

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

31 AUGUST 2014

**Twelfth 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: Revd Susanna Pain
Preacher: Tracey Matthews

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11.45 am Deep Dive

Transforming Unjust Structures

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 01.09.14	10.00 am 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Covenant Care Cursillo Reunion
Tuesday 02.09.14	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre 3 Tindel Place, Cook	Meditation and BYO Lunch Belonging and Caring
Wednesday 03.09.14	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch
	2.00 pm	Worship Centre	Ever Active Exercise Class
	6.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	Meditation
Thursday 04.09.14	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
	2.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	Book Club
	6.00 pm	Chapel	Mystic Soup meditation
Friday 05.09.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 06.09.14	4.45 pm	Rainbow Centre	Choir Practice
	5.30 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church

WEEK BEGINNING 8 SEPTEMBER

Monday 08.09.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 09.09.14	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch
Wednesday 10.09.14	12 noon	Worship Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch
	2.00 pm	Worship Centre	Ever Active Exercise Class
	6.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	Meditation
Thursday 11.09.14	9.30 am 6.00 pm	Rainbow Centre Chapel	Scrabble Mystic Soup meditation
Friday 12.09.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 13.09.14	4.45 pm	Rainbow Centre	Choir Practice
	5.30 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Some years ago I used to write to a Christian man in Vietnam who was in prison for life because he owned a bible. I didn't write anything in the letters as he couldn't read English, so most times I just drew pictures for him; a cross and other Christian symbols and stories. It was a very humbling feeling every time I dropped a letter in the post box for him. The only letter I had from his prison was some years later when one I had written was returned to me with the word 'dead' written in red on the envelope.

Yesterday Bishop Stuart sent out a letter that came from a Canon Andrew White in Bagdad and it said in part: 'we always think that things can't get any worse but they continue to. Yesterday I heard an account from one of our people; he is disabled and was unable to flee with everyone else so he hid with his children. The Islamic State broke into his house and lined all the children up and said unless they convert to Islam they would have their heads cut off. The man said the words of conversion and the children were allowed to live.'

He cried on the phone to me "Abouna, Abouna I still love YESUA will he still love me and my children?" I assured him he did and that he was still a Christian and belonged to Yesua. I thought what would I have done if my boys were going to be killed in front of me? And why, why would anyone want to be a Christian? '

There has been a track record of killings and imprisonment of Christians for their faith since the death of the disciples and the imprisonment of Paul yet remarkably the church continues to grow. For many it can be a matter of life or death to witness for Jesus and us here in our 'safe' place can be a voice for them in our prayers, our advocacy, and our letters. Those who deny all and take up the cross never live outside God's love.

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus told his disciples. 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

- Anne Ranse



FROM ST JOHN'S CARE



A postcard from Parthenay, France

One of the courses that St John's Care runs is a Marriage Preparation Course, Making Love Last. It is a very good course that prepares young couples for their upcoming wedding. Tony and I are on holidays in France at the moment. Last Saturday we attended the wedding of our son David to Corallie. What they need in France is a course to train the parents on how to survive the wedding. Let me run you through the wedding.

It was supposed to start at 2:00pm in the Mayor's Office with a Civil ceremony. The bride and groom were there but we had to wait for the other members of the family to arrive. At this ceremony they didn't exchange vows or rings but had to agree to five articles of the civil code. These articles are about the spouses responsibilities both morally and financially to the family. They must provide for the children's education and prepare for their future. Only close family attend this ceremony, about thirty or so people.

This was followed by the religious component of the wedding at the family village. It was due to have started at 3:30 pm but was delayed by the late start at the Mayor's Office. About three hundred people attended this ceremony, which was simple but lovely and it was followed by drinks and cake. People just stood around and talked for hours and once again it was a very happy occasion.

Then there was the dinner in the Village Hall which started at 8:30 pm. About a hundred people attended this event but the tables were set for two hundred people which seemed a bit strange to me. Food and wine seem to be very important at French weddings but once again it was a really casual but happy occasion. About midnight about another hundred people turned up to celebrate with the couple and enjoy cake and wine.

After the cake, everyone went outside where some hot air balloons were inflated and let go into the night sky. These were homemade balloons, made of tissue paper and the hot air was formed by burning methylated spirits. The bride and groom's balloon was a large red heart with lots of different colours, there were about twenty balloons all told, it was spectacular.

After the balloons everyone returned to the Hall and the Party started. We left at 3:00am but the last of the revellers were served French Onion soup at 7:00am.

Everyone was then invited back to the hall for lunch on Sunday. We arrived at 2:00pm for the Aperitifs, then the salads, the pates etc etc etc. This party finished at about ten pm. I need to come back to work for a holiday!

My wish list for this week: tinned spaghetti, honey and ladies deodorant.

Many Thanks, Sue Jordan



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We give thanks for the agreed ceasefire on the Gaza strip and pray that it may continue.

Hear Our Prayer,
O God. 

IN AUSTRALIA

- We pray for those whose financial future is uncertain due to the many budget cuts, especially those who rely on welfare.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church in Chile and Scotland.
- In the Australian Church we pray for the Dioceses of Grafton and Willochra.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Cobargo, Bodalla and Narooma.
- We pray for the Boomerang Meeting Place in Mogo and St. Peter's Anglican College.

MISSION

- We pray for the work of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministry and the Diocesan Koori Commission.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- We pray for the activities in the parish this week, in particular the Belonging and Caring Meeting.
- We give thanks for the staff who work so hard providing love and support.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family - Sandra Ross; Jacque Schultz; Richard and Maureen Scutter; Tim Shao and Constance Chen and Johann Sheehan.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Sue Dunbar and Ruth Durie, Val Newton and Bob Harris.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Tuesday: **Martyrs of New Guinea**



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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

IN THE PARISH

DEEP DIVE - TODAY 11.45AM TRANSFORMING UNJUST STRUCTURES

What difference does faith make to the work of justice in the world?



Earlier this year, as a member of the Anglican Communion delegation, Sarah attended the UN Commission on the Status of Women meeting in New York. In this Deep Dive seminar she will reflect on what contribution faith and faith-based communities can make to the 'transformation' of unjust structures and practices. She will be joined by Petrina Shee and the Revd Elisha Satvinder of the Dignity for Children Foundation in Malaysia, who will share about their work in 'transforming the poor through education'.

The seminar will be followed by a shared lunch (bring a plate), and the opportunity for further conversation.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MATTERS

We welcome the delegation from 'Dignity For Children' visiting from Malaysia. We look forward to hearing from you and sharing some Godly Play with you.

Last Saturday night the Rainbow Centre was transformed into a Hollywood Mansion as the youth group participated in a 1960's Murder Mystery Party. Wiggy, Boston Flowers Von Jennon, Billigan, Nutmeg Vant, MaryAnne, Khaki O', Ziggy Marley, Ticky Tantle, Moonbeam Rainbowshine, Blissity Lovewell and Share all made an appearance.

For the record - the butler did it! Just ask Aidan and Tobias!

BAKED GOODS for BLACKSTUMP. The youth group is going to Blackstump on the 3rd-6th October. If you are able to bake biscuits, slices, muffins or donate cheese, crackers and dips that would be great. A sign-up sheet is on the sign-up board. Thank you

- Katherine Rainger Youth and Children Worker

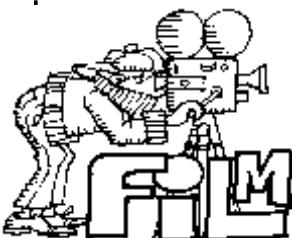
Film Evening for all ages: *The Lorax*

- This film is based on the book by Dr Seuss, adapted by Universal Studios.
- It shows how just one person can make a big difference.

Friday 5 September 2014, in the Worship Centre, from 6.30pm with the film beginning at 7pm (film finishes about

8.30pm)

Light refreshments (tea/coffee, fruit loaf etc) available before (from 6.30 pm) and after (till 9.30 pm). Gold coin (or paper money) donation requested for supper, which will go to general parish funds. Please sign up on the notice board.





I don't know what 'covenant care' means. How it all started I was simply told to contact Anne Ranse to offer some assistance to aged people. So here I am as a volunteer at Holy Covenant Church Jamison, I have come to meet with many lovely people to lend some assistance to a group of clients from diverse backgrounds. I don't quite understand all their medical conditions and it's too risky to simply base on pure observations. So that has to be relied on the expertise of our professional nurse.

All I need is a list of different tea/coffee requirements and allergic reaction, gluten free or sugar free. Food and drinks are not the only things on offer. Other activities and sometimes entertainment bring much cheerfulness to the group. One thing I know for sure is I can always give a brimming smile, hoping that would help brighten up and allow me to give some sense of relief. The day seems to go by so quick as I scurry in and out of the kitchen in between care for our clients. I very much enjoy cooking and food preparations and the lovely smell of toast or mini pizza on the winter mornings gives as much appetite as feelings like home. I've also become a 'professional nails', well almost, after regular requests for manicure and nails polish. It's the little thing that adds up and make a difference.

I have been asked by friends what I'm up to after my early retirement. I can honestly say I've got much positive experience from this newly unpaid job that I don't bother joining the workforce again. The temptation to go back to do what I used to and the longevity risk have laid new challenges. Nevertheless aged care seems to win in the end.

I found comfort and satisfaction in giving and sharing. I appreciate the kindness and compassion of all in such a caring environment. I also found myself swamped with confidence in faith and friendliness, coming every Monday to Holy Covenant to join a bunch of wonderful 'co-workers' to make a day with a difference to such good clients. In the end, it feels like family.

- Anh Tran

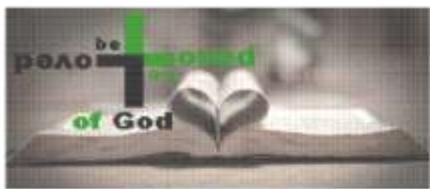
PS: Don't forget to look at the photos on the Pics board.



TIME TO CLEAN OUT YOUR GARAGE!

NB: CHANGE OF DATE: NEXT SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER
we are holding a stall at Jamison Trash 'n' Treasure. If you have any items for sale you would like to donate, or would like to help on the day, please contact Peter Sherman sherman@grapevine.com.au, mobile: 0412623120 and deliver to Rainbow Centre on Saturday **6 September**, or to the stall very early **Sunday 7 September**.

IN THE PARISH



Retreat at St Clement's
Retreat & Conference Centre, Galong

Beloved of God

19-21 September 2014

PARISH RETREAT

Led by Sue Dunbar

Knowing we are deeply loved by God equips us for the journey into the desert. The underlying invitation of all that is offered during the Retreat, is that you may encounter God. Registration leaflets available from the back table and close on 5 September 2014.

OR

try using the following easy to use website booking page where possible ...

www.trybooking/85875

SPRING POETRY AFTERNOON

*Blessed are you, spring
Season of hope and renewal.*

- Joyce Rupp & Macrina Wiederkehr

Sunday September 7
3-5pm in the Worship Centre

What does spring mean to you? This is an opportunity to listen to its invitation and challenge through poetry, reflection and conversation. You might wish to bring along a favourite spring poem to add to the program, although this is not obligatory. Our celebration will be supported by appropriate refreshment!

Facilitator: Frances MacKay (61560876 or franmackay@optusnet.com.au)

There's a sign-up sheet on the board.



New Musical Setting for the 10.00am Communion Service

A new musical setting for the Communion Service (Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Acclamations and Agnus Dei) will be used at the 10.00 am service from next week, September 7.

The setting has been written by David Quinlan as part of his studies at the ANU School of Music. He is doing a project as part of his course to introduce the setting to Holy Covenant.

The setting is being introduced on a trial basis, and there will be a survey form available to the congregation next week for those who wish to provide comments and feedback.

If you have any queries, please talk to Susanna or David Quinlan. David can be contacted on 6255 4445 or dat.quinlan@iinet.net.au.

IN THE PARISH

FROM THIS MONTH'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

- ◊ The Council wish to thank all those involved in the various maintenance jobs carried out - including insulation in the mushroom and tree removal to name a few.
- ◊ The Council expressed thanks to Jamison Automotive Services who donated their services to weld some of our chairs in the Worship Centre allowing them to be reused.
- ◊ The Council also wishes to thank the safety committee for their work on the safety audit and also for the preparation of the chemical datasheets for both the Worship Centre and Rainbow Centre.
- ◊ The Council is preparing for the plant sale/fete on the 8th of November.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN FOLKS!



The Ecofootprint Group is again convening our Plant Sale, which will be held on **Saturday 8 November** (and Parish Council is looking into some other activities for the day).

To make the plant sale a successful fundraising event (and to make the world a little greener) we need your help.

The weather is starting to warm up, and Spring will soon be blooming in all its glory, so it is time to get to work planting seeds or seedlings, or dividing and propagating plants to bring to the Sale. Even bringing bare-rooted excess plants direct from your garden on the day of the Sale may be worth while.

Plants that have sold very well in the past include vegie seedlings (tomatoes are very popular), and old fashioned garden plants such as agapanthus and red hot poker to name just a couple.

Happy growing!!!!

PS: There will be a bookstall—and maybe some others—watch this space!!

COMMUNITY LUNCH @ HOLY COVENANT

**18 September
(11.30am for 12noon)
Cost \$5.00**

We invite you and any you know in our community who would like to attend our luncheon. We look forward to sharing a hearty lunch and good fellowship.

Our speaker is Shirley Campbell. Her topic is: **Breathe, Stretch, Strengthen and Relax – Yoga for Everyone.**

For catering purposes please put names on the **sign-up sheet** at the back of the church, or contact **Helen Boulton on 6251 2078 or hhboulton@gmail.com**



AND . . .

BISHOP'S PRAYER FOR HEALING SERVICE

Wednesday 3 September,
7.00 pm, St. John's Reid.

FROM NOEL AND TRISH DAVIS
FROM CAMPFIRE OF THE
HEART—ALICE SPRINGS

We are off to the Centre in early September. Trish has organised a gathering in Alice to be a prayerful presence in our country and world. There is so much violence, suffering, hatred, trauma and power play at the moment. We intend to sit together in the desert, be a circle of peace and love and discern how best we can act compassionately in such torrid situations. The retreat runs from 5th to 12th September. There is an outer circle of folk who are unable to join us but will be with us in prayerful presence. You might like to join them during this time. That would be wonderful. Joy, peace, blessing and love.



ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- **North Iraq Crisis Appeal.**
Supported by the Australian Primate and the Archbishop of Canterbury.
- **Letter from Bishop Robinson** to the Prime Minister about the situation in Gaza.
- From Revd Peter Costello - **Appeal for Christians in Iraq**

CAN YOU HELP?

Chris and Rebecca Lewis have been gifted a used chest of drawers for their new baby. It needs some work, and he has done his best, but there are still some niggling issues with the drawers.

A small request for help from any skilled wood-workers/cabinetmaking types within the congregation. 'I cannot imagine it would take someone who knew what they were doing very long to do'.

Contact Chris on 0439 827624
christopherlewis9@gmail.com

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Jenny Baines is unable to collect the boxes this year. They need to be collected from the depot, advertised in the Bulletin, and then when full delivered back to the depot. Most of this happens in October.

If you can help out, contact her on 6251-5236.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Friday: Sally Mordike

If you'd like your name in the
birthday book, please tell Phyl.
phylandreg@optusnet.com.au

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 7 SEPTEMBER 2014

8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Celebrant: Revd Susanna Pain Preacher: Revd Susanna Pain
10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Celebrant: Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard Preacher: Revd Susanna Pain
4.00 pm	Rainbow Fellowship

SENTENCE

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him.

Matthew 16: 24-25

READINGS:

Exodus 3: 1-15
 Psalm 105: 1-6; 23-26
 Romans 12: 9-21
 Matthew 16: 21-28



8 am HYMNS

(Matthias)

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PRAYER

O God,
 whose Son has shown the way of the cross
 to be the way of life:
 transform and renew our minds
 that we may not be conformed to this world
 but may offer ourselves wholly to you
 as a living sacrifice
 through Jesus Christ our Saviour;
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
 Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

AMEN

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	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Mandy Squair, Hilary Harris	Reg Holmes, Jey Hoole
Readers	Mandy Squair Steve Daniels Anne Ranse	Doreen Matters James Ellis Susan Joy Nevile
Intercessor	Ella Whately	George Gerrity
Organist	Kath Arthur	Heather Shelley
Word and Prayer	Paul Shelley	Tobias Nevile
Deacon	Anne Ranse	
Cup	Anne Ranse, Paul Shelley	Susan Joy Nevile, Tobias Nevile, George Gerrity, Doreen Matters. Extra bread: Nikolai Blaskow
Morning Tea	Margaret and David Meggs	Helen Boulton, Dorothy Hurst
Children's Church		Katherine, Rainger, Rhys Thorpe, Richard Browning, Mel Browning M.Tea: Campbell-Allen.