

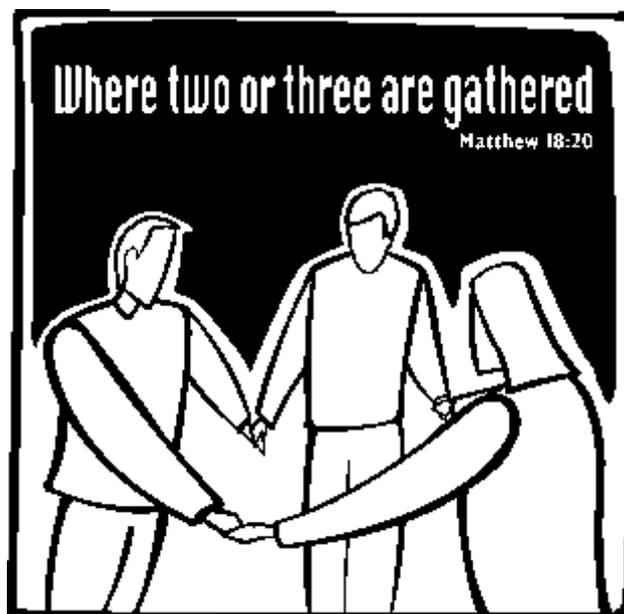
HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

7 SEPTEMBER 2014

Thirteenth 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: Revd Susanna Pain

10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard
Preacher: Revd Susanna Pain

11.00 am BUPA Nursing Home

3.00 pm Spring Poetry Afternoon

4.00 pm Rainbow Fellowship

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch
	2.00 pm	Worship Centre	Ever Active Exercise Class
	6.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	Meditation
Thursday 11.09.14	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
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

WEEK BEGINNING 14 SEPTEMBER

Monday 15.09.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Crafty Crew
Tuesday 16.09.14	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch
	7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre	Parish Council
Wednesday 17.09.14	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 18.09.14	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
	11.30 am	Worship Centre	Community Lunch
Friday 19.09.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 20.09.14	4.45 pm	Rainbow Centre	Choir Practice
	9.00 am	Worship Centre	Working Bee
	5.30 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

MATTHEW 18: 15-20

*Blessed are you, spring,
Season of hope and renewal.*
(Joyce Rupp & Macrina Wiederkehr)

Spring is in the air. In between planting some seedling vegetables and indulging in some already-flowering plants for courtyard pots, I am even entertaining the possibility of some de-cluttering and spring-cleaning! I have also been preparing for our spring poetry afternoon and courting inspiration about this month's gospel readings.

In our present litigious climate, today's reading offers some sound advice about how to deal with conflict to prevent it escalating. Raising the issue when you are alone with the person who has 'offended' you, and only when that fails, taking a third party along (preferably to provide a mediating role rather than just to support your case) seems eminently sensible. Hopefully, it won't come to taking the person to court, which is to take it out of the 'family' (the church) into the secular domain. Mind you, the Royal Commission has exposed the dangers of settling matters 'in-house' where the church has been more concerned about protecting its reputations than caring for victims of sexual abuse.

I have to admit that this passage raises some questions for me. The language seems legal rather than mediating in tone, and the assumption is that the offended party is justified in his/her complaint - the listening is distinctly one-sided; there is no mention of the 'accused' having their side of the story heard.

Even if the other party is 'guilty' of the offence, confronting the person might not get the result we need. The natural response when accused is to defend or deny. We need to find more effective ways of 'speaking the truth in love', as St Paul puts it, having first discerned whether the 'offence' really warrants the confrontation. And what about the principle that the one who is without sin should cast the first stone?

Besides, today's reading is framed by two passages that might suggest a different approach. The preceding parable of the lost sheep suggests that we behave like God/Jesus when our focus is less on personal offence and more on concern for the one who 'has gone astray' or isolated him/herself from community. Later when Peter asks how many times he should forgive, Jesus memorably replies 'seventy-seven times'.

We have such power over one another: power to bless and power to wound. And what we do to another, we do to ourselves. At least that is an important part of what I am getting out of the teaching on forgiveness which we shall be unpacking over the next few weeks.

- Frances Mackay



With Sue away on long service leave I'm writing this week as a volunteer at St John's Care. No two days are ever the same. Many different people come through the door, some bearing gifts of food or clothing, others with needs they know - or hope - we will be able to help with. Here are some of the situations I've seen over the past few weeks.

Last week there was a distressed young man whose personal life had fallen apart, he was homeless and just wanted to get back to his family in another State. Before his phone had been stolen he had been able to let them know he wanted to come and they had said they would welcome him. He didn't know where to turn and had been advised to come to us by the Citizens Advice Bureau. We gave him a hot meal and managed to make bookings for him - two trains, one bus - to get him home in about two days with sleep on the train, at a cost that was reasonable for our budget. He left us with a sleeping bag, food for the journey, and feeling much better.

Every week we see many people who have trouble meeting their electricity and/or gas bills. They may be behind on paying and now facing the reality of having to avoid disconnection (we encourage negotiation with their supplier), or they may (with some justifiable pride) have been keeping up with payments but then run out of money for food. Either way it is great that SJC can always provide a generous range of fresh and longer life food for two to three days, including appropriate lunch snacks for school-age children.

The New Start allowance doesn't leave any slack for extras, and it was good to be able to give a boost of good quality food to a father facing a big electricity bill and then not having enough money left to be able to have the friend of one of his children stay over. He was being very careful to fulfill the conditions for job searches so as not to be breached and lose the allowance, though some of our clients do find themselves in that situation.

I might mention that we also have a small number of visitors who regularly come in just for a coffee, chat and company - often asking questions about almost anything, which we do our best to answer helpfully. It feels good to know that they regard us as their friends.

The support from people in diverse parishes, and also from some with no church connection, is truly showing love to 'our neighbour' at St John's Care.

With thanks
Beth

Wish list for this week: men's' and women's deodorant, savoury biscuits, honey and school lunch snacks



Feeding the Community

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We continue to pray for those countries where conflict is a way of life and for the innocent people who are sacrificed for ideologies.

Hear our Prayer,
O God.†

IN AUSTRALIA

- We give thanks that we live in a democratic country where freedom is a way of life.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ♦ We pray for the Church in the Sudan and the West Indies.
- ♦ In the Australian Church we pray for the Dioceses of Ballarat and Bathurst.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ♦ We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Braidwood, Bungendore and Gunning.
- We pray for the Staff and Students at St. Mark's Theological College and the Canberra Boys' and Girls' Grammar Schools.

MISSION

- ♦ We pray for the work of the Christian Blind Mission Society in Kenya and Thailand.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- We pray for Anne Dudzinski taking Services at Calvary and Kangara Waters tomorrow.
- We give thanks for our youth group and children's church who bring so much vitality to our community.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family - Paul and Heather Shelley; Peter and Carol Sherman; Elizabeth Sillano; Kevin and Mandy Squair Elizabeth St. George and Alissa and Layla Barbour.
- ♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Sue Dunbar and Val Newton and Bob Harris.
- We pray for Sarah Gibson and family as they mourn the death of Sarah's father.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Monday: Birth of Mary, Mother of our Lord
Thursday: **David Frew Durie (died 1999)**



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

TODAY



A new musical setting for the Communion Service will be used at the 10am Service.

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 a survey form will be available on September 7 for those who wish to provide comments and feedback.

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

SPRING POETRY AFTERNOON

3-5pm in the Worship Centre



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

- Joyce Rupp & Macrina Wiederkehr

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)



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

Beloved of God

19-21 September 2014

PARISH RETREAT led by Sue Dunbar.

Registrations close today—forms are available from the back table.

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**



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**

(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!!!!

There will also be a **BOOKSTALL**, and saleable books can be left beside the SJC Food basket up the back.

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.

SEPTEMBER STEWARDSHIP FOCUS— CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Spring has sprung (in a very Canberran fashion!) and we are celebrating the new signs of life around us. Benji a member of the Godly Play group told me last Sunday that Spring was nearly here and so as a group we talked about what we could notice happening around us. These conversations between the children and the teachers and helpers in Children's Church and Godly Play are some of the gifts of this ministry. Relating to one another and sharing wisdom and faith occurs every Sunday.

Last Sunday I was in Children's Church and after many laughs as we practised for the family service on the 21st September we sat down to pray. I asked if anyone had anything they would like to pray for and a small voice beside me said "the world." So we prayed for each person there and for the world. Having the faith to bring the joys and sorrows of our world before our loving God is a gift that that child shared with me and the group that morning.

As children grow and learn and discover more about themselves and the community around them, Children's Ministry at Holy Covenant aims to nurture the spirituality of children and their families and also provide a community of friends of different ages. The children in our congregation are not only part of the church of the future, they are part of the church today. Our ministry with children is one of mutual blessing.

It is also a ministry of responsibility and Safe Ministries is a significant part of this. Rhonda Thorpe has done a great job of co-ordinating this. The teachers and helpers do a wonderful job in telling and re-telling the stories of our faith each week.

Children's ministry at Holy Covenant includes: Godly Play (pre-school to year 2), Children's Church (year 3-6), playgroup on Friday mornings, family services and the inclusion of children in the liturgy through their participation in church, including Holy Communion, with options to colour/play in the children's space. One of the best things about Children's Ministry at Holy Covenant is that the groups are ever-changing as new people join us.

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IN THE PARISH

Ways you can be part of our Children's Ministry:

- ✦ Pray for Children's Ministry. Pray for the children, their families and the volunteer teachers and helpers. Take a **postcard** to remind you.
- ✦ Give a **postcard** to a friend or neighbour who might be interested.
- ✦ Come to the Family Service at 10am on the 21st September. If you are on the Parish Retreat that weekend spend a moment in prayer for the children of the Parish.
- ✦ Financial offerings. I am employed 1.5 days a week to co-ordinate Children's Ministry.
- ✦ Consider becoming a helper or a teacher.
- ✦ Postcards are available from the back table.
-Katherine Rainger. Youth and Children Worker

YOUTH MATTERS

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.



ANNUAL DIOCESAN SYNOD

NEXT WEEKEND

12-14 SEPT

GOULBURN

Ten of our members will be attending the Synod. They are Susanna and Nikolia, Richard Browning, Anne Ranse, Anne Dudzinski, Susan Joy Nevile, Katherine Rainger, Bob Arthur, Beth Heyde and Peter Sherman.

Please remember them and the Synod in prayer.



Easy Exercise classes for those lazy muscles.
Every Wednesday in the Worship Centre at 2.15 pm.
\$7 per class.

Conducted by an accredited YMCA Instructor

FITNESS ... FUN ... FRIENDSHIP

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

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED - Do you have a rental property in Aranda or know someone who does? I am seeking a rental property in Aranda with a minimum of 2 bedrooms for a new lease starting on 23 Oct. Please contact Emily on 0407 675 937.

THE HOLISTIC CARE NURSE

PROGRAMME is in need of people who are willing to drive some of it's clients to procedures. It may mean just one journey or maybe both.

Please contact Anne Ranse 0439 139209 or Libby Warren 6251 1845

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- **Who is Driving Australia?**
 Kitchen Table Conversations
 Tues 23 Sept. Southern Cross Club, Macquarie. 7.30pm.
 Sponsored by See-Change.
- **Speaking for a Peaceful Future**
 Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network. **Tues 23 Sept**, Aust. Centre for Christianity and Culture.
- **Unemployment, causes, consequences and cures.**
 Christians for an Ethical Society.
 Tues. 30 Sept. @ ACCC.
- **Inaugural Elizabeth MacKinlay Public Lecture.** 'Living Longer-living well' Wed. 1 Oct. 7.30pm @ ACCC.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It is easy to be an angel
 when nobody ruffles
 your feathers

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Today: Hannah David-Hoole
Tuesday: Tony Dunicliff-Hagan
Wednesday: Natalie Pogson;
Thursday: John Dau
Friday: George Gerrity.

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 – 14 SEPTEMBER 2014

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Susanna Pain

10.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
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6.00 pm **TAIZE SERVICE**



TODAY

SENTENCE Owe no one anything, except, to love one another; for whoever loves another has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13.8

READINGS:

Exodus 12: 1-14
 Psalm 149
 Romans 13: 8-14
 Matthew 18: 15-20



8 am HYMNS

(Matthias)

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PRAYER

Go before us, O Lord,
 and further us with your continual help, that
 in all our works,
 begun, continued, and ended in you,
 we may glorify your holy name,
 and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting
 life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
 the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

AMEN



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Carol and Peter Sherman	Helen and Harris Boulton
Readers	Hilary Harris Chris Lewis Anne Ranse	Reg Holmes Frances Mackay Harris Boulton
Intercessor	Jennifer Collier	James Ellis
Organist	Kath Arthur	Heather Shelley
Word and Prayer	Steve Daniels	Tracey Matthews
Deacon	Anne Ranse	
Cup	Anne Ranse, Steve Daniels	Tracey Matthews, Phyl Holmes, Gwen Hallows, Tobias Nevile. Extra bread: Nikolai Blaskow
Morning Tea	Mandy Squair, Marjorie Pratt	Gwen Hallows Elizabeth Sillano
Children's Church		Karen Bisley, Russell Judd, Rika Amos, Sophie Amos. M.Tea: Murray-Judd