

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

13 July 2014

**Fifth Sunday after
Pentecost**



 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 and Preacher: Revd Sarah Bachelard

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6.00 pm Taize Service 

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

HEARING THE WORD OF THE KINGDOM

Our Gospel reading today speaks of “hearing the word of the Kingdom” (Matt 3:19) and the different ways in which this word can be received. It also speaks of an abundant harvest despite the obstacles. Biblical scholar C.H.Dodd says that a parable takes something from everyday life and gives it a strange or unexpected twist. We should be taken aback by the indiscriminate way the seeds are scattered and that despite the inaccuracy much fruit is produced.

As I write this I am preparing for two major events: youth group camp and a trip to visit Caitlin Lance in India. By the time you are reading this I’m sure these two events will have left a deep impression on me. Youth group camp is in many ways the pinnacle of the youth calendar. It is time together in a beautiful setting being immersed in fun activities and encountering God in profound and also gentle ways through worship, community, nature, word and action.

This week as I’ve prepared for camp my inspiration and motivation has come from my interactions with the youth leaders as they have prepared games and talks. Each youth leader will bring with them a “Sainly Story.” We will hear stories of “everyday saints” prepared by Louisa, Dougal and Isobel and about Sister Loyola Galvin a 90 year old nun with a passion for “gardening with soul” (Elle), Dietrich Bonheoffer (Tobias), Martin Luther (Liam), Mandawuy Yunupingu (Jerry) and Aimee Mullins (Mary). Through these stories we will hear “word of the kingdom.” This kingdom is one of abundance and, like a seed, full of mystery, new life and unseen germination. By faith we know that despite the obstacles, the kingdom of God has come in part and will come in full, in the same way that the seed in good ground bears fruit. By engaging in youth work at Holy Covenant we are planting and watering seeds. This is then bearing fruit in the lives of our young people and in our community.

I’m sure in my week in Kolkata I will also hear “word of the kingdom.” In Caitlin’s daily life of which I will share for a few days she encounters many stories of oppression and corruption. She also encounters stories of transformation and hope. These too are “words of the kingdom” which Christ inaugurated in his life, death and resurrection and which the Spirit of Christ empowers us to continue today. Where do you hear “words of the kingdom?” What other noise might you need to turn down in order to hear the steady silence of the kingdom taking root?

- Katherine Rainger



This is a good news story. Unfortunately on Thursday I missed a visit from a client/friend, but thankfully she was able to talk to the Volunteers on the day and leave me a very loving message.

I first met Mary in 2003, in my first time in the job. She is an Aboriginal lady who was in Canberra with her partner and fourteen year old son, to set up a small business. Mary's dream was to establish a cordial manufacture business. Four flavours, chilli, spearmint, lemon and one I can't remember. The cordials were fantastic. She used to sell them at the Markets but then she had a problem with the supply of the bottles.

Mary had funding for the project but there were no living expenses included. The relationship she was in collapsed and all of a sudden SJC had a new client, Mary and her son. Having arrived from Brisbane in July they were homeless. There was nothing we could do. The Refuges were full so to help them out I gave them a tent and put them up in one of the local caravan parks. I felt dreadful but it was all that we could do. Mary and Michael lived in the tent for several months, and then Mary negotiated renting an on site caravan at the same park. SJC helped with some site fees but we were always there for Mary with food etc but more importantly emotional support.

After twelve months they were allocated a flat on Northbourne Avenue. Not the best location but it was their home. When they were in trouble Mary came to SJC for help. They became part of the SJC family.

I then lost contact for a couple of years when I needed a bit of a break from welfare. When I returned, Mary was one of my first clients and it was lovely to renew the relationship. She and Michael had had their ups and downs. But SJC was always there for them and we always knew that when they came for help it was really needed.

Michael is now a Corporal in the Australian Army, posted to Brisbane. He has two small children, and over the years I have enjoyed seeing the family photos. Mary's older son also lives in Brisbane, and the boys want her to be with them and her Grandchildren. For the past two years Mary has been working part time at Costco.

The message the other day: she was going to Brisbane to be with her boys and her grandchildren. She is nervous about it but Costco have transferred her to their Brisbane store, so she has a job to go to and family to be with. But she is really sorry that she is leaving her Canberra family who have been so kind to her. That family was St John's Care. **A Winner!!!!**

My wish list for this week: Shampoo, Longlife milk, Vegemite, Jam and Peanut Butter.

Thank you - Sue Jordan.



Feeding the Community

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We pray for those places in the world where war continues to invade kill innocent people and at the moment for Palestine and Israel.



IN AUSTRALIA

- We pray for the thousands of homeless people seeking shelter on these cold nights and for the many agencies who work to keep them safe and warm.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ♦ We pray for the church in Papua New Guinea and Edinburgh, Scotland.
- ♦ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the Dioceses of Gippsland, Grafton and Ysabel Solomon Islands.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ♦ We pray for the clergy and people of the parishes of St. Paul's Manuka, St. David's Red Hill and St. Luke's Deakin.
- ♦ We pray for the all the Aged Care Facilities in the Diocese as they undergo change with new owners.

IN MISSION

- ♦ We pray for the work of Compassion Australia working with local agencies in developing programmes' for children living in extreme poverty around the world.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ♦ We continue to pray for Susanna and Nikolai leading a retreat in Alice Springs.
- ♦ We pray that our Youth Leader and Children's Church teachers and volunteers are enjoying a restful break.
- ♦ We pray for the following members of our parish family: Rod and Ann Menzies; Jean Metters; Ross and Christine Mitchell; Noel Montgomery and Dylan, Sally, Dougal and Jemima Mordike.
- ♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Anne Ranse, Phil Perman, Elizabeth Sillano, Jill Crawford, Susanna's sister Kirsten and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Today: Laurie Alexander (died 2001)

HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

IN THE PARISH

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Libby Warren as our new Administrator. She will take up her position 12 hours per week following Kathy Lake's departure in August.

Libby has worked in an administrative position in Jamison for many years. Her job included a number of roles over the years including office manager. She brings considerable wisdom and expertise in administration and people management, as well as a good knowledge of the parish of Holy Covenant, through her participation in the Pastoral Care Team and Pastoral Partners Program, and doing the powerpoint for 10 am, and assisting with the Bulletin, amongst other things.



STEWARDSHIP FOCUS FOR JULY – YOUTH

At Holy Covenant we have some fantastic young people who I have the privilege of being in ministry with. I am employed by Holy Covenant to co-ordinate ministry for youth and children 3 days a week. In the 1.5 days allocated to youth I plan Bible studies based on the lectionary for Sunday morning, co-ordinate rosters for leaders and helpers, train and mentor youth and run social events (sometimes on a weekly basis and other times 4 social events a term).

We also have an annual camp (taking place this very weekend!) and attend a Christian music, arts and teaching festival called 'Blackstump' which involves 3 nights of camping.

Most of the youth ministry takes place in the "Mushroom". Let me know if you'd like a tour! I have been in this role since 2010 and have enjoyed watching the youth grow up and develop their confidence in who they are and in their Christian faith. It is great to see the care that the group has for each other and the way leaders are developing. It is hard to pin point particular stories from this ministry but I can say that the times we have been camping or sharing things that matter are special times and they make a difference in the lives of our young people and therefore in the lives of all of us in this community. Our group has a strong centre in God and loose edges in that all young people are welcome and can come and go amongst the group.

I see my role as faith formation and pastoral care. I am thankful that we have a youth worker at Holy Covenant as it enables me to have time to focus on the needs of the youth and to support the amazing volunteers we have in this ministry. Have a look at the photos on the 'Parish pics noticeboard' to see some of the fun we get up to. I value your prayerful, practical and financial support.

Blessings, Katherine Rainger

FROM OUR YOUTH



I'd like to say thank you to the many Youth Group, Children's Church and Godly Play volunteers. Thank you also to the children and youth for doing such a great job leading the family service last week. A massive thank you also to Claire Bleijs and the Youth Group for doing a tremendous job serving and cleaning up after the Parish dinner. Youth and Children's Ministry will be in recess for the school holidays and will resume on Sunday 20th July.

Katherine Rainger, Youth & Children Worker

THANK YOU

Camp was fantastic! Thanks to all who baked and prayed and supported us. Special thanks to Chris and Clare for being amazing cooks and to Nikolai for his chaplaincy. Camp really was very special. We serve an very faithful God.

A line, a story a thing you love about youth:

I love meeting up twice a week. Twice the AWESOME! – Barnaby

I really enjoy the range of youth events we have – there is always something in the term for everyone! (: The sense of community and trust that is built within the youth group is always appreciated : D #swagalicious #thatshowispellit #deal #boom #attitude #sorry #hashtag - **Dougal**

Youth group is amazing to come to every week and enjoy the company- Ellie
I really enjoy the range of events available to youth. There is something for everyone, that is what makes it better- **Lulu**

The reason why I enjoy youth group would probably be the people and the community tied with the church that we have formed. Coming every week to youth group to meet with everyone can be enlightening and very invigorating. If I were to leave it would be thoroughly disappointing due to the fantastic friendships I have made which often encourages our sense of family.- **Alex**

We are fam we are funsters – highlight was moofie (think Arnold) nite and all the giggles and laughter... to die for... **Blasa**

Fabulatastic opportunities and experiences. A mixed age group means role models and role modelling. Awesome camps and congregation, beautiful diversity.
Our youth group fellowship is really like a large unruly family who are growing together and learning together and having lots of fun together, and will hopefully continue to do so wherever we find ourselves in the future - **Elle**

IN THE PARISH

COMING UP IN AUGUST



Friday 1st Film and theology Night - Hannah Arendt (PG)
Tells the remarkable true story of the political philosopher Hannah Arendt, who was a German/Jewish émigré and former student of Martin Heidegger. Join us at 6pm for BYO dinner to share, followed by a screening of the film and discussion.

Sunday 3rd Deep Dive - Inspiration and Scripture - Alan Cadwallader. Holy Script for Holy People or Earthy Book for Earthy Bods.

Saturday 16th Quiet day - "Being Blessed" - Sarah Bachelard. St. Mark's, Barton. 9am - 3.30 pm

Saturday 23rd Men's Quiet Day - New Beginnings - Chris Lewis. 10am - 4pm

Monday 25 - Wed 27th Seasons of Mellow Fruitfulness.

A retreat on Ageing Well, The Hermitage. Mittagong. Sarah Bachelard.

Interested people contact Sarah on 0401 009 156; sarah.bachelard@gmail.com

All other activities have a sign-up sheet on the back wall.

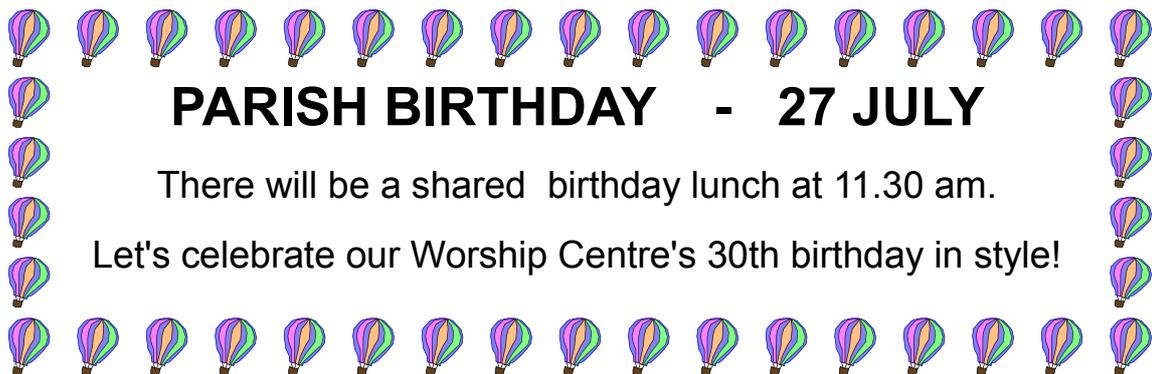
MORE SILENT AUCTION GOODIES:

A \$50 voucher from Bunnings arrived last week.

Peter Sherman will accept offers until 11:15am on Sunday 20 July. He'll personally be available to accept bids after the 8am services on 13th and 20th July, and for the 10am-ers please contact Peter on 6251 3057 or email Sherman@grapevine.com.au.

On 20th July Peter will contact the successful person and advise them how to pay their donation direct to the Church's bank account.

Don't forget that BUNNINGS has everything that you've ever wanted and free coffee for Seniors on Thursdays - not bad either!!



PARISH BIRTHDAY - 27 JULY

There will be a shared birthday lunch at 11.30 am.

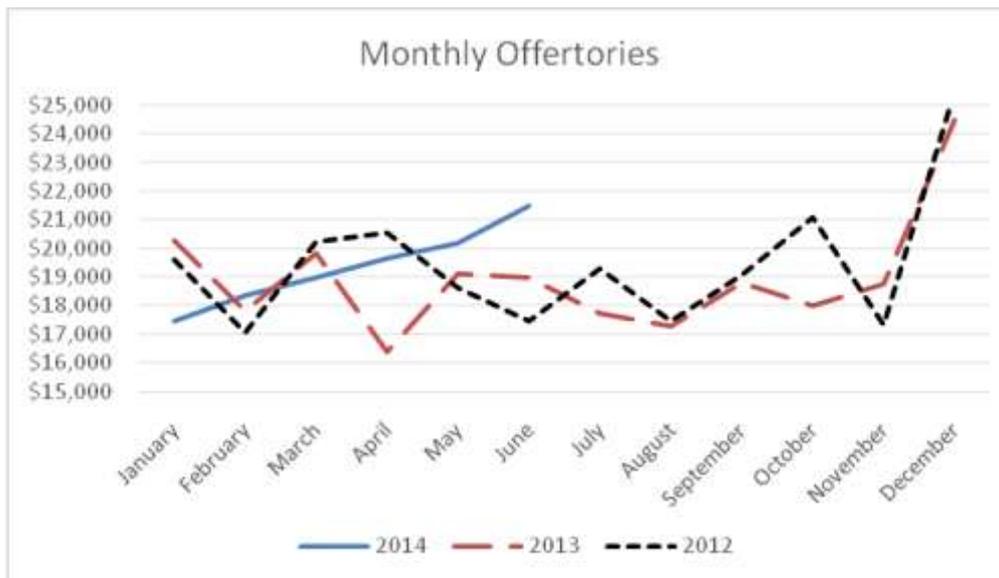
Let's celebrate our Worship Centre's 30th birthday in style!

FROM THE TREASURER

Offertories

Contributions to support the operating costs of the parish in the Sunday plate and by direct debit in June were the highest for the year so far. As the graph shows, this was particularly encouraging as in past years winter has tended to have a cooling effect on our income. We were helped by five Sundays in June and an extra contribution "to help cover the budget shortfall".

After six months our offertories have totalled \$116,000 (an average of \$19,347 per month). To achieve our budget of \$239,000 we need to average \$20,500 for the next six months.



Donations

We have also received generous donations of \$5,400 towards the cost of the new photocopier and computer/telephone system and \$8,000 to enable the car port for the Holistic Care and Covenant Care programs to proceed.

Fundraising

June was also a successful month for fundraising. Our Winter Solstice Dinner was a great social success and also raised more than \$8,400. So far this year we have raised \$11,000 towards our fundraising target of \$14,000.

Bob Arthur, Treasurer

A BIG THANK YOU from the Mansaray family for the generous response you gave to the appeal for baby things. They were overwhelmed. Some things that would still be helpful:

- Baby clothes for boy
- Blankets and wraps
- Baby car capsule.

Leave them at the back of the church behind the audio-visual table.

Thank you.

Marg Christensen - 0401 667 777



Thank You!

AND . . .

**WORKING BEE
NEXT SATURDAY**



from 9 am
Not all jobs are heavy duty, some are quite gentle and you are always rewarded with a lovely morning tea.



We bought 1 digital and 25 entertainment books - earning \$316 for the parish.

Well done!

There is a sample book on the table under the notice board for people to read and think about buying a book in the future.

Thank you to all. Hilary Harris

There are many things in the kitchen which seem to be left over from the Winter Solstice Dinner. Please could you claim yours and take them home!

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- **Suicide Prevention Seminar**
20 August. Queanbeyan.
- **Meditation on Mondays,**
St. Alban's Lyons 1 - 1.30 pm
- **RSPCA'S Cupcake Day** Order forms.
- Biopolitics and resistance in Palestinian East Jerusalem—14 July.

MORNING TEA ROSTER:

We are still looking for helpers for the morning tea roster. If you enjoy morning tea and the fellowship following the services, perhaps you would also like to join the team of people who serve you.

There is a signup sheet on the back wall!! Alternately you can phone or email Kathy at the Parish Office.

Many thanks,
Rob and Kathy Lake.

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

Today: **Elizabeth Troy**
Monday: **Ta'isz Jokisch**
Tuesday: **Jayne Murray**
Friday: **Samuel Gumbrell**
Saturday: **Georgina de Vere**

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

MINISTRY TEAM

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 20 JULY 2014

8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Celebrant: Revd Susanna Pain Preacher: Revd Sarah Gibson
10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Celebrant: Revd Susanna Pain Preacher: Revd Sarah Gibson

SENTENCE: ‘The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life.’

John 6.63, 68

READINGS:

Genesis 25: 19-34
 Psalm 119: 105-112
 Romans 8: 1-11
 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

8 am HYMNS

(Matthias)

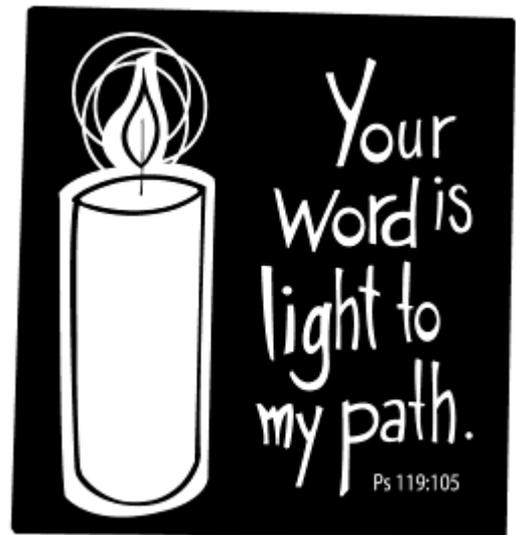
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PRAYER

Most wonderful God, you have sown in us a seed which longs to put down deep roots and then grow towards the light.
 By your Spirit please tend and nurture that which you have planted, that in spite of hard seasons or the work of evil predators, we may bring forth a harvest of wonder, love and praise.
 Through Messiah Jesus, our Brother and Lord.

AMEN



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Kerin and Brian Cox	Helen and Harris Boulton
Readers	Rosemary Kennemore Peter Hall celebrant	Reg Holmes James Ellis Harris Boulton
Intercessor	Robert Arthur	George Gerrity
Organist	Kath Arthur	Pam Lane
Word and Prayer	Paul Shelley	Chris Lewis
Deacon		
Cup	Paul Shelley Rosemary Kennemore	Chris Lewis, Phyl Holmes, Rob Maron, George Gerrity. Extra bread: Anne Dudzinski
Morning Tea	Jenny Hall, Carol Sherman	Helen Boulton, Dorothy Hurst
Children's Church		In Recess