



HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN - 2 FEBRUARY 2014



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

TODAY IN THE PARISH

8 am	HOLY COMMUNION Celebrant: Preacher	Revd Dr Sarah Macneil Revd Dr Sarah Macneil
10 am	HOLY COMMUNION Celebrant: Preacher:	Revd Susanna Pain Revd Dr Sarah Macneil.
11 am	BUPA Nursing Home	
11.15 am	Farewell lunch for Sarah and Ian and Anthony and Kym	
4pm	Rainbow Fellowship	

 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

Monday	10 .00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
	7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre	Cursillo Reunion
Tuesday	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch
	7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre	Belonging and Caring Meeting
Wednesday	12 noon	Worship Centre	Holy Communion + BYO lunch
	2.00 pm	Worship Centre	Ever Active Exercise Class
	6.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	Meditation
Thursday	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
	2.00 pm	Rainbow centre	Book Club
Friday	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Rainbow Playgroup
	10.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Monastery of the Heart
Saturday	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus contemplative church

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HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Phone Merri Bacon on 6251 1110 or
email merri.bacon@bigpond.com



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Power and Division - 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Paul was a highly educated, intelligent, articulate and driven man. In worldly terms he was likely to be a success at whatever he chose to do. And yet, in writing to the young church at Corinth, he deliberately and carefully subverts human wisdom and rhetorical skills, arguing that they are of little account in God's eyes.

He is, of course, writing to a particular audience: a group of people who are forming factions around rival leaders, tearing the community apart. It also seems that there may have been some elitism and intellectual snobbery involved as the Corinthians decided exactly which of the putative leaders they would support.

Paul's gamble would seem to be a huge one: no slouch in the debating and teaching stakes himself, he is arguing that such skills are of little importance and that it is our life in Christ that matters. In God's topsy-turvy counter-intuitive world, the foolish shame the wise, and the weak shame the strong. Power and wisdom matter but it is the power and wisdom of the cross which matter, not those of the world.

It is Christ who embodies the true reality of God and Christ who is our wisdom, righteousness, holiness and liberation. There is no place for people who jockey for position.

Here is the heart of Paul's argument. Rather than enter into some sort of leadership competition with his rivals, he pulls the rug out from under their feet, pointing out that there is no place for such leadership rivalry in a Christian community. God is the source of our life in Christ. There is no place for personal aggrandisement. 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord'.

Hierarchy, power, status, wealth: all are tempting. Christian communities are as prone as others to their distortions. So let us be mindful and wary of them, seeking always to place Christ at the centre of all we do.

- Sarah Macneil



I have nearly finalised the statistics for 2013. It is one of those amazing situations where I am so proud of what the Volunteers have achieved for the year, and as donors what you have done is amazing, which makes St John's Care so special. I will finish the figures over the weekend and let you know how many people you helped next week.

We have a few plans for SJC this year which are so exciting but are taking a little time to put into place. Getting the right people for the Youth Care Canberra program is a real challenge. This program is a really good fit, but it is essential that we get the right people. We also have some plans in hand for another program, but more info on that later, but it will be wonderful if we can pull it off.

During the week I saw a woman who needed some support. She has some serious health issues, even though she is not that old. She has circulation problems and as a result has had a leg amputated. Around the house she uses a wheelchair but when she needs to do her shopping etc, she has a motorised scooter. Unfortunately, the motorised scooter is broken. A friend looked at it for her, and he identified that she needed a certain part but he is not able to get the part for her.

The part was going to cost her \$210.00. She asked the supplier if she could pay for the part over several pay days, as she does not have any savings. The service agent for the scooter wants the money upfront. SJC was really happy to help but we need the paperwork to justify the expenditure. I emailed the firm, requesting an invoice for the part and the fitting of the part. I was amazed when they said that they would need to look at the vehicle before they would give me a price. This was going to cost our client \$ 44.00 for collection, \$99.00 for inspection and \$44.00 for return of the scooter. Then they would advise her what parts were needed and how much it was going to cost. I know that it is a business, and I know that they have to make money, but it seems a tad harsh to me. Probably just as well I am not running the business or I would be broke in no time.

Last year was a challenge, with the new building and the refurbishment of the old rooms, but it was fun and now we are ready for the opening. **I really hope that you will join us on the 23 February @ 3:30 pm. Please let us know if you are coming, so that you can fully participate in the opening.** We have something very inclusive in mind, so we need to know numbers for catering and so you can be involved, telephone is 6248 7771 or email stjohnscare@velocitynet.com.au.

My wish list for this week: Tinned Vegetables, Small packs of Sultanas, Pasta Sauce, Toilet Paper, Peanut Butter and Men's Deodorant.

Many Thanks
Sue Jordan



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We pray for those countries where people are losing their lives as they fight for democracy.

IN AUSTRALIA

- We continue to pray for those parts of our country affected by fires, cyclones and drought.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ♦ We pray for the Bishop and people of the Church in Burundi and Argentina.
- ♦ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the Dioceses of Adelaide and Armidale.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ♦ We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of St. Saviour's Cathedral Goulburn, North Goulburn and the Wollondilly Self-Care Units.
- ♦ We pray for all being prepared for ministries, both ordained and lay.

IN MISSION

- ♦ We pray for the work of Amnesty International who campaign to protect and defend human rights.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ♦ We give thanks for the ministry of Sarah and Ian and Anthony and Kym and pray for them as they start on their new journeys.
- ♦ We pray for Katherine, our youth leaders and children's Church helpers as they begin their new year.
- ♦ We pray for the parish groups meeting for the first time this year.
- ♦ We pray for the following members of our parish family: Scott Ashpole; Gretel Ayre, Merri Bacon, Jenny Baines and Bruce and Beverley Barnes.
- ♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Anne Ranse, Joh Sheehan, Val Newton, and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Wednesday: **Colin Buxton (died 1985)**



TODAY - 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.

NEXT SUNDAY - 9 FEBRUARY

- ✦ **Commissioning of Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard as Senior Associate Priest, part time.**
- ✦ **Commissioning of Anne Dudzinski as Honorary Associate Priest.**

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 teatowels 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 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, journalling, 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.

MONASTERY OF THE HEART meetings will begin again on Friday 7 February, 10.30 am in the Rainbow Centre. We start with a short liturgy, followed by discussion of our reading, and then a BYO lunch and fellowship. All are welcome, please come for as long as you are able.

Our study book to start the year is *A NEW HARMONY: THE SPIRIT, THE EARTH, AND THE HUMAN SOUL* by J. Philip Newell. In this book he emphasises the need to overcome divisions and find common ground and to reclaim the best of ancient Christian spirituality and a more holistic, natural way of thinking about faith. There is a sign-up sheet on the door at the back of the church.

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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.



FROM OUR YOUTH and CHILDREN WORKER



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.

Children's Church, Godly Play and Youth Group start today!

Children and youth are an integral part of our worship and life together at Holy Covenant. During the service the children and youth are invited to the rainbow Centre and the Mushroom to participate in age-specific groups. They then return during the greeting of peace and are welcome for communion. We have 3 groups meeting on a Sunday morning:

Godly Play: Children from preschool age to year 2 join in a story and respond creatively. Older children are welcome if they prefer this style of learning.

Children's Church: Children in Grades 3-6 participate in a range of activities.

Youth Group: Year 7-12 - discussions, games, creative responses.



Canberra Region Cursillo Ultreya (Gathering) 12 February
Canberra Cursillistas would like to invite parishioners to an
Ultreya (a Gathering) at St Barnabas' Charnwood.

This will be held on Wednesday 12 February
from 7.30 pm until 9.00 pm.

It will be an evening of prayer, praise, signing, witness and reflection.

All are welcome to come and join the worship.

A light supper will follow.

St Barnabas' is in the Charnwood Shopping Centre.

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 0424 529492.

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- + Interfaith Festival, 9 February.

ON THE TABLE NEAR THE FONT

- + BREATHING SPACE programme for Semester 1 2014

- + Copies of the **NEW TESTAMENT** - free

CLASSIFIEDS

FREE - a sturdy wooden office desk 1500cm x 650cm. Has 2 drawers and a cupboard, in immaculate condition. Contact Vivienne Sinderberry if you'd like it - 6278 3873, sintech@grapevine.com.au



Born on 16 January. First child for John Berian James who attended Sunday School here from 1987. John is Lynne James' son.

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



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Yesterday: *Russell Judd, Dorothy Hurst*
Today: *Emma Judd*

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

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY - 9 February 2014

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
Celebrant and preacher: Revd Susanna Pain

10 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
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SENTENCE: What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

READINGS:

Micah 6: 1-8
 Psalm 15
 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31
 Matthew 5: 1-12

HYMNS



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 618

PRAYER:

Lead us, Spirit of undiluted truth, away from the pretensions and deceptions of sophisticated selfishness and nearer to those sincere souls who look on God.

Give us a profound admiration for the pure in heart. Teach us their grasp of grace, their spiritual transparency, their commitment to justice and mercy, and their unpretentious service.

Redeem in us the atrophied ability to see God in all the changing scenes of life. Through Jesus Christ, the person of grace.

AMEN



	8.00am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Tony Willis, Mandy Squair	Jey Hoole, Reg Holmes
Readers	Rosemary Kennemore Tony Willis Anne Ranse	Jey Hoole Phyl Holmes Neville Hurst
Intercessor	Paul Shelley	Joh Sheehan
Organist	Kath Arthur	Pam Lane
Word & Prayer	Steve Daniels	Sally Mordike
Deacon	Anne Ranse	
Cup	Anne Ranse Steve Daniels	Sally Mordike, Dylan Mordike, Rob Maron, Phyl Holmes Extra bread: Sarah Macneil
Morning Tea	Breakfast in Rainbow Centre	Rob and Kathy Lake Betty Jennings
Children's Church		Prue, Rhys, Katherine R, David