

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

MONDAY 24 February

1.30pm Anglicare Auxiliary Meeting in Rutherford Room

TUESDAY 25 February

12.30pm Staff meeting in Dempster Room
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting in Dempster Room

WEDNESDAY 26 February

9.30am Playgroup in Rutherford Room
9.30am Education Committee meets in Dempster Room
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel
12noon Camcare Function in Rutherford Room to 4.30pm
12.15pm BYO Lunch in the Dempster Room
1.00pm ADFAS Church Recorders in Church and Dempster Room
5.00pm Building Committee meets in Dempster Room
7.30pm Children's Ministry Meeting in Dempster Room

THURSDAY 27 February May be disruption in car park for a short time due to Citipower removing used power pole possibly at 9am.

SATURDAY 1 March

8.30am Archives Group meets in Rutherford Room

NEXT SUNDAY - 2 March 2014

Last Sunday before Lent
Burning of last year's Palm Crosses in preparation for Ash Wednesday.
Exodus 24.12-18; Psalm 2;
2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17. 1-9

8.00am EUCHARIST

President: TBA
Preacher: TBA
Reader: Keith Dempster
Intercessor: Rick Kelly
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Rick Kelly
HEALING MINISTRY next Sunday in the Chapel.
Clergy will be available from 9-9.30am.

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

President: TBA
Preacher: TBA
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Keith Wilkins
Readers: Kerry Pratt
Verona Lea
Intercessor: Keith Wilkins
Servers: Ross Smith (MC);
Robin Carter, Sam Pratap
Neicia Shaw
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Verona Lea
Kidz@Church: Cathy Hayes, Janice Wong,
Sue Massoud

12 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation
Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm Contemplative Service



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
Ordinary 7—23 February 2014—Harvest Celebration

Dear friends,

Today in the harvest celebration we give thanks for the beauty and bounty of the earth, and remember what it means to be a good steward of our planet. We have been freely given the Earth and all its resources by God, and it's now up to us to use them wisely and with respect. We are therefore invited to think about how we live in the world, and our actions and our intentions to those around us.

As I read the dramatisation of the parable of the sower (Matthew 13:1-9), which J2A will share with us at the 10am service, it made a thought-provoking juxtaposition with the Gospel of the day to be read during the 8am service, Matthew 5:38-48, with its instruction to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you".

The parable of the sower is about growth, an external harvest from seeds grown in the ground. This external harvest speaks of the bounty that comes from good, fertile ground that flourishes and comes to fruition in its fullness. It also speaks of the seed that will fail, sown in shallow earth that will cause it to wither, or among thorns which will choke it.

But there is another harvest, an internal harvest that this parable can speak to, and this is where the passage from Matthew 5 comes into play. The seeds sown become our emotions, and the plants that grow are our actions. What happens to those seeds reflects something about how they were sown. The seeds that wither, or are choked by thorns, are those emotions which make our hearts and spirits wither or choke - selfishness, malice, cruelty, hatred. But there is good soil - compassion, generosity, kindness, good humour - in a word, love.

'Love' is a difficult word to unpack because we've given it so many layers of meaning. I think it's best to think of it in terms of 'caritas', generosity. Be generous to your enemies, which means to forgive them, to not wish them harm, even to seek to understand them and their point of view rather than dismiss them and close your mind to them. It's one the hardest things we will ever be asked to do as Christians. Some may even say it's not possible. But we have the example of Christ, who was generous and compassionate even to his death, to guide us and encourage us on the way.

And God is with us as Lord of the harvest, because Christ has come to teach us to be people of kindness and compassion, justice and peace, and that those are the seeds we should sow in our own hearts, and encourage others to sow in their lives and in our world.

Let us all grow in grace, in the name of God,

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 morning tea following the liturgy in the Rutherford Room.

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: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Kidz@Church
Intercessor: Young people of J2A
Cantor: Kerry Pratt
Servers: Neil Nyholm (MC)
Hannah O'Donnell
Hugh O'Donnell
Sam Pratap
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon
Kidz@Church Joining in Worship Service.

12 noon The Angelus in the Chapel

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation—
Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm Contemplative Service

Ordinary 7

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

ALL FOOD received for the Harvest Celebration today will be taken to Anglicare Mission House. Particular needs at present are honey, peanut butter and also small size boxes of breakfast cereals.

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 together.

An information evening is to be held on Thursday March 6th from 6.30pm – 9.00pm. If you are interested in being involved and 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.

ANGLICARE AUXILIARY—The first meeting for this year is on **TOMORROW**, 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.

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE will meet on Wednesday 26 February at 5pm in the Dempster Room.

A CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING will be held in the Dempster Room on Wednesday 26 February at 7.30pm. All welcome. Enquiries to Clare.

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.

READERS, EUCHARISTIC ASSISTANTS AND INTERCESSORS: Please advise Keith Wilkins re availability/non-availability from early March (Lent) to early June (Ascensiontide) incl. either by email: keithmcianwil@iprimus.com.au or by phone on mobile 0425 318 743.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CONVERSATION on **Wednesday 12 March**, will be an opportunity to reflect on the practical steps we can take to reduce our carbon footprint. Archbishop Freier will be joined by **Professor Ross Garnaut AO**, climate change adviser to the previous Federal Govt. and Distinguished Professor of Economics at ANU and a Vice-Chancellor's Fellow and Professorial Fellow of Economics at the University of Melbourne, and **Natalie Isaacs**, founder and co-CEO of 1 Million Women, an organisation which aims to inspire women to tackle climate change.

7.30 – 8.45 am, 12 March at Deakin Edge, Federation Square, Melbourne.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Tarlton Pitt, Stanley Penwarden, Peter Volk, Mirriam Quick, and Laviah Annie Millott, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

HEALING MINISTRY next Sunday in the Chapel. Clergy will be available from 9-9.30am.

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** available at the back of the church.

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