



# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

*To grow in Christ together, to equip for service, to care for all*

## WEEKLY BULLETIN - 26 JANUARY 2014



## AUSTRALIA DAY

### TODAY IN THE PARISH

9 am

#### HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant:

Revd Dr Sarah Macneil

Preacher:

Revd Mark Beresford



 We welcome you to our worship and fellowship today. We offer a special welcome to visitors and new residents, and pray that you will feel at home in our community.

You are warmly invited to share Communion with us, either by drinking from or dipping the wafer in the chalice, or to come forward for a blessing.

**Reflection after Communion** - please feel free to light a prayer candle in the Chapel at the side of the Church following Communion.



Please join us for morning tea after the services.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

<b>Tuesday</b>	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch
<b>Wednesday</b>	12 noon	Worship Centre	Holy Communion + BYO lunch
	2.00 pm	Worship Centre	Ever Active Exercise Class
	6.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	Meditation
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
<b>Saturday</b>	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus - Contemplative Church

### REMINDER!!

**Two Services next Sunday - 2 Feb.  
8am and 10am**

## WEEK BEGINNING 2 FEBRUARY

<b>Monday</b>	10 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
	7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre	Cursillo Reunion
<b>Tuesday</b>	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch
	7.30 pm	3 Tilden Place, Cook	Belonging and Caring Meeting
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	6 pm	Rainbow Centre	Meditation
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
	2.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	Book Club
<b>Friday</b>	10.00am	Worship Centre	Rainbow Playgroup
	10.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Monastery of the Heart
<b>Saturday</b>	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus - Contemplative Church

### HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE



#### REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Phone Merri Bacon on 6251 1110 or  
email [merri.bacon@bigpond.com](mailto:merri.bacon@bigpond.com)

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

### AUSTRALIA DAY - Matthew 4: 12-25

Hearing of John the Baptist's arrest, Jesus begins his public ministry with exactly the same phrase John has used, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near'. Matthew could not have made his point more clearly: Jesus is the fulfilment of John the Baptist's ministry. The implicit call to discipleship is made explicit in the text which follows as Jesus gathers around him Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John.

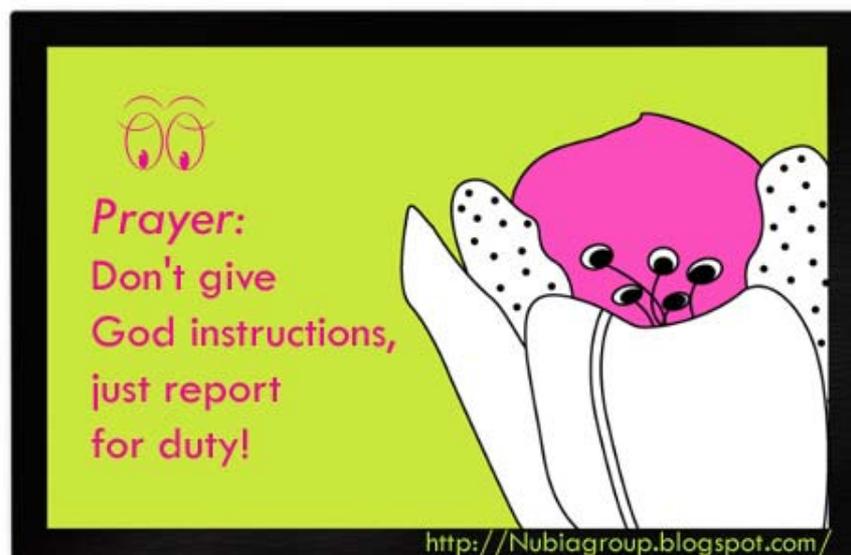
It sounds straightforward but it was anything but. In deciding to follow Jesus these men made decisions which disrupted their lives, abandoning their occupation and their family networks. As they listened to the beat of a different drum, they took risks which put them outside the normal expectations of their society.

It is interesting that this reading comes as we mark Australia Day and are surrounded by commentary on what it is to be Australian. Some of it is self-congratulatory ('The greatest country in the world'), and some of it draws attention to a darker reality ('26 January 1788 – Invasion Day'). Both views contain truth and neither one is the whole story in itself.

All of it focuses on our identity as Australians. But as Christians we have a deeper calling, one which transcends nationality or place, gender or ethnicity. This is not to diminish the impact on us of all those factors but it is possible, as New Testament scholar Bill Loader has noted, for 'local conditions and loyalties [to] replace the God of the kingdom, so that congregations serve something other than the kingdom, abandoning the radical agenda which challenges us all to call into question the dominant values of family and economy'.

May we be alert to those things which, as individuals and as a community of faith, can stand between us and following the call of God.

- Sarah Macneil



Happy Australia Day! I think that this is going to be a very interesting year. Last week I talked about an executive person who is homeless. This week it is about a young Dad of five young people under the age of eight.

He has been in a stable relationship for four years. They have three children, twins aged two and an older sibling aged three. Everything was going well, they were a happy family, and then the past came back to make life difficult.

He had an earlier marriage, there were two children from the relationship, a boy seven and a girl aged eight. They lived in Melbourne and my client was a proud Dad, but the relationship went really sour. He moved to Canberra met his new wife and enjoyed life with his new family in Canberra.

Twelve months ago he received a call from the Victorian Child Protection Agency to say that his two Melbourne children were at risk. He had left the first marriage because his wife had started using drugs again. Unfortunately, she was now on 'ice' and had left the children to look after themselves for several days, they were too young to be in that position. He collected the children from Melbourne and they became a combined family. All was going smoothly until the ex wife from Melbourne became very vindictive.

She harassed the new Canberra family relentlessly. There were lots of incidents that also affected his new family. Our client had taken out a Protection Order, but nothing seemed to work. The new wife declared that she had had enough and was not willing to put their children at risk. She loves her husband, but enough was enough.

My client and his two Melbourne kids have been living on the streets in the family car. They have now been given some temporary housing, but there was nothing in the house, so he was really thankful that we were able to help him with pots and pans, china and cutlery and of course lots of food. Now that he has a house, he has given the car back to his wife, as she really needs it with the three little children. Our client and the two older children are now on the buses.

This is really one of those horrible situations where you wish you could do more to help. Our client really loves his Canberra family, and he loves his Melbourne children, but at the moment he is a single Dad, with two young children. Because he is looking after them, he cannot work, so he is on Newstart Allowance, just over \$540 per fortnight. He would like to help the Canberra family but at the moment he is struggling to survive, and of course he is really missing his wife and three little ones. I am sure that we will be seeing a lot more of this family.

**Don't forget the opening of the Redevelopment: Sunday 23 Feb @ 3:30pm.**

**My wish list for this week: Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter, School Snack items like Sultanas, Poppers and Tinned Vegetables.**

Many Thanks, Sue Jordan



# PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

## IN THE WORLD

- ◆ We give thanks that Syrian peace talks have begun and pray that there will be an amicable resolution.

## IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ On this Australia Day we give thanks for the early inhabitants of this great land and for the pioneers who worked to establish the country that we now enjoy.
- ◆ We continue to pray for those parts of the country affected by bushfires and for the firefighters who risk their lives.

## WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ◆ We pray for the Bishop and people of the Church in Brazil and North India.
- ◆ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the Dioceses of The Northern Territory, Wangaratta and Willochra.

## IN OUR DIOCESE

- ◆ We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Cootamundra, Temora and Junee.
- ◆ We pray for the residents, staff and chaplains at the Junee Correctional Centre.

## IN MISSION

- ◆ We pray for the work of the Australian Board of Missions in Myanmar and Kenya.

## IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ We pray for Anne Dudzinski taking Services at Kangara Waters and Calvary Retirement Villages tomorrow.
- ◆ We pray for the teachers and students who return to school this week, that they will begin the new academic year with enthusiasm.
- ◆ We pray for Andrew Pickard and Hannah Angus being married today.
- ◆ We pray for the following members of our parish family: Michael Allen, Alison Campbell and Imogen, Darcy and Xanthe; Roger, Rika, Katy and Sophie Amos; Robert and Kath Arthur and Bec Arundel-Cawsey.
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Anne Ranse, Joh Sheehan, Val Newton, and anyone known to us personally.

## COMMEMORATIONS:

**Tuesday:** Thomas Aquinas, theologian (d.1274)

**Thursday:** **Juliette Bowie (died 2002)**



### A GIFT FOR SARAH



**Last opportunity** to contribute towards Sarah's gift. Contributions towards Sarah's gift from the Parish can be left in the Parish Office or paid by direct debit (please use reference "Sarah Gift") no later than this **Thursday 30 January**.

We are planning to give Sarah a pectoral cross to add to her Episcopal Kit. Any monies over and above the cost of the cross will be given to Sarah to go towards vestments.

#### HAPPENINGS NEXT SUNDAY - 2 FEBRUARY:

**8.30 am** Children's Church Breakfast in the Rainbow Centre - all invited.

**10.00am** Commissioning of Children's Church Leaders and Youth Group helpers.

**11.15 am** Farewell lunch for Sarah and Ian.  
Farewell to Anthony Frost.

Anthony has been offered a ministry position at St Alban's Anglican Church in Woden. His role is to facilitate the church's mission in the wider community with a focus on inclusivity and social justice. This placement dovetails with his remaining ministry/theological studies at St. Mark's. He and Kym have been worshipping with us for just over 5 years. We wish them God's blessing in this new role.



**Please indicate on the sign-up sheet what you would like to bring to share for lunch**

### Seeking Volunteers Excellent Remuneration ... Working for God

Do you feel you have a ministry in "all things practical"? We are seeking a person or persons who would be willing to share the load in keeping the Worship Centre and Rainbow Centre kitchens and toilets stocked with essential items.

This role includes weekly purchasing and replenishing consumables, replacing tea-towels and dishcloths, and taking home to wash, just to name a few. Helen Boulton has been a faithful servant in this ministry for a number of years and it would be wonderful to give Helen a break or to share this role by going on a roster.

If you feel this would be something you would like to do, or would like to know more about this role, please contact Kathy during office hours or speak with Helen - 6251-2078; hhboulton@gmail.com

### DEEP DIVE - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16 11.45am



Dr Heather Thomson, Lecturer in Systematic Theology and Associate Head, School of Theology at St Mark's, and Associate Head, School of Theology, Charles Sturt University, will lead a discussion on forgiveness. This is a theme she has been working on over some years, including in her book 'Things that Make for Peace'.

Some of the questions she will discuss are:

1. does forgiveness mean that people are not brought to justice?
2. does forgiveness mean 'forgive and forget'?
3. when does forgiveness become 'cheap grace'?
4. is repentance a pre-requisite or a consequence of forgiveness?
5. are some things unforgivable?
6. God's fore-giving of us as the basis of Christian forgiveness.

**There's a sign-up sheet on the back wall.**

### We are organizing a "Rotating Dinner" (NOT a progressive dinner!) on Friday night 21st February 2014



The dinner will comprise four courses and each couple or pair will host one of the courses for three other pairs of participants (ie 8 people at each sitting). The first three courses will be in participants' homes. The last course (sweets) will be at the Parish Centre where we will all gather for fellowship, coffee and cheese & bikkies

The sweets course is designed to cater for people unable to host in their home, who live "out of area" or who just prefer to host sweets! Sweets will be hosted in groups of 8 as for the other courses, with hosts setting tables, serving the course and cleaning up (just like at home!).

You will share each course with different people. At the end of the night you will have shared a meal with at least 25 people. If you are not a couple you can still participate as a pair or by joining others and forming a threesome! We will be able to cope with one more at a sitting.

Forms to register interest and preferred course to host are available from Rod Menzies either in hard copy or by email.

**Put the 21st February 2014 in your diary now. It will be a good night.**

**You need to register before Friday 14th February!**

Further information from Rod Menzies (M) 0429 098 762 or [ming@homemail.com.au](mailto:ming@homemail.com.au) Rod has forms available for you to complete.



## Quiet Day - Saturday 22 February 2014

9am - 4pm

St. Mark's Theological Centre, Barton

new beginnings a time of quiet, prayer and creativity. Spend time in quiet and prayer with other like minded people.

We begin with prayer and reflection at 9.30am (cuppa available from 9.00am), then quiet time for prayer, journaling, walking, resting, creating.

There will also be time for meditation, sharing our experience, and closing prayer. We conclude at 4pm. Bring your own lunch to eat at your leisure.

Morning and afternoon tea provided.

All welcome!

*The day will be led by Susanna Pain, Anglican priest, spiritual director and experienced Retreat leader*

Cost: \$20-30 donation

**There is a sign-up sheet on the back wall.**

## THE PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

February 25, 7.30 pm

Preceded by a shared meal at 6.30 pm

Please indicate on the sign-up sheet what you would like to bring.



## REMINDER TO STAFF AND MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS.

Your annual Reports for 2013 need to be at the parish office by **Friday 31 January** for distribution before the **AGM**

### FROM OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR



#### 9/10 Camp Pelican

A big thank you to all who prayed, baked goods & supported the year 9/10 Camp Pelican. It was a fabulous week of community, worship, fun, sand, sea & surf! It was a great team effort with the core of the team being from Holy Covenant. Well done Karina Harris & Dylan Mordike for directing such a great camp.

#### Camp Pelican by Broni

Year 9/10 Camp was fantastic! I really liked being in an atmosphere where social stuff, worship and the beach all come together to create a really good experience. Camp is a bit of an escape from everything else which makes you feel refreshed afterwards and exhausted! As a youth person it is really helpful to meet people who want to talk about the big issues without it seeming so big, and be able to express things with people who have the same feelings. Carnival was awesome, the beach was fun, Op-Shop challenge was cool, mini-golf was great and the Chaplain sessions were insightful and relevant. Camp Pel is about being part of something bigger than yourself.

#### Start up breakfast

On Sunday 2nd February we commence our youth and children's programs in the 10am service. To celebrate this we will be gathering at 8.30am in the Rainbow Centre for breakfast. Come along & enjoy catching up with everyone after the holidays. Toast, juice & cereal provided. If you'd like to bring some baked goods or fruit to share that would be great.



#### Youth Group Social Event

Wednesday 29th January. 4pm-7pm. John Knight Park. Bring \$2 for BBQ & some afternoon tea to share.

### MONASTERY OF THE HEART NEWS

The Monastery of the Heart group meets monthly. At our last meeting last year we discussed possible options of a book to study for this year, and this is being explored. You may like to join us! We meet on the first Friday of the month, in the Rainbow Centre, starting at 10.30 am with our study. After that some of the group stay on for lunch and fellowship depending on time available. So our first meeting for 2014 will be on **Friday 7 February**. If you would like further details please contact Glenys Wimmer on [lqwimmers@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lqwimmers@optusnet.com.au) or 6258 5958.

**AND . . .**

**LOST PROPERTY.** The following items are in the marked basket behind the sound system at the back. If they're not claimed by 9 Feb. they will go to the Anglicare Bin:

- 1 red/gold earring
- Rainbow beanie
- Green/black hoodie top size 14
- Pink fleecy hooded top size 6
- Grey fleecy hooded top size 10
- Black fleecy hooded top size 12
- Brown fleecy top size 12
- 1 pair black heeled shoes.
- Bag of bits and pieces left over from the Nativity play.

**St John's Care** has a need for some Agapanthus Plants for a very hot westerly area of the building. If anyone has some could they please ring Sue Jordan on 6248 7771 or 0424529492.

Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank  
Branch: Jamison Centre, ACT  
BSB: 062 907  
Acct No: 802 588  
Name: Holy Covenant Anglican Church

**ON THE TABLE NEAR THE FONT**

- + **BREATHING SPACE**  
programme for Semester 1 2014
- + **ORDERED ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDARS**
- + **Copies of the NEW TESTAMENT**

**GOT THE MESSAGE?**  
Services 8am and 10am  
next Sunday - 2 Feb



**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Today: Alison Campbell  
Tuesday: Imogen Allen  
Friday: Val Newton, Alyssa Barbour

*If you'd like your name in the Birthday Book,  
please tell the office.*

## MINISTRY TEAM

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## DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY - 2 February 2014

8 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	Celebrant: Revd Dr Sarah Macneil Preacher: Revd Dr Sarah Macneil
10 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	Celebrant: Revd Susanna Pain Preacher: Revd Dr Sarah Macneil
11 am	BUPA Nursing Home	
4 pm	Rainbow Fellowship	

# TODAY

**SENTENCE:** Jesus went through Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.  
*Matthew 4:23*

## READINGS:

Isaiah 9: 1-4  
Psalm 27: 1-10  
1 Corinthians 1: 10-18  
Matthew 4: 12-25

## HYMNS



188  
437  
686  
672(II)

## PRAYER:

Loving God,  
the light of the minds that know you,  
the life of the souls that love you,  
and the strength of the hearts that serve you:  
help us so to know you  
that we may truly love you,  
and so to love you  
that we may faithfully serve you,  
whose service is perfect freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AMEN**



	9.00am
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Libby Warren, Tony Willis
<b>Readers</b>	Sue Dunbar Des Pain Celebrant
<b>Intercessor</b>	Anne McDowell
<b>Organist</b>	Mandy Squair
<b>Word &amp; Prayer</b>	Joh Sheehan
<b>Deacon</b>	
<b>Cup</b>	George Gerrity, Neville Hurst, Doreen Matters. Extra bread: Mark Beresford
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Heather and Paul Shelley
<b>Children's Church</b>	In Recess