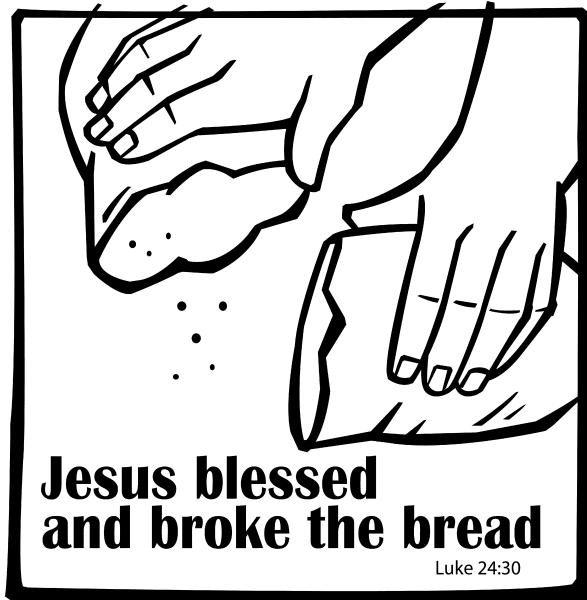




HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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



*Third Sunday of
EASTER*

4 May 2014



We offer a special welcome to visitors 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.



TODAY IN THE PARISH

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant:
Preacher

Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard
Revd Susanna Pain

10.00 am HOLY COMMUNIION

Celebrant :
Preacher:

Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard
Revd Susanna Pain

11.00 am BUPA NURSING HOME

4.00 pm RAINBOW FELLOWSHIP

6.00 pm TAIZE



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 05.05.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 06.05.14	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch
	7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre	Belonging and Caring Team
Wednesday 07.05.14	12 noon	Worship Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch
	2.00 pm	Worship Centre	Ever Active Exercise Class
	6.00 pm	Rainbow centre	Meditation
	7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre	A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life
Thursday 08.05.14	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
Friday 09.05.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
	10.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Reminiscence course
Saturday 10.05.14	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Worship Centre	Workshop with Sue Jordan
	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church

WEEK BEGINNING 11 MAY

Monday 12.05.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 13.05.14	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch
Wednesday 14.05.14	12 noon	Worship Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch
	2.00 pm	Worship Centre	Ever Active Exercise Class
	6.00 pm	Rainbow centre	Meditation
	7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre	A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life
Thursday 15.05.14	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
Friday 16.05.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
	10.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Reminiscence course
Saturday 17.05.14	9.00 am	Church Grounds	Working Bee
	9.00 am - 4.00 pm	St Mark's Barton	Quiet day
	2.30 pm	Tilley's Café, Lyneham	Women's Cuppa
	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

THE WALK TO EMMAUS

Let him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us, be a crimson-crested east.

(Gerard Manley Hopkins, 19th C. priest and poet)

The Easter break may now be only a wistful memory, but the liturgical season of Easter continues to invite us to ‘let him easter in us’. What might Hopkins mean by this striking phrase? His wordplay linking Easter to the darkness-dispelling rising sun reminds us of the ongoing cycles of death and renewal to be found at the heart of life – if we have eyes to see.

It is interesting how much attention is given to *seeing* in today’s resurrection story. Cleopas and his unnamed companion who were returning to Emmaus in the late afternoon of the day of the resurrection didn’t have eyes to see that Jesus had joined them. Indeed the text tells us they ‘were kept from recognising him’. We can imagine they were not too keen on having an apparent stranger intrude on their grief and confusion as they discussed the events of the previous three days. Significantly Jesus does not disclose who he is. Rather he draws them out by asking them questions about what is concerning them. There is an exquisite irony in their response: ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ For them rumours of an empty tomb have only added to their grief and confusion. Even when he chides them for not understanding what the prophets had foretold, they still do not recognise him. Yet they offer him hospitality for the night, and it is in the breaking of the bread that ‘their eyes were opened’. Interestingly, he ‘vanishes from their sight’ as soon as they recognise him. And they can’t wait to make the return trip to Jerusalem to share the good news with the disciples gathered there.

This beautifully crafted vignette with its psychological and spiritual realism and wonderful irony has much to offer us about what it might mean to let Jesus ‘easter in us’. Most of us know what it is like to feel lost and confused, to have our hopes dashed. For us, as for them, it might take time for light to dawn, for us to let go of our expectations of how life should be (‘we hoped, but now...’) to find the blessing in what is. May we, like those early disciples, offer hospitality to the divine companion (literally, the one who breaks bread with), even when s/he comes in disguise. Perhaps we too might say in hindsight: ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road?’ (v. 32)

Frances MacKay

FROM ST JOHN'S CARE



Two people this week have really worried me. On Thursday we saw a young woman who is in financial crisis. It is a complicated story, but aren't they all.

Her partner works full time and earns about seven hundred dollars a week. They have a young two year old daughter. My client normally works full time and their little one is in child care. Life for this family is not easy but was in control.

Then my client's grandmother got really sick. There was a bit of a breakdown with the rest of the family, so my client decided that she wanted to spend some quality time with her Nan. She spent three weeks with Nan until she died, and when she went back to work, she was given her dismissal notice. She was amazed but I can't comment on that situation – I don't know the rules and regulations and I don't know if she was responsible to her employers.

But now the family is in crisis. From two salaries to one with no parental support makes it very difficult for a young family. Their income has been reduced to \$732 per week. Sounds okay but when you have to pay \$420 a week for rent, \$249 a week for childcare there is not much left. They are in chaos, but they don't want to give up the childcare placement, the young woman needs another job and childcare places are so difficult to obtain.

So at the moment they are living on fresh air. The electricity is overdue, the gas is overdue, everything is overdue. No shortage of bills, just a shortage of food. Gosh you are nice people, we got them out of trouble with the utilities and it will keep this family alive for a few more weeks. It is going to be a real struggle. But it was good to be there for them.

Help Needed – on Sunday nights we need a volunteer to collect bread from the Bakers Delight shop in Dickson. You need to be there at 6.00 pm to receive the bread. The bread is okay to be left in the car overnight and then brought into SJC on Monday morning. Our Monday volunteers then bag and freeze the bread and it is handed out during the week. Because it has been frozen it is still fresh. We have had three teams who each do a month on a rotational basis, but unfortunately due to ill health, Nick is no longer able to help us.

If you would be happy to go on the roster, please let me know. The more we have on the roster, the less you have to do. Phone 6248 7771 or 0424 529 492. I really appreciate your support, St John's Care is non existent without you!

My wish list for this week: Longlife milk, tinned vegetables, and noodles in a cup.

Many thanks,
Sue



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ♦ We pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may be able to withstand the instability in their country, and that the sanctions being imposed against Russia will have the desired effect.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ♦ As the weather has turned cold we pray for the homeless, sleeping out at night and for the organisations who provide basic care for them.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ♦ We pray for the church in Newfoundland, Canada and the Central Philippines.
- ♦ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the Dioceses of Ballarat and Bathurst.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ♦ We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of St. Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn, North Goulburn, West Goulburn and the Wollondilly Gardens Self Care units.

IN MISSION

- ♦ We pray for the work of the Australian Board of Missions New Zealand, Polynesia and Japan.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ♦ Pray for our walk to Emmaus, that each of us might have our eyes opened and see Christ present in all of life, and be able to live that truth.
- ♦ We pray for all teachers and students and for our Children's Church and Youth leaders.
- ♦ We pray for the activities in the parish this week.
- ♦ We pray for the following members of our parish family: Cecilia and Alex Gutierrez; Peter and Jenny Hall; Roger and Gwen Hallows; Dawn Hardman; Hilary and Bob Harris; and Karina Harris.
- ♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Ros Nimmo, Anne Ranse, Phil Perman, Elizabeth Sillano, Bruce Barnes and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Tuesday: John Apostle and Evangelist.

HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

*Hear our Prayer,
O God.†*

IN THE PARISH



WOMEN'S CUPPA - TERM 2

Women, ladies, and girls are invited to join us for the first Women's cuppa for 2014. Come along and enjoy a good chat over a warm drink with some friendly people! (And possibly even a piece of cake :-))

Where: Tilley's cafe, Lyneham
When: 2.30 pm Saturday 17 May

Please let Anna Quinlan know you are coming by **texting or emailing by Thursday 15 May.**

Mobile: 0419 022 414
Email: anna.quinlan@gmail.com

CLAIM THE DATE

Holy Covenant women, you and your friends are invited to a Girl's Night and fundraiser at Holy Covenant on Thursday 22nd May! Come and enjoy good company, delicious desserts and inspiring stories from Caitlin Lance who is volunteering in India as a psychologist. Suggested donation is \$20 to help Caitlin set up home in Kolkata. For more information see Katherine Rainger or the notice on the sign-up board.



THE BELONGING AND CARING TEAM INVITE YOU TO A WORKSHOP WITH SUE JORDAN next Saturday 10 May 2.00 – 4 .00 pm

The Belonging and Caring Team has asked Sue Jordan to visit us. Most people read Sue's report from St John's Care in the weekly bulletin, which records the intense and inspiring activity of caring for people who are so often in dire straits.

With her experience at St John's, Sue will be able to reflect on wider aspects of caring, helping us to grow in caring for others within, and beyond, the parish. St John's Care is blessed with many volunteers, some from Holy Covenant. Two of our volunteers will speak from their experience, at St John's Care and elsewhere, sharing what motivates them. The afternoon gathering will have room for questions and discussion, aiming to discover new ways in which we can foster our collective caring mission within the parish.

And of course there will be food and drink.

Please indicate you are attending on the sheet on the sign up board.

All are welcome. We'd love you to join us!

IN THE PARISH

FROM PARISH COUNCIL

- Work continues on updating the HC photocopier.
- Work continues on getting approval to build a carport outside the garage facing Dexter Street. Thank you Harris for your persistence and endurance.
- Following Stewardship Sunday in June we will have a 12 months trial of themed giving with a different theme each month.
- Total offertories to the end of March were \$56,074 - an average per Sunday of \$4,313. Our budget figure of \$239,000 requires an average of \$4,596 per Sunday over the year.



Food Collection

WINTER COLLECTION FOR ST JOHN'S CARE – SATURDAY 31 MAY

Our next collection of groceries for St John's Care will be held at Jamison Plaza on Saturday 31 May from 9 am to 1 pm, together with a cake stall to raise funds for Holy Covenant. This twice yearly event makes a very welcome contribution of food and groceries to St John's Care at a time when their need is greatest. It is also raises valuable funds and community awareness for us.

Volunteers are needed to provide shoppers with a list of products as they enter Coles and Aldi and to stock and operate our stall. If you can help with either or both of these activities, please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the notice board.



Thank you for all the wonderful support I have received over the last few weeks.

Ros Nimmo

PARISH DINNER

The always-fun parish dinner is scheduled for Friday 20 June 2014. Contact Kathryn Body to secure a reservation.

Prayer for Healing Service

Date: Wednesday 7 May 2014
Time: 7.00 pm
Venue: St John's Canberra

FROM THE HOLISTIC CARE NURSE

A MODERN DAY MIRACLE

I am constantly amazed at the way God surprises us. I have a client in the Holistic Care Nursing program that I referred to Covenant Care and I had promised him a new wheel chair, as the one he had was old and not as safe as it should be. Then the worst scenario happened, I ran out of my funding.

As I was driving to the Southside on Friday to talk to a family about the funeral for their elderly mother, I was thinking about how I could honour this promise knowing I had no cash to go and buy the wheel chair. After the conversation around the funeral the son of the deceased woman said to me, quite out of the blue, 'I don't suppose you know anyone who could use an almost new, Mercedes type wheel chair do you?' It seemed an awfully long time before I found my voice and trying not to sound too excited, I managed to say, 'Well, as a matter of fact I do.' I explained who I could give it to and why and the family was chuffed to think the chair, which their mother had hardly used, was going to help someone immediately. I felt so blessed.

On Monday I went to Covenant Care and said to the client, 'As promised, my good man, your new wheel chair.' And he too was chuffed and blessed! God is so good. If I had to back this story with a scriptural text I would use Daniel chapter 10 verse 15: '*While he was speaking these words to me I was speechless.*'

I don't know why I am so surprised at the way God answers prayer. Sometimes he is quick with a reply and sometimes slower. This day he honoured my prayers and my need immediately. So much so it almost left me speechless.

What a wonderful ministry the Holistic Care Nursing is to be involved with. It's on the ground work amongst those in need, exactly where God wants us to be and the blessings abound.

Anne Ranse, Holistic Care Nurse

CONFIRMATION

**Classes will start in May and confirmation is
26 October.**



There will be a gathering for those interested in being confirmed or admitted into the Anglican Church, at 3 pm-5 pm on Sunday 18 May at Susanna and Nikolai's Place in Lyneham.

RSVP Susanna 0418 637 469

OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFLECTION

QUIET DAY

'Journey of the Heart'

Saturday 17 May 2014



an opportunity to take time out from our busy lives to pray, reflect and meditate in the Christian tradition. You are invited to travel with God on a journey of discovery. We begin with prayer and a reflection at 9.30 am (cuppa available from 9.00 am). We conclude at 4.00 pm. Bring your own lunch to eat at your leisure. Morning and afternoon tea provided.

St Mark's Theological Centre, 15 Blackall Street, Barton Cost: \$30 donation
RSVP: Susanna Pain ph 0418 637 469 email: susanna.pain@gmail.com

PARISH RETREAT

19-21 September 2014

"Beloved of God" led by Sue Dunbar (Barnabas Ministries)
at St Clement's Retreat & Conference Centre, Galong

PARISH PICS BOARD

On the Parish Pics board at the back of the Worship Centre is a collage of photos of Judith King. Judith died on Easter Sunday and her funeral was at Holy Covenant on 24 April. She had lived in the House with No Steps in Bowman Street and was our first Holistic Care Nursing program client.

The HCN program was a God-given vision of the Outreach Committee, supported by Susanna, and the vision was realised when Anne Ranse became our Holistic Care Nurse at Holy Covenant. One of the initiatives Anne brought to reality was the visiting of Judith on a regular basis over the last nearly four years and her inclusion in many Holy Covenant activities.

Please look at the photos and see what a difference we made to Judith's life. She loved coming to community lunches, Covenant Care, going on visits to Tulip Tops and other outings – anything with her friends here. This is a program unique to us and its success needs our support.

Life is not about how fast you run, or how high you climb, but how well you bounce.

AND . . .

CALVARY HOSPITAL FUNDRAISER

The hospital auxiliary is holding a Mother's Day Cake and Craft Stall on Thursday 8 May from 8 am to 2 pm in the hospital foyer.



INFO FOR WEEKLY BULLETIN.

All emails with information for inclusion in the Weekly Bulletin must now go to:

weeklybulletin@holycovenant.org.au

Do you give your offerings by EFT?

Thank you to all those who give their offerings regularly by direct transfer to our CBA and AIDF accounts. This really helps to manage our cash flow and our budgeting.

However, we have been receiving regular anonymous payments that contain no indication of what they are for and we have had to assume that they are offerings.

We respect your decision not to include your name but we would like everyone to make sure that their transactions are referenced with "offerings", "givings" or some similar word. This makes life much easier for the treasurer and bookkeeper. Please talk to Bob Arthur or Paul Shelley if you have any questions about this process.

- **Mission Paradigms** with Martin Robinson and Paul Griffiths. 7 May.
- The Diocesan Centre for Lay ministry and Mission - **Listening Course. 17 May.**
- **A Conversation for Young Adults** on Life, Death, Sex and Refugees - 17 May
- **SOMA Mission team** to the Solomon Islands.
- **CES Public Forum:** Speaker: Paul Porteous. Topic: "Blinded by Vision - Overseas Aid as Shared Learning". Forum Chair: Russell Rollason. At Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 7.30 pm Tuesday 13 May. Donation: \$5. Supper provided. Contact: Bill Bush 6257 1786.

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

Thursday

David Clark and Clayton Gumbrell

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



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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 11 May 2014

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| 8.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant: Revd Susanna Pain
Preacher: Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard |
| 10.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant: Revd Susanna Pain
Preacher: Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard |

SENTENCE: Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
 Acts 2: 38-39

READINGS:

Acts 2:14, 36-41
 Psalm 116 ; 1-4, 11-18
 1 Peter: 1: 13-25
 Luke 24: 13-35:



8 am HYMNS

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PRAYER:

Gracious Father,
 who in your great mercy made glad the
 disciples
 with the sight of the risen Lord:
 give us such awareness of his presence
 with us
 that we may be strengthened and
 sustained by his risen life,
 and serve you continually in
 righteousness and truth;
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Peter Hall Elizabeth Grant	Helen and Harris Boulton
Readers	Ted Lilley Steve Daniels Anne Ranse	Phyl Holmes Rob Lake Chris Lewis
Intercessor	Merrie Hepworth	Tobias Nevile
Organist	Heather Shelley	Rhys Thorpe
Word and Prayer	Luc Rose	Sally Mordike
Deacon	Anne Ranse	
Cup	Luc Rose, Anne Ranse	Sally Mordike, Dylan Mordike, Tobias Nevile, Leo Wimmer. Extra bread: Susanna
Morning Tea	Heather and Paul Shelley	Alison Campbell and Michael Allen
Children's Church		Christine Mitchell, Russell Judd, Katherine Rainger, David Quinlan M. Tea: Murray/Judd