



# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

## Weekly Bulletin 30 March 2014 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Let us travel together  
with Jesus this Lent,  
open to fresh encounters  
with Jesus  
and with each other,  
God invites us to adventure!



Then he went and washed and came  
back able to see.

### TODAY IN THE PARISH

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	
	Celebrant:	Revd Susanna Pain
	Preacher:	Chris Lewis
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<b>1.30 pm</b>	<b>PRAYER VINE MEETING</b>	Rainbow Centre
<b>3.30 pm</b>	<b>GOSPEL REFLECTION</b>	Rob Maron



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 back of the Church following Communion.



Please join us for morning tea after the services.



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH			
<b>Sunday</b>	5.00 - 7.00 pm	24 Liverpool Street, Macquarie	Home Group for Parents – Lenten Study Group on The King’s Speech
<b>Monday</b>	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
<b>Tuesday</b>	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch
	7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre	Belonging & Caring Meeting
<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
	7:30 pm	Mushroom	Saving Jesus Redux
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
	2.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	Book Club
	7.15 pm	Worship Centre	The Promise of Paradox
<b>Friday</b>	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Rainbow Playgroup
	10.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Monastery of the Heart
<b>Saturday</b>	4.45 pm	Rainbow Centre	Choir and musicians
	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus contemplative church

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## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

### **SEEING THE SON OF MAN** - (John 9:1-41)

The controversy in today's reading grows out of a simple healing.

The 'man born blind' is, initially, merely an undignified topic of discussion: 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus, however, notices the person, sees a need, makes his mud, and opens these unseeing eyes.

*It is astonishing.*

But this is nothing compared to the mayhem that unfolds. One might think this miracle would inspire exploration of Jesus' claim: 'I am the light of the world'. Indeed, perhaps it did. But for some it is little more than a daring stunt, a lie, calculated to draw people, not from *God*, but from *religion*. The religious leadership is threatened by this man's disarmingly straight forward testimony. This is initially a shortened, unembellished response to people's request for an explanation. His offers no more than: 'I am the man.' People have to press him for a fuller story: 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.'

There is no speculation here. It is simple experience. *It is raw testimony.*

But still this may not seem like a very convincing account. But for those who knew this unseeing person, it is a miracle that demands explanation. This is at least as convincing as anything else they are likely to hear. The authorities choose to question this man on two occasions. They also interview his parents. These interviews are hostile from start to finish. These representatives of God, seem unable, or at least unwilling, to see the grace of God so evident in this man and his story. As a result they do to *all* what they initially did to the healed man's parents: they fill the people with *fear*.

*Surely theirs is the saddest of all possible responses.* They do not know what happened, but they are sure that it was not what is claimed. *They fight, they question, they threaten, they expel, because they do not know and they will not listen.*

But the one who newly sees, the one who knows most, wants to know even more. When asked: 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?', his answer is refreshingly honest: 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Upon learning that he had already seen this one he not only *believes*, he also *worships*.

*Perhaps it is a perfect response simply because he has seen Jesus for who he really is.*

**Mark Beresford**

Yesterday someone asked me what St. John's Care does. We are a Parish based organisation who works in partnership with Anglicare. We of course have many wonderful supporters: Parishes who contribute to our food stores weekly, Foundations like the Snow Foundation and the Victoria Shakespeare Trust, Government Departments such as Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and of course many wonderful individuals who just help us out.

***So what do we really do? Emergency relief is our primary program. Last year we assisted three thousand three hundred and twenty people and fed three thousand eight hundred and eighty four adults and two thousand eight hundred and sixty seven children. We try to provide families with enough food for three to four days.***

We also like to provide food that is suitable for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. It is important that the Volunteers sit with the client and listen to their story, and find what their real needs are, do they cook, how old are the children. Are the children at School and need something for 'little lunch'? Do the tiny ones need nappies or formula? If they are Homeless or living in their car do they know where they can heat food on the free BBQs? For Homeless people we need to provide cans that have pull tops, as they don't carry can openers around with them. It is really important to provide the most suitable food for the client. We now stock Gluten Free foods and foods that are preferred by the Refugee families we see. One of the reasons I ask for powdered milk, is that it is lighter for Mum's to carry if they are on the bus or on foot and also it is the preferred form of milk for the Refugee families as powdered milk is what is provided in the Refugee camps.

During a year we give away more than 5000 litres of longlife milk, 4000 bottles of Pasta Sauce, 4000 packets of Pasta, 4000 packets of Cereal etc, etc, and it is important that all the stock is constantly rotated so that it does not go past its Best Before date. Everyone knows that the Best Before date is only the manufacturer's recommendation and that the product is still in perfect condition, but we will not give it to our clients. It is a matter of treating our clients with 'Dignity and Respect'. Image how you would feel if you couldn't feed your family, went to SJC for help and all you were given was food that was out of date. Did you know that even toothpaste has a Best Before Date on the packet?

So basically SJC is a Supermarket but it differs from most Supermarkets: there is no cash register at the exit and the Volunteers who help and serve the clients really care about the clients.

**My wish list for this week: Washing Up liquid, dehydrated peas and mashed potatoes and dehydrated pasta meals.**

Many Thanks  
Sue Jordan



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

# PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

## IN THE WORLD

- ◆ We give thanks the World Health Organisation has declared that South East Asia is now polio free.
- ◆ Pray for an end to child labour, to the exploitation of workers in places like Bangla Desh and the Gulf States, pray for the welfare of all migrant workers, and for an end to slavery wherever it still exists.

## IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ We give thanks that the recent rain has fallen on some of the areas where it was needed, and pray for those areas which have been affected by flood and storm damage.

## WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ◆ We pray for the Province of Papua New Guinea.
- ◆ We pray for retired Anglican clergy, clergy widows and widowers.

## IN OUR DIOCESE

- ◆ We pray for the clergy and people of Cobargo, Bodalla-Narooma and Batemans Bay
- ◆ We pray for the Anglicare Australia, the Military Christian Fellowship, Catechumenate and Alpha programs including Youth Alpha and those on The Bishop's Gap year.

## IN MISSION

- ◆ We pray for the work of the Tear Australia and the Anglican Board of Mission

## IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ We pray for the Belonging and Caring meeting this week.
- ◆ We pray for all involved in our Lenten Study Groups and for all on a Lenten Journey.
- ◆ We pray for the following members of our parish family: Heather Dornoch; Anne Dudzinski; Georgina Dudzinski and Andrew; Sue Dunbar; Alan and Bea Duncan.
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Ros Nimmo, Anne Ranse, Anne Dudzinski, Phil Perman and anyone known to us personally.

## COMMEMORATIONS:

Today: Yvonne Greening (died 2005)

Tuesday: Jessie Henderson (died 2001), Bob Rose (died 2005)

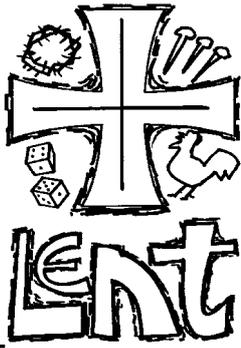
Thursday: Richard of Chichester, bishop (d. 1256)

## HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE

### REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

## IN THE PARISH



### OUR LENTEN JOURNEY WEEK FOUR

**TODAY: Gospel Reflection** - 3.30 - 5.00 pm

Led by Rob Maron

April 6 led by Sue Dunbar

April 13 led by Frances Mackay

**WEDNESDAYS: Saving Jesus Redux** - 7.30 pm  
to 9 April in the Mushroom, Rainbow Centre. Led by Nikolai Blaskow



BENEDICTUS  
contemplative church

The Promise of Paradox - Poems for Autumn and Lent,  
resume this Thursday. Worship Centre. 7.15 pm

### COME AND JOIN

in a BBQ on **NEXT Sunday 6 April**  
**12 noon – 2 pm** at John Knight Park

If the weather is bad we'll picnic in the worship centre! Bring a salad/fruit/something sweet or a drink to share. Sausage sandwiches provided! BYO picnic set.

A great chance to catch up with Holy Covenant friends and make new ones!



### IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY -

After saying so many farewells recently it is nice to be able to welcome - belatedly - some new members to our Sanctuary team.

**TRACEY MATTHEWS** is studying a Master of Theology at St. Mark's (CSU) this year, along with the Advanced Diploma in Ministry and Theology as part of the ordained ministry discernment process. As part of her ministry placement, Tracey has joined the HC Ministry Team and is looking forward to actively contributing to the life of our community this year.

**CHRIS LEWIS.** Chris and family moved from Sydney about 13 months ago and have been worshipping with us ever since. Chris has given us his reasons for this move.

## IN THE PARISH

### *Why am I at St Mark's?*

I am undertaking the Australian Defence Force In-Service Chaplain training scheme and I am currently in my second year of theological studies at St Mark's. I need to complete all of the ordination requirements for the Canberra-Goulburn Diocese, which means I am also undertaking the Advanced Diploma in Ministry and Theology at St Mark's.

### *What will I be doing in the parish?*

Ministry of the Word and preaching here and there, plus I will be involved in activities such as Men's Dinners etc. But most importantly, I will be a member of the Holy Covenant community of believers, which means more to me than any other reason I could list here.

**TOBIAS NEVILE** is undertaking a Bishop's Gap Year. If you want to know what that entails, ask Tobias!

### **LOOKING FOR SOMETHING WORTHWHILE that assists others to have some special time together? THEN WE NEED YOU**



Covenant Care Day Centre at Holy Covenant Jamison offers older people with a life threatening illness a day with a difference and we are in **NEED of VOLUNTEERS** to help us.

Covenant Care operates on a Monday except in holidays. There is a Registered Nurse and an Activity Officer and wonderful volunteers **BUT WE NEED MORE** helpers

- People are needed to drive and pick up clients from their homes and return them home. This task is about an hour each Monday morning and afternoon of which you could do one or both trips.
- People are needed to set up the day centre and pack away. Again this can be doing both or just one time in the day.
- We also need volunteers to assist with the daily events of the day centre I, ie morning teas, socialising, assisting with activities and offering friendship. Again this may be part or all of the day, morning or afternoon, one hour, two hours or all day.

Covenant Care currently has 16 wonderful clients who have been given the opportunity to get out of home for a few hours and be with people in a similar situation developing friendships and receiving holistic care. It also, just as importantly allows their carer to have a 'day off' from caring.

*Can I ask you to prayerfully consider volunteering to help out with this unique and life giving ministry?*

For more information contact: Archdeacon Em Anne Ranse 0439139209

### 'Rising and Falling' a retreat weekend

**NEXT WEEK-END 4-6 April 2014**

**with Trish Watts and Susanna Pain**

St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong

'When I rise let me rise up like a bird, without regret, joyfully  
and when I fall let me fall down like a leaf  
without regret joyfully.'

For information and flyers available on the noticeboard.

**LAST CHANCE TODAY TO SIGN UP**



#### FROM THIS MONTH'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- ◆ A very grateful 'Thank you' to Mark Beresford for his wonderful service to the Holy Covenant parish and its parishioners. We wish Mark and Katie and family all the very best in working with the Charnwood (and Hall) parish.
- ◆ Work on new IT and telephony infrastructure is complete. Thank you to Rhys.
- ◆ Work is proceeding for getting approval to build a carport outside the Dexter St facing garage.
- ◆ The Ecological Footprint Group are to visit the recycling plant.
- ◆ Total offertories to the end of February were \$36,300, an average of \$4,535 per Sunday. Our annual budget of \$239,000 requires an average of \$4,565 per Sunday during the year.



Council also drew attention to the **Celebration Service at the Cathedral** commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the arrival of the diocese's first bishop—Mesac Thomas.

**NEXT Sunday 6 April 1.45pm.**

Procession to Cathedral for Evensong leaves Mandelson's of Goulburn, 160 Sloane Street at 2pm.  
Concludes with a bring and share afternoon tea.



### *Advance Notice Plant Sale 8 November 2014*

*Are you tidying up your garden for winter?*

*Now is an ideal time to pot up plants such as those extra strawberry runners, cuttings of hydrangeas, geraniums and rosemary, correa prunings etc and get them off to a great start. There are still some weeks of warmish weather to help them make good roots and be ready for another growth spurt in early Spring. Or you might be contemplating dividing that clump of iris, lamb's tails, lomandra, dianella, or hellebore a bit further into Autumn. These and many others would also be well established by November and make tempting purchases.*

*Many parishioners produced really interesting plants for last year's sale. We hope to have another great day next November, when our community becomes that bit more beautiful and green.*

### **BREATHING SPACE NEWS** **Two events begin shortly**

#### ***A SPIRITUALITY FOR THE TWO HALVES OF LIFE***

A 6 week course based on Richard Rohr's book *Falling Upward*. Facilitator: Frances Mackay.

Wednesdays 7.30 pm beginning 7 June.



#### ***REMINISCENCE:*** Life Review for the Later Part of Life

Facilitator: Glenys Wimmer.

Fridays 10.30am beginning 9 June for six weeks.

(note: commencement date a week later than advertised)

**More details and sign-up sheets will be available next week.**

AND . . .

**OFFERTORY** envelopes commencing on 1 April are now available for collection from the back of the church.



**THE CHOIR** and musicians rehearse Saturday afternoons at 4.45 pm in the Rainbow Centre. Newcomers are always welcome!

**ON THE NOTICE BOARD**

- ◆ **Rally for refugees march**, Palm Sunday, 13 April.

**ON THE TABLE NEAR THE FONT**

- \* Breathing Space program for Semester 1 2014



**DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS  
NEXT SUNDAY AT 3 AM**

Before going to bed wind your clock back 1 hour

**Induction of Revd Mark Beresford**

Mark will be inducted as Priest-in-Charge of St Barnabas, Charnwood and St Michael and All Angels, Hall

**6:30pm on Tuesday, April 8th** at the St Barnabas Church, Charnwood (10 Charnwood Place, Charnwood).

***All welcome.***

**Bank Details for Direct Debit are:**

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

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**



Yesterday: Jen Collier, Merri Bacon  
Tuesday: Rhys Thorpe, Sandra Ross  
Wednesday: Karen Ferguson  
Saturday: Joan Williams

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

## MINISTRY TEAM

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## DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 6 APRIL 2014

8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Celebrant and Preacher:	Revd Anne Dudzinski
10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Celebrant: Preacher:	Revd Sarah Gibson Revd Anne Dudzinski
12 noon	Parish Picnic	

# TODAY

**SENTENCE:** 'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord: 'those who follow me will have the light of life.'

*John 48:12*

**READINGS:**

1 Samuel 16: 1-13  
 Psalm 23  
 Ephesians 5: 8-14  
 John 9:1-41

**8 am HYMNS Matthias**

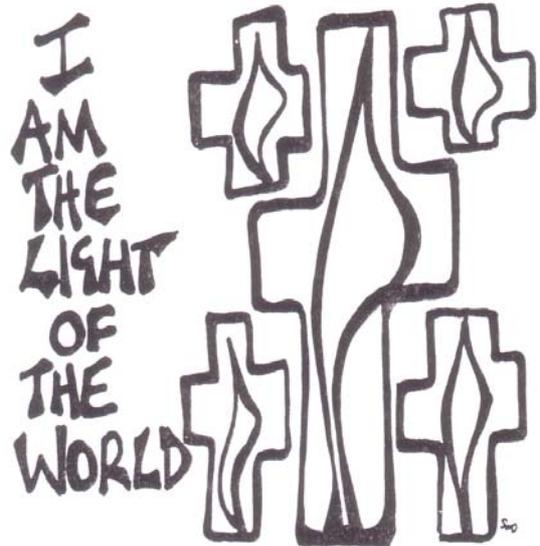


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**PRAYER:**

Gracious God,  
 in order that we children of earth  
 might discern good from evil  
 you sent your Son to be the light of the world;  
 as the light of Christ shines upon us,  
 may we learn what pleases you,  
 and live in truth and goodness;  
 through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy  
 Spirit,  
 one God now and forever.

AMEN



	8.00 am	10.00 am
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Kerin and Brian Cox	Jey Hoole and Reg Holmes
<b>Readers</b>	Anne McDowell Robert Arthur Anne Ranse	Doreen Matters Reg Holmes Susan Joy Nevile
<b>Intercessor</b>	Peter Hall	Joh Sheehan
<b>Organist</b>	Kath Arthur	Heather Shelley
<b>Word and Prayer</b>	Tracey Matthews	Tobias Nevile
<b>Deacon</b>	Anne Ranse	Susan Joy Nevile
<b>Cup</b>	Tracey Matthews and Anne Ranse	Tobias, Chris, Phyl, Gwen Extra bread: TBA
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Heather and Paul Shelley	Therese Jokisch Judith Ann Daniels
<b>Children's Church</b>	12	Christine, Anne, Katherine R, Evelyn M Tea: Murray/Judd