



CONTACT

Vicar's Notes

Why Commemorate a Fire?

Thank you for joining us for this special historical service. This week I spoke with a journalist about the proceedings. She asked me why we were holding the service. It is a fair question. Why commemorate an event that involved loss, sadness, devastation?

There are several reasons. First, Christian faith does not deny or downplay difficult times. Our current Lenten journey through the desert to the cross is one expression of how suffering catalyzes spiritual learning. One of the core educational tasks of Christianity is teaching us how to respond to trials.

Second, the parish's immediate response to the 1955 fire shows, in real time, what a mature Christian community looks like. While Anglicans are familiar with the veneration of Christian lives from a long ago, this incident gives us a much more recent and relatable ideal of what a church can be. The parishioners of 1955 worked together and sacrificed. They gave as an act of love. That is an inspiration to us, their successors.





Third, this event is an example of the importance of hope. Our predecessors rebuilt in anticipation of future generations worshipping here at the Junction. As St John's Camberwell moves into a new season of ministry, we can do so trusting God's promise to be with us remains as relevant now as it was then. We might even be inspired to dream, as they did, about the legacy we will leave for people 70 years from now, in the year 2095.

Thank You

Several people contributed to today's special service. Kent Fisk, our dedicated archivist, along with the archiving team, provided research assistance and prepared the historical display. Penny Galbraith coordinated the morning tea. Bruce Williams provided logistical support, including exhibiting the short video of the fire. Robin Carter and Helen Howells shared personal memories of the time with me. My wife Jodie designed the special pew sheet. Many others also offered help. Thanks to all!

Baptisms and Confirmations at Easter

Although the font is empty during Lent, it will be filled to the brim on Easter Sunday. If you or someone you know would like to be baptised, confirmed, or officially received as a member of the Anglican Church, Easter is the ideal time. Please speak with me soon about this exciting possibility.





Holy Week and Easter Service Schedule

Today’s *Contact* lists the full schedule of services for Holy Week and Easter Day. This includes a Tenebrae service on Holy Monday, as well as the deeply symbolic services of the Triduum. Next week I will be sharing information about our guest preacher during the Triduum.

I encourage you to invite family and friends of the parish to one of these services.

Fr Aaron

Worship Timetable

Sundays	8:00 am	Eucharist
	10:00 am	Choral Eucharist
	6:00 pm	Choral Evensong
Tuesdays	12 noon	Eucharist in the Chapel
1st Wednesday of the month	6.30 pm	Iona Eucharist
Monday to Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer (on Zoom)





Offering to Benefit Fire-Damaged Synagogue

Today's offering will benefit Congregation Adass Israel whose synagogue in Ripponlea was firebombed in December 2024. After prayerful discussion, we, your vicar and churchwardens, agreed that this donation was appropriate as it resonates with the destruction of our church building by arson 70 years ago.

In the past 70 years, Australia's cultural and religious diversity have become more apparent. Recently, however, social cohesion and the "common good" (see today's Nehemiah reading) are under great strain. Tensions in our local communities have especially peaked during the Israel-Palestine conflict. Physical threats to mosques and synagogues are one byproduct of this.

While governments have a responsibility to protect all citizens, faith communities can do work in building solidarity that governments cannot accomplish. During Lent, Christians also acknowledge that faith communities can do harm by ignoring social fragmentation.





St John's Camberwell aspires to be a church connected to its community. One expression of this is interfaith and intercultural engagement. For example, this Friday, our vicar attended an iftar (Ramadan dinner) at a local mosque. Also, at the recent induction service, a rabbi was present. There is much more we can do to bring about harmony and peace (*shalom, salaam*), and today's offering is a start.

Christians share much religious history with Muslims and Jews. While key differences remain, we trust that more good comes from valuing each other than fearing each other.

God our refuge and strength,
you have bound us together in a common life:
help us, in the midst of our present conflict
to confront one another without hatred or
bitterness to listen for your voice amid competing
claims and to work together with mutual
forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

(A Prayer Book for Australia)



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16 March 2025



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The Tin on the Table in the Rutherford Room

The amount already collected is \$180.00. Thank you to all the generous donors who have contributed. Can we keep the 'alms' coming during this time of reflection? Your contributions go to the refugees as food vouchers for the men living in the manse belonging to the United Church. The men are able to choose the foods they prefer and have the dignity of doing their own shopping.

Thank you to Lesley Rogers for this initiative.



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Easter



ST JOHN'S CAMBERWELL



Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms at 10am

Holy Monday

Morning Prayer at 9am
Tenebrae at 7pm

Holy Tuesday

Morning Prayer at 9am
Mass at 12pm

Holy Wednesday

Morning Prayer at 9am
Mass at 7pm

Maundy Thursday

Morning Prayer at 9am
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

Good Friday

Liturgy of the Passion of Jesus Christ at 12pm
Via Crucis by Franz Liszt at 5pm

Easter Day

Easter Vigil and the
First Eucharist of Easter at 6:30am

Easter Day Mass at 10am



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Worship Roster

Today, 16 March

Readings 10am only

*Nehemiah 2:11-18 | Psalm 102:1-3, 12-18 | II Corinthians 4:1-10
| John 2:13-22*

8am

No Service

10am

MC: *Ross Smith*

Readers: *Carol Nicholls & Ben Kalla*

Intercessor: *Janice Wong*

Servers: *Ferry Hasiholan & Janice Wong*

Crucifer: *Tom Downes*

Welcomers: *Rosemary Massaro, Ben Kala & Robin Carter*

Hymns: *Christ is made the sure foundation; On Christ, the solid
Rock, I stand; Lord, you have been our dwelling place*

6pm

Exodus 11:1-10 | Psalm 119:121-136 | Luke 22:39-53

Readers: *Alicia Palfreeman*

Hymns: *454 & 25*

Canticles: *Fauxbourdons – Thomas Moreley*

Welcomer: *Paul Jones*





Worship Roster

Next Week, 23 March

Readings 8am & 10am

Isaiah 55:1-9 | Psalm 63:1-9 | Corinthians 10:1-13 | Luke 13:1-9

8am

Reader: *Bruce Sanderson*

Intercessor: *Geoff Vincent*

Server: *Geoff Vincent*

Welcomers: *Bruce Williams & Bruce Sanderson*

10am

MC: *Ferry Hasiholan*

Readers: *Geoff Lavender & Sue Banting*

Intercessor: *Tetty Hutagalung*

Servers: *Janice Wong & Tetty Hutagalung*

Crucifer: *Sam Babuswamy*

Welcomers: *Carole Nicholls, Sue Massoud & Karen Dew*

Hymns: *222, 111 & 44*

6pm

Leviticus 16:15-22 | Psalm 123 | Luke 22:54-371

Readers: *Gavin D'Mello & Ramya D'Mello*

Hymns: *211a & REH 93 (second tune)*

Canticles: *Evening Service in G — Richard Farrant*

Welcomers: *Pamela Bowen & Oliver Beaumont*





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Prayer List

Those in Need

Norma, Keith & Ina

Diocesan Prayer Diary:

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

The Diocese of Melbourne

Banyule Anglican Parish

Parish of Pascoe Vale/Oak Park

St Agnes' Black Rock

St Barnabas' Glen Waverley

St Stephen's and St Mary's Mount Waverley

St Paul's Pascoe Vale/Oak Park

Mentone Girls' Grammar School

Year's Mind

Diana Doige, Pamela Swain, Phyllis Ferguson, Bob Chapman,

Doreen Davies,





Church Fire, 70th Anniversary Display

Don't forget to visit the display documenting the church fire of 1955. It includes photographs from the time, physical artifacts connected to the event, and even some video of the fire. You can see the display in the annex of the Rutherford Room after the 10am service.





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