

**LENT AND HOLY WEEK
2018**

Ash Wednesday— 14 February
Liturgy of Ashes –
11.30am; 8.00pm

**Lent Quiet Morning -
24 February**

**Lent Seminars: 11.30am
4 & 11 March**

Palm Sunday—25 March

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday—29 March
8pm with Watch until...

Good Friday—30 March
9.30am Liturgy of the Cross

**Easter Day—1 April -
6am Easter Vigil
followed by breakfast.
10am Sung Eucharist**

FUTURE DATES

FRIDAY 26 January—Public Holiday—
NO Morning or Evening Prayer. Church
closed.

OFFICE RE-OPENS: Wednesday 31
January at 10am.

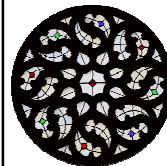
CHOIR PRACTICE: Thursday 1
February 7.30pm.

CANDLEMASS—4 February

EUCHARIST & CURRY NIGHT:
Wednesday 7 Feb. 6.30pm

PARISH COUNCIL: Wednesday 7
February—7pm. **Note:** 1st Wednesday in
February.

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Camberwell website online.
stjohnscamberwell.org.au. The parish
website is updated regularly and is a
valuable resource for notices, sermons and
an online version of Contact.



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

Epiphany 2018

The birth event remains an 'in-house' affair until foreigners and outsiders are drawn to the Christ. The Feast of the Epiphany – or 'the manifestation of Christ' – in the Western church recalls the visit of the Magi to pay homage to the Christ child at Bethlehem. In the church of the East, however, Epiphany is more revered than Christmas, and is focussed around the Lord's baptism, the manifestation of Jesus as God's well-beloved Son. Nevertheless, in both East and West it is *Christology* that matters – *Who* is this 'Christ'? *Where* has he come from? *What* is he for? To what does he invite us?

The word 'epiphany' means 'a *showing* of God's presence', and so the revealing to the Magi at the Crib was really just one of many epiphanies. Therefore, during the Sundays of Epiphany we reflect on this revealing of God's presence, meditating upon who this is that John identifies as the 'light that is coming into the world': through the visit of the Magi; in Jesus' baptism in the Jordan; in Jesus' calling of his first disciples; in his healing ministry; and, finally, in the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple at Jerusalem, on the last Sunday of Epiphany, CandleMass.

The Christmas Crib remains our central seasonal symbol until Candlemass (2 February, but this year celebrated on Sunday 4 February). The white and gold colours of Christmas adorn our worship area. We continue to sing Christmas hymns, because in these Sundays of Epiphany we are reflecting on the many showings of Incarnation. Epiphany is not merely an exercise in history, however interesting that may be. Epiphany reminds us that God reveals God-self to us, here and now, by many and varied ways.

Like the Magi, we are to use knowledge and reason in order to find the Christ child, yet in the end the journey that leads to Christ can only be completed by risk – which is the gift of faith – offering to Christ *the gold of our love, the incense of our prayer, and the myrrh of our willingness to bear the cross.*

O God,
the source of all insight,
whose coming was revealed to the nations
not among men of power but on a woman's lap:
give us grace to seek you where you may be found,
that the wisdom of this world may be humbled,
and discover your unexpected joy.
Amen.

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WELCOME! to this sacred space—may you find fresh encounter here with the Holy. 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 in the Rutherford Room for morning tea on Sundays following the 10am liturgy.

SUNDAY LITURGIES at St John's.

- **8am—Eucharist**
- **10am—Sung Eucharist**
- **6pm Liturgy of Light** (NB. No 6pm Service on 31 December.)

December 31 : *Christmas I*

Isaiah 61: 10—62:3; Psalm 148;
Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2: 15-21

January 7 : *Epiphany*

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;
Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

January 14 : *The Baptism of our Lord*

Genesis 1: 1-5; Psalm 29;
Acts 19: 1-7; Mark 1: 4-11

January 21 : *Epiphany 3*

Jonah 3: 1-10; Psalm 62: 5-12;
1 Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20

January 28 : *Epiphany 4*

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Psalm 111;
1 Corinthians 8: 1-13; Mark 1: 21-28;

February 4 : *CandleMass*

Malachi 3.1-4; Psalm 84;
Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40

MIDWEEK EUCHARISTS continue in January on Tuesdays at 12 noon. Eucharist and Curry is on Wednesday January 3 at 6.30pm

EPIPHANY GOLD: “*And opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*” All are invited to bring Gold coins for presenting at the Crib during the liturgy on the Feast of the Epiphany, Sunday 7 January. The gold will be given to Anglicare.

CHRISTMAS-EPIPHANY: Throughout the season of Christmas-Epiphany we continue to reflect on the revealing of God's presence, meditating upon the significance of the 'light that is coming into the world' in the journey of the Magi to Bethlehem; in the witness of John the Baptist at Jesus' baptism; in Jesus' proclamation of his ministry and the calling of his first disciples; and on the last Sunday of season, which is called *Candlemas*, in the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple at Jerusalem. The word “epiphany” means a showing of God's presence, and so the revealing to the Magi at the Crib was really just the first of many epiphanies. Our liturgies are therefore focussed around the Christmas Crib and the Font. The star continues to be our guide. We continue to sing Christmas hymns, because we are reflecting upon Incarnation.

A LETTER FROM FR DAVID was in the Christmas edition of “Contact”. Copies of that “Contact” are available in the narthex and also on our website.

NAMING & CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS : TOMORROW, MONDAY JANUARY 1 : Eucharist followed by lunch in the Rutherford Room. N.B. Church will be open for the service only.

DURING JANUARY the Church will be open as usual—Tuesdays to Fridays except Friday 26 January, when it will be closed for the Australia Day holiday.

MORNING & EVENING PRAYER will be held Tuesdays to Fridays, 9.30am and 5pm respectively, except for Friday 26 January.

LENT SEMINARS: These will be two Sunday morning Seminars on Mark's Gospel, commencing at 11.30am on 4 and 11 March. On 4 March, Fr John Stewart will speak on Mark's spirituality; on 11 March, Professor Dorothy Lee on Mark's Story.

OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS in January. The Parish Office is now closed and will re-open at 10am on Wednesday 31 January. During this time clergy are available and the office phone is monitored. “**CONTACT**” will resume on Sunday 4 February and notices for that issue should be in the office by 5pm on Wednesday 31 January.

BAPTISM: On Sunday 14 January, we welcome in Holy Baptism Liam Cooper Ananian-Welsh, son of David and Rebecca. A warm welcome too to their family and friends.

THE CHOIR is in recess, returning for choir practice on Thursday 1 February at 7.30pm and for the Feast of Candlemass on Sunday 4 February.

LAST SUNDAY BEFORE LENT: Eucharist at 10am on Sunday 11 February, when we will burn last year's palm crosses in readiness to commence Lent.

ST JOHN'S PARISH RETREAT 2018 : May 11 to 13 at Santa Casa, Queenscliff. Numbers are limited. More details later.

SUMMER SCHOOL: St George's Malvern's Summer School in theology is on 23, 24 and 25 January. Speakers are Assoc Prof. Andrew Singleton (Deakin University) on the generational decline in Anglicanism, the Dean of Melbourne on Bach and Luther, and Fr John Stewart on the Rule of Benedict. Brochures in the narthex or email office@stgeorgesmalvern.org.

St John's 'Parish Covenant' is the basis for all relationships, social interactions, and patterns of behaviour within and concerning the Parish. It is on display in the narthex and available on the parish website. All parishioners are encouraged to sign the Covenant, demonstrating their public commitment to a safe and healthy parish community.

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, those whose anniversaries occur during the coming weeks.

W/comm. 31 December: Russell MacDougall, Jean Carter, Neil MacKenzie, Norman McPhee, Ivor Morgan, Pauline Brown, and Anne Hanzl.

W/comm. 7 January: Mary Rowe, Arthur Nickson, William Barnett, Kevin Curnow (Priest), Selwyn Hooper, Brian Sergeant, Lorna Dobney, Olga Louch, Thea Aston, Beth Withington, Ivon Bromilow, and Mary Bagnall.

W/comm. 14 January: Ken Lenton, Stella Pratt, William Kemp, and Marguerite Putnam.

W/comm. 21 January: Gwen Legg, Geoff McCombe, Margery Scott, John Dempster, John Wilson (Bishop), Laurence Evers (Priest), and Marcus Galbraith.

W/comm. 28 January: May Barrow, Reginald Bailey, Amanda Leech, Maurice Green, Christopher Wells, John Jackson, and Annie Slattery.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH on Sunday 28 January will be given by the Galbraith family in loving memory of Marcus.

2018 PLANNING: Copies of the revised parish liturgical planner up to Pentecost, 20 May, are available in the Narthex.

TMA *The Melbourne Anglican* December/January issue is available in the Narthex.

SERVERS: If you are interested in joining the serving team please speak with the vicar or Ross Smith.

PARISH OFFICE BEARERS—2018
Churchwardens: Glenis Heath; Cynthia Nyholm (also Hon. Secretary).

Parish Council: Andre Lim (Hon. Treasurer); Brian Crouch; Ann Darlington; Peter Forwood; Annette Holland; Sue Keogh; Greg Lee; Ross Smith.