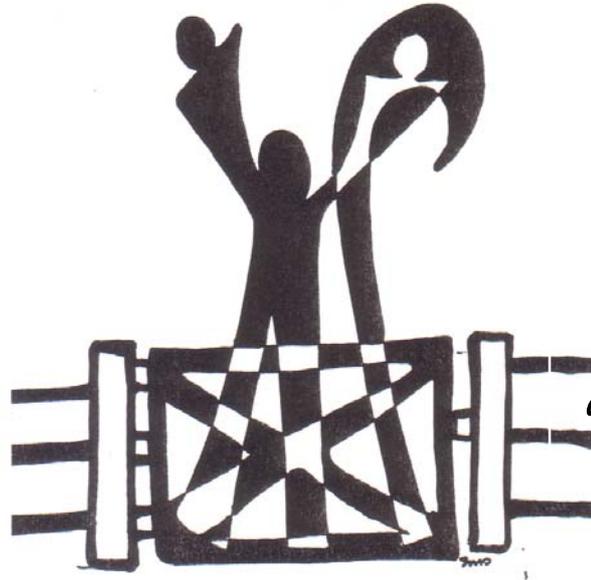




HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

Weekly Bulletin - 11 May 2014



I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved...

Fourth Sunday of Easter



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 Susanna Pain
Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard

10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant :
Preacher:

Revd Susanna Pain
Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard

6.00 pm TAIZE

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

WEEK BEGINNING 19 MAY

Monday 19.05.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Crafty Crew
Tuesday 20.05.14	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch
	7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre	Parish Council
Wednesday 21.05.14	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 22.05.14	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
Friday 23.05.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
	10.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Reminiscence course
	7.00 pm	Pide Hut, Jamison	Men's dinner
Saturday 24.05.14	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church

VOICE RECOGNITION

One problem now is that we seriously doubt that there is any vital reality to the spiritual world, so we hear no life-changing voice – true even for those who go to church, temple or mosque... We are then left with the burden that it is all up to us. (Richard Rohr)

How might the Good Shepherd image speak to 21st century urban dwellers more familiar with electronic devices than flocks of sheep small enough for the shepherd to know each sheep by name? Even Jesus' contemporaries found the 'figure of speech' hard to understand! (v.6)

What is central to the metaphor is that Jesus' followers (the sheep) will not follow strangers because they are attuned to Jesus' voice. Somehow I am reminded of voice recognition software used to translate spoken word to written text. Apparently you have to train the software to recognise your voice. Similarly we need to train ourselves to recognise Jesus' voice among the cacophony of voices in our lives – inner and outer, accusing and/or persuasive – telling us we need to buy this, consume that, or to throw off belief systems that are at best quaintly irrelevant, and at worst actually contributing to social and environmental ills.

How do we train ourselves to hear that voice that promises to keep its hearers safe from the seductive voice of 'strangers' (the false prophets of our time, the wolves in sheep's clothing) and able to live fulfilling, creative, productive, more-abundant lives? Increasing numbers of people today are finding the contemplative practices of meditation or centring prayer helpful in tuning out the distractions of contemporary life to contact the 'still, small voice' within, thereby moving from received knowledge (beliefs) to an inner, experiential knowing. But this reading today is not recommending we stay within the fold, withdrawing from life's challenges, concerned only for our own safety. Not only will we go in and out to 'find pasture' but to engage in the needs of the world. This movement in and out speaks to me of the movement between contemplation and action that is at the heart of the gospel.

By the way, Joyce Rupp offers some alternatives to the shepherd image - *Guardian of my soul; Coach in the Cave, Voice in the Fog; Midwife of Wisdom* - in her centring practice of giving 'myself to the process/of learning from my darkness'.

- **Frances MacKay**



Friday was the monthly lunch so we were very busy. Eighty guests enjoyed the lunch and thirty four people required help with food. It was a really busy day, so the volunteers allowed me to see a couple of the clients. A real plus for me, I just love being with the clients. It is just magic sharing time with them and understanding where they are in their life.

One of the young men I saw has just been released from prison, so naturally he had not been to see us for a couple of years. He was impressed with all the changes to the building and was very appreciative of the assistance we were able to give him. He was quite open about his time in goal and is very remorseful about his previous wrongdoings and is determined that he is going to keep on the straight and narrow in the future. It was good that we were able to give him lots of food to get started in his new life.

Later it was a Mum who has five children. She too is struggling, one of her sons is now doing time in Bimberi Youth Detention Centre and today he will be turning eighteen, so she is really worried that he will be transferred to the Alexander Maconochie Centre. Not a good start in life for this young man and his pregnant girlfriend. Let's hope he gets the message like my other young friend.

In fact we have been very busy all week. I am not sure if it is the start of the cold weather and people are feeling very hungry or if people are really struggling at the moment. In just two days we saw fifty one clients and provided food for sixty three adults and thirty four children.

That means that in just two days we have given out at least fifty one litres of milk, fifty one packets of pasta and pasta sauce, fifty one tins of tuna, fifty one tins of soup, fifty one tins of vegetables, fifty one rolls of toilet paper, breakfast cereal, etc etc. It is at this stage of the year when I really start to worry about running out of food. All the shelves are very empty and I can't wait for the Anglicare Winter Pantry appeal to start on the Thursday 22nd of May. This year food will be collected at a number of the Shopping Centres, on the Thursday, Friday and Saturdays between May 22 and June 28.

If you have a little time available and would be willing to help food, could you please contact Sarah on 6278 8413.

My wish list for this week: Longlife Milk, Oats, Biscuits, Pasta, Small tins of Fruit

Many Thanks and Happy Mother's Day
Sue



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ◆ We give thanks that the International community has put pressure on the Nigerian Government concerning the fate of the kidnapped children, and pray that they will be found soon.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ We pray for those delivering the Federal Budget and for programs and organisations uncertain about whether they will receive ongoing funding or not.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ◆ We pray for the church in Northern India and for the Madras and Bangalore in Southern India and the Church in Chile and Canterbury in England
- ◆ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the Dioceses of Ysabel, Solomon Islands, and the Dioceses of Melbourne and Newcastle.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ◆ We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of St Peter's Weston, St Stephen's Kambah, Queanbeyan District Anglican Church and St Mary-in-the-Valley, Tuggeranong

IN MISSION

- ◆ We pray for the work of the Church Missionary Society and Amnesty International

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ We pray for all mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, foster mothers and aunts
- ◆ We pray for Anne Dudzinski taking the Services at Kangara Waters and Calvary Retirement Villages tomorrow.
- ◆ We pray for the activities in the parish this week: especially Breathing Space programs
- ◆ We pray for the following members of our parish family: Paul Harris; Janet Hartmann & Mark Webb; Brian & Merrie Hepworth; Beth Heyde; Andrew Hill and Tam Hnatiuk
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Anne Ranse, Phil Perman, Elizabeth Sillano, Bruce Barnes and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Last Sunday: Gladys Williamson, Last Tuesday: Mavis Roberts,

Monday; May Barrington,

Tuesday; Jill Montgomery,

Friday: William Roberts

HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

**Hear our Prayer,
O God. †**

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.

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

CLAIM THE DATE - THURSDAY 22 MAY

Holy Covenant women, you and your friends are invited to a Girl's Night and fundraiser at Holy Covenant. 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. Caitlin is a faith-filled person who has a vision for healing both of individuals and systems and structures which are affected by modern day slavery and abuse. Caitlin has big dreams and requires prayer, friendship and financial support in order for her to serve God and the people she is living with long term. Caitlin is also preaching next Sunday.

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.

IN THE PARISH



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.**

Invitation to Sarah's Book Launch

I would be delighted if you would join me to celebrate the launch of my new book:



Resurrection and Moral Imagination.

Launched by: Rev. Dr Graeme Garrett
When: Wednesday 21 May, 5-6.30pm
Where: Room B10, Blackfriars Building, Australian Catholic University, 127 Phillip Avenue, Watson

RSVP: 16 May,
Sarah.Bachelard@gmail.com



PARISH DINNER

The always fun parish dinner is scheduled for

Friday 20 June 2014.

Contact Kathryn Body to secure a reservation. 0403 500 882
kathryn.body@thinkplace.com.au

'Overview of the Bible - Presentations' by Tobias Nevile

Tobias is completing the Bishop' Gap Year and his placements include St John's Care and Covenant Care. Tobias is also studying some units at St Mark's. As part of his course he is required to give some presentations on the Bible. Come along and support Tobias and also learn something about one of the significant sources of our faith.



Sunday 18th May - Talk 1: The Bible as a Whole
Monday 19th May - Talk 3: The New Testament

Talk 2: The Old Testament
Talk 4: How to Read the Bible

Both sessions are in the Rainbow Centre from 6.30 - 8.30 pm

Feel free to come to one or both nights. **Sign-up sheet on noticeboard or just turn up :-)**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFLECTION

QUIET DAY

'Journey of the Heart'

NEXT Saturday 17 May 2014



St Mark's Theological Centre, 15 Blackall Street, Barton

Cost: \$30 donation 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.

BODY AND SOUL RETREAT

IN ALICE SPRINGS 6 - 11 JULY

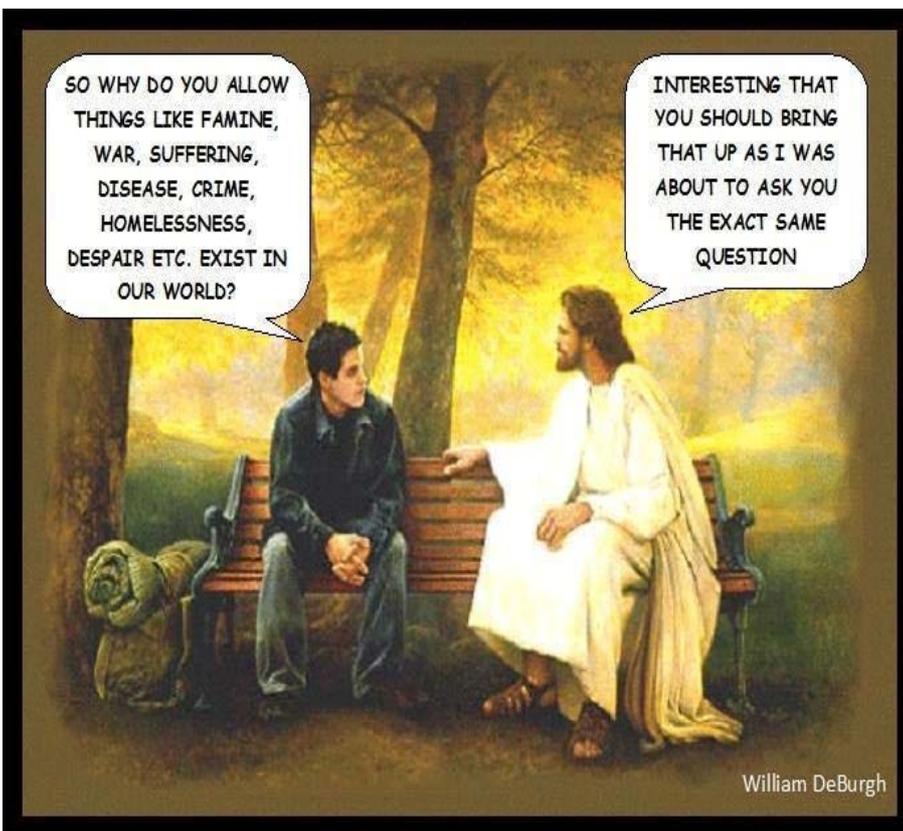
Awakening the senses to the Divine Led by Susanna and Nikolai

INTERPLAY IN ALICE SPRINGS

July 13 - July 18

Staying at Campfire in the Heart. Led by Susanna

DETAILS OF ALL THESE WITH SIGN-UP SHEETS ON THE BACK WALL



MEN'S DINNER

FRIDAY 23 MAY 2014

7pm

Turkish Pide Hut,
Jamison

Men of the parish:
Tell us what you'd like to do/explore through participation in the Men's Ministry.

All ideas to Chris Lewis:
christopherlewis9 @
gmail.com

AND . . .



Do you enjoy your coffee, tea and raisin toast after church?

Do you appreciate that our church is clean and tidy?

Unfortunately these things just don't happen - we need your help. The more people we have on the rosters the less you'll be called upon.

Please contact Kathy Lake in the office - 6251 6100, office@holycovenant.org.au

AND DON'T FORGET WE HAVE A WORKING BEE NEXT SATURDAY FROM 9 am.

Be there or be square and enjoy the great morning tea!

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- ◆ 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
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Pilgrims of Hope - an Ecumenical Journey** - book launch 3 June , ACC&C 5.30 - 7pm.

ANGLICAN NEWS FOR MAY

is available from the hymn book stand.

Check out the article on page 5 by Katherine Rainger!

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

Monday: **Gwen Hallows**, Wednesday: **Mavis McLaren**,
Thursday: **Jill Crawford**, **Kathy Lake**, Friday: **John Christensen**,
Broni Sargeson,

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



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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 18 May 2014

8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Celebrant: Revd Susanna Pain Preacher: Caitlin Lance
10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Celebrant: Revd Susanna Pain Preacher: Caitlin Lance

SENTENCE: 'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord,. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' *John 10:11*

READINGS:

Acts 2: 42-47
 Psalm 23
 1 Peter 2:1-10
 John 10: 1-10



**8 am HYMNS
 (Dudman)**

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PRAYER:

God of all power,
 You called from death our Lord Jesus,
 The great shepherd of the sheep
 Send us as shepherds to rescue the
 lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one
 another with understanding;
 Through your son Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Who lives and reigns with you and the
 Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever
Amen



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Hilary Harris and Mandy Squair	Helen and Harris Boulton
Readers	Jennifer Collier Peter Hall Anne Ranse	Dorothy Hurst Lesley Chumak Neville Hurst
Intercessor	Paul Shelley	Joh Sheehan
Organist	Kath Arthur	Heather Shelley
Word and Prayer	Paul Shelley	Tracey Matthews
Deacon	Anne Ranse	
Cup	Paul Shelley, Anne Ranse	Tobias, Doreen, Rob, Chris. Extra bread: Anne D
Morning Tea	Jenny Hall and Carol Sherman	Rika Amos and Ken Wedgewood
Children's Church		Sue Witchalls, Catherine D'Cruz, Rika Amos, Sophie Amos M. Tea: Jodie Petrov