

LENT AND HOLY WEEK 2019

Ash Wednesday— 6 March

Lent 1—10 March

Lent 2—17 March

Lent 3—24 March

Lent 4—31 March

Lent 5—7 April

Palm Sunday—14 April

Holy Thursday—18 April

Good Friday— 19 April

Holy Saturday— 20 April

Easter Day— 21 April

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FUTURE DATES

PRAYER JOURNAL for February/March available from Sunday 27 January.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Monday 28 January

OFFICE RE-OPENS: Wednesday 30 January at 10am.

CANDLEMASS—Sunday 3 February
PREACHER—Dr Wendy Crouch- with presentation to Wendy during special morning tea.

EUCCHARIST & CURRY NIGHT:
Wednesday 6 February. 6.30pm

CHOIR PRACTICE: Thursday 7 February at 7.30pm.

ORDINATION of Deacons - Saturday 9 February at 10.30am at St Paul's Cathedral, of our former Churchwarden, Dr Wendy Crouch, and our new Curate, Colleen Clayton.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
Wednesday 13 February commencing at 7pm with a Eucharist in the Chapel.



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL

Epiphany 2019

Christmas on the Edge

By Malcolm Guite

Christmas sets the centre on the edge;
The edge of town, the outhouse of the inn,
The fringe of empire, far from privilege
And power, on the edge and outer spin
Of turning worlds, a margin of small stars
That edge a galaxy itself light years
From some unguessed at cosmic origin.
Christmas sets the centre at the edge.
And from this day our world is re-aligned
A tiny seed unfolding in the womb
Becomes the source from which we all unfold
And flower into being. We are healed,
The end begins, the tomb becomes a womb,
For now in him all things are re-aligned.

from Malcolm Guite, *Sounding the Seasons: Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year*,
Canterbury Press, Norwich, 2012.

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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 Evening Worship** (*Sung Evensong on second Sunday of the month, commencing 10 February*)

December 30 : Christmas 1

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

January 6 : Epiphany

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

January 13 : The Baptism of our Lord

Isaiah 43: 1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-22

January 20 : Epiphany 2

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

January 27 : Epiphany 3

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Luke 4: 14-21

February 3 : CandleMass

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

MIDWEEK EUCHARISTS continue during January on Tuesdays at 12 noon.

NAMING & CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS : TUESDAY—JANUARY 1 : Eucharist at 12 noon followed by lunch in the Rutherford Room.

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 the season, which is called *Candlemass*, 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.

A PRAYER JOURNAL for February and March will be available from Sunday January 27.

DURING JANUARY the Church will be open as usual—Mondays to Fridays - except for public holidays.

MORNING & EVENING PRAYER will be held Mondays to Fridays, 9.00am and 5pm respectively—except for public holidays.

THE CHOIR is in recess, returning for choir practice on 7 February 2019.

EUCHARIST AND CURRY: There will be no Eucharist and Curry in January. The first for 2019 will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday February 6.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: Both our former Churchwarden, Dr Wendy Crouch, and our new curate, Colleen Clayton, will be ordained deacon in St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday 9 February at 10.30am. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend the ordination service. Please pray for both Wendy and Colleen as they prepare to take Holy Orders. You will find prayer cards for Wendy in the narthex. Wendy will be preaching here at St John's on 3 February, the Sunday before her ordination, when she will be presented with a gift from the parish during a special morning tea.

OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS in January. The Parish Office is now closed and will re-open at 10am on Wednesday 30 January. During this time clergy are available and the office phone is monitored. "**CONTACT**" will resume on Sunday 3 February and notices for that issue should be in the office by 5pm on Wednesday 30 January.

SUMMER SCHOOL: ST GEORGE'S MALVERN SUMMER SCHOOL: This year the school will be held on January 15 and 16. Our own Alison Asquith will be speaking on 'Beyond looking: Orthodox Icons, Anglicans & Prayer', and Old Testament lecturer Dr Merryl Blair will speak on 'Beyond Sunday School—what is really in the Hebrew scriptures?'. Brochures are in the narthex.

PARISH OFFICE BEARERS 2019

Churchwardens: Glenis Heath, Cynthia Nyholm.

Hon. Secretary: Muriel Porter. Email: (hon.secretary@stjohnscamberwell.org.au)

Hon. Treasurer: Lee Ewe

Councillors: Alison Asquith, Adrienne Bolch, Brian Crouch, Lee Ewe, Hans Ferdinands, Ferry Hasiholan, Muriel Porter, Ross Smith.

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

W/comm. 30 December:

Ernest Legg, Russell MacDougall, Jean Carter, Neil MacKenzie, Norman McPhee, Ivor Morgan, Pauline Brown, and Anne Hanzl.

W/comm. 6 January: Mary Rowe, Arthur Nickson, William Barnett, Kevin Curnow (Priest), Selwyn Hooper, Brian Sergeant, Lorna Dobney, Olga Louch, Thea Aston, and Beth Withington.

W/comm. 13 January: Ivon Bromilow, Mary Bagnall, Ken Lenton, Stella Pratt, William Kemp, and Marguerite Putnam.

W/comm. 20 January: Gwen Legg, Geoff McCombe, Margery Scott, John Dempster, John Wilson (Bishop), Laurence Evers (Priest), and Marcus Galbraith.

W/comm. 27 January: May Barrow, Reginald Bailey, Amanda Leech, Maurice Green, Christopher Wells, John Jackson.

OUR CONDOLENCES: The parish offers its loving sympathy to Father John Stewart and his family following the death of his wife Ann, who was suffering from cancer. Father John Stewart has been a good friend of this parish, particularly over the past couple of years.

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