

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

MONDAY 3 February

9.00am Archives Group meets in Rutherford Rm.

TUESDAY 4 February

9.30am Pastoral Care Support Team meets in the Dempster Room
11.30am Playgroup Set-Up Starts
12.30pm Staff meeting in Dempster Room
1.15pm Staff farewell lunch for Richard Wilson
3.15pm Liturgy Meeting in Dempster Room

WEDNESDAY 5 February

9.30am Playgroup commences Term 1
11.30am Eucharist in the Chapel
12.15pm BYO Lunch in the Dempster Room
6.30pm Communion and Curry

THURSDAY 6 February

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

SATURDAY 8 February

9.00am-12.30pm Vestry Planning Day in Dempster Room
9.00-11.30am Indonesian Ministers meet in Choir Room
9am-3pm Anglican Overseas Aid Strategy Day in the Rutherford Room

NEXT SUNDAY - 9 February 2014

Ordinary 5

Isaiah 58. 1-9a, (9b-12); Psalm 112;
1 Corinthians 2.1-12 (13-16); Matt. 5.13-20

8.00am EUCHARIST

Presider: Richard Wilson
Preacher: Richard Wilson
Reader: Penny Galbraith
Intercessor: Peter Forwood
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Penny Galbraith

9.00am BREAKFAST

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Emily Fraser
Preacher: Richard Wilson
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: John Manton
Readers: Adrienne Bolch; Georgina Porter
Intercessor: Andrew Porter
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
James Moorhouse; Sam Pratap
Geoff Vincent

Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Ross Smith

Kidz@Church: Liz Pratt, Wendy Way and
Natasha Bolch

12.15pm Light Luncheon in Rutherford Room to farewell Richard Wilson

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation

Presider: David Moore; **Deacon:** Kuncoro Rusman

6.00pm Contemplative Service



CONTACT

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMBERWELL
Candlemass—2 February 2014

My Dear Friends,

Throughout these Christmas-Epiphany days the crib has remained as our guiding symbol, inviting us into deep reflection on the significance of Incarnation. Today, 40 days later, on this last day of the Christmas-Epiphany season, we hear Luke's account of the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple at Jerusalem. Today is a hinge in the Christian year. We take one last look back to the baby of wooden crib, before turning our faces towards the man of wooden cross.

Today is also known as Candlemas, because in the 5th century it became associated with the lighting of candles and torchlight processions. In the Eastern Church today is known as "The Encounter" - a cosmic and definitive encounter symbolised by the meeting with Simeon and Anna in the Temple.

Candlemas is thus a bittersweet feast. We are confronted by Malachi's searching question: "Who can endure the day of the Lord's coming?" The revelation seen by Anna and Simeon calls for rejoicing. Yet the prophetic words of Simeon - which speak of the falling and rising of many and the sword that will pierce - hints at where all this is leading.

The 20th century recovery of Candlemas helps us to see more clearly the birth of our Lord and his death as two aspects of the one whole. The child of Mary's womb who will be called Son of God is none other than the self-emptying Christ. At this feast there can be no mistaking that we have celebrated Christmas only because of Easter. Candlemas sets our faces to cross and empty tomb.

Today's candle lighting and procession is a tangible expression of our willingness to undergo our baptism, to go the way of crucifixion-resurrection. Just as Simeon holds in his hands the Light of the world - the Light which darkness cannot grasp - so we also are to bear an inner light. We are ourselves lights, aspects of the Light, capable of penetrating darkness. As the 12th century Cistercian, Gueric of Igny, puts it: "Do not so much carry lamps as become lamps yourselves, shining within and without, for yourselves and your neighbours."

Blessed Candlemass!

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
Reader: Keith Dempster
Intercessor: Rick Kelly
Server: Hans Ferdinands
Euch. Asst. Rick Kelly

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

10.00am SUNG EUCHARIST

Presider: Richard Wilson
Preacher: David Moore
Deacon: Kuncoro Rusman
Sub-Deacon: Cynthia Nyholm
Readers: Carole Nicholls; Sub-Deacon
Intercessor: Noela Manton
Cantor: Muriel Porter
Servers: Ross Smith (MC)
Robin Carter, Geoff Vincent,
Kerry Francis
Euch. Assts. Sub-Deacon; Carole Nicholls
Kidz@Church Clare Tomasov, Sue Massoud,
Alicia White

3.00pm Indonesian Congregation—
Kuncoro Rusman—followed
by an Ordination Celebration for
Kuncoro in the Rutherford Room.

6.00pm Contemplative Service

A FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR RICHARD WILSON: There will be a light luncheon in the Rutherford Room commencing at 12.15pm next Sunday, 9 February. For catering purposes, please place your name on the list on the noticeboard if you intend being at the luncheon.

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.

PRAYER JOURNAL: The Journal of Scripture and Prayer for February-March is available today. Please take your copy.

LAY ASSISTANTS AT COMMUNION:

A training/refresher session will be held on Saturday 15 February 10-11am for all licensed Lay Assistants at Communion. The session is also open to everyone. Enquiries: Ross Smith or David Moore.

WEBSITE UPDATE: St John's sermons from Christmas until now are available on the parish website:

www.stjohnscamberwell.org.au.

You will find them under the 'Parish Life' section. We hope to have each Sunday's sermon on the website early in the following week, and 'Contact' each weekend under 'What's On'

TMA—The Melbourne Anglican is available today at the back of the church.

FUTURE DATES

VESTRY PLANNING MORNING:

8 February—9am to lunchtime.

FAREWELL for Richard Wilson—Sunday 9 February . Light Luncheon at 12.15pm in the Rutherford Room.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY: 5 March—11.30am and 8pm

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

ECUMENICAL LENTEN STUDIES

Tuesdays 11, 18, and 25 March, and 1 and 8 April.

PARISH RETREAT—Friday 4 April to Sunday 6 April—Pallotti College.

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

COMMUNION AND CURRY—6.30pm this Wednesday, 5 February.

THURSDAY STUDY GROUP meets this week, 6 February at 8pm at Ross Smith's.

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

YEAR'S MIND: We remember before God, Maurice Green, Christopher Wells, John Jackson, Annie Slattery, Ella Pearse, Marion Hale, Dot Oxley, and Ilse Morgan, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THE HARVEST: We will celebrate God's gifts of the earth on Sunday 23 February. Please bring extra produce for Anglicare.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday March 7—The Service this year will be held at the Camberwell Baptist Church in Riversdale Road. Time to be advised.

PARISH RETREAT 2014

The annual parish retreat will be held at Pallotti College Warburton, Friday evening 4 April until Sunday lunchtime Sunday 6 April. (NB: This is a revised date.) The retreat conductor will be the Vicar. A brochure with details and costs will be available shortly.

A PUBLIC LECTURE “Engaging Theology in the Public Space” given by Prof. Stanley Hauerwas of Duke Divinity School, North Carolina, will be held at St Peter's Eastern Hill at 7.30pm Wednesday 5 February. RSVP 3 February 9836 8315. Flyer on noticeboard.

MISSION HOUSE: Thank you for continuing to bring food weekly for Anglicare Mission House, especially during the holidays.