunday 13 April
Holy Thursday 17 April—8pm
Good Friday 18 April—11.15am & 2pm

EASTERTIME:
Easter Vigil 20 April—6am*
Easter Day 20 April—10am only
*NB: **EASTER VIGIL AT 6AM** followed by champagne breakfast.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL: 4 May—10am only—followed by lunch.
NB: No 8am this day.

ASCENSION DAY: 29 May—6.30pm