



HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

21 SEPTEMBER 2014

**Fifteenth 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.



TODAY IN THE PARISH

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard

10.00 am FAMILY SERVICE
Preacher: Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 22.09.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 23.09.14	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch Eco-footprint group
Wednesday 24.09.14	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 25.09.14	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
Friday 26.09.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 27.09.14	4.45 pm	Rainbow Centre	Choir Practice
	5.30 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church

WEEK BEGINNING 28 SEPTEMBER

Monday 29.09.14		PUBLIC HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 30.09.14	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch
Wednesday 01.10.14	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 02.10.14	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
Friday 03.10.14	4.00pm	Cataract Park	Youth Group at Blackstump
Saturday 04.10.14	4.45 pm	Rainbow Centre	Choir Practice
	5.30 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Matt. 20: 1-16 The Parable of the Labourers in the Vineyard

This parable, like that of the prodigal son, challenges our sense of justice. We may think those who have laboured all day in the heat of the sun have a point when they complain that those who have worked for only one hour receive a **full day's wage, the same as they receive. And to add insult to injury, the late-comers are paid first!**

Obviously this is not about labour relations and fair work practice. So what is it about? When in doubt it is always good to look at the context. In the previous chapter we hear about the rich young ruler who came to Jesus asking what good deed he needed to do to inherit eternal life. When Jesus said that he needed to sell all he had and give it away, he went away sorrowful. A bit later Peter said (a little self-righteously?), **'Look we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?'** In both cases there is a sense of *quid pro quo*, the expectation of reward or earning brownie points. To which Jesus responds: **'But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'** Lest we miss it the first time, the same point is made at the end of the parable.

Parables are designed to challenge the way we see the world, to confound our expectations, as it were. In this case what is being challenged is what Richard Rohr calls **'meritocracy', the principle of earning a special place in God's favour by our hard work, sacrifices and so on.** The economy of this world runs on a sense of scarcity so that we have to compete for what is there. God's economy, based on the principle of abundance, operates on a different currency – that of grace, forgiveness and love. It's as if God is saying to us:

Haven't you got it yet? You can't earn a special place in my favour because you already have it. Wake up and enjoy the riches available to you. Then you'll be so joyful and grateful that you won't be able to resist sharing what you have, rather than somehow feeling ripped off, or that others are flourishing at your expense. There's enough to go round. What does it matter if you are first or last. Trust me – there's a special place reserved for you. It's just that your envy, competitiveness or a sense of entitlement is preventing you from seeing this, and is blocking the blessing that can flow out through you to others.

Sadly the mother of James and John still doesn't get it. She asks Jesus to promise that her sons will sit beside him when he comes into his kingdom (v.21). It takes time for deeply entrenched attitudes to be transformed. But practices like gratitude and compassionate mindfulness – catching ourselves out – can help.

Frances MacKay



In Sue's absence, I have been asked to share some of my thoughts and experiences as an SJC volunteer. I have been volunteering at SJC one day a week for nearly 2 ½ years. I really enjoy being there each week and touching the lives of the clients in some way. I like that we show respect to our clients by giving them choices about what food and other items they take away with them. Also they can drop in without an appointment for a chat, a coffee or some assistance and we sit alongside them in an informal way.

Being there each week keeps me grounded and grateful for the many blessings in my life. It also helps me see a different side of Canberra that I would otherwise not be exposed to. Some of our clients have been coming for a long time but now there are also more refugees or those in limbo until their refugee status is assessed as well as people who are employed but cannot make ends meet. I suspect these groups will become a larger part of our client base over time. I am excited that we have recently established **a Director's Discretionary Fund because sometimes a small amount of financial assistance can sort out a problem which may be an insurmountable stumbling block for a client.** Up until now, the financial assistance we could give had to fit within certain boundaries. This fund can help us to think outside the box. It might be as simple as a client I had earlier this year, a single mother with two small children, who had been through a really rough time but was working and studying to get a better job prospect and who needed her mobile phone bill paid. She used it for the internet to help with her study and also as a contact point with the **childcare facility which her kids attended. At that stage, we couldn't help as it wasn't with Telstra and thus fell outside our guidelines. Now, where Sue deems it appropriate, we can help with unexpected requests like this.**

Federal Government funding for SJC is limited and we do not yet know what the longer term will bring in this regard. I have recently done two new things to help SJC financially. I have moved my donations to a monthly **direct debit which means I don't forget and SJC can budget more easily.** I have also made provision in my will **for SJC. Please speak to Sue or Robyn if you'd like more information about either of these options.**

Rhonda

Wish list for this week: school lunch snacks, savoury biscuits, honey, men's and women's deodorant, washing powder and pasta sauce.



Feeding the Community

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We pray for the new relief efforts by many countries in helping the thousands of people in West Africa and Liberia suffering from Ebola.

IN AUSTRALIA

- We pray for the many people in Australia who do not feel safe, whether they be religious groups, ethnic minorities, communities or individuals., and for a just application of new security laws.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ♦ We pray for the Church in Pakistan, India and Nigeria
- ♦ In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the Dioceses of Rockhampton, The Murray and The Northern Territory

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ♦ We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Holbrook and Gundagai, St John's Wagga Wagga and the Community of the Redeemer, Ashmont
- We pray for the Chaplaincy work in hospitals, schools, the workplace, prisons, Defence forces and emergency services

MISSION

- ♦ We pray for the work of Anglicord (Anglican Overseas Aid) working in developing countries to overcome poverty, disaster and injustice.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ♦ We pray for Susanna and Nikolai as they prepare to leave our parish.
- ♦ We pray for the Children's ministry at Holy Covenant, our children and families and our Youth and Children Worker Katherine Rainger
- ♦ We pray for the following members of our parish family - Rhys, Anna, Lucy and Georgia Thorpe; Stuart, Faye, Jacob, Hayden and Claudia Todd; Colin and Marilyn Tolano; and Neville, Jenny, Katy, Sarah and Matthew Tomkins
- ♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Sue Dunbar and Val Newton, and we pray for Sue Jordan and her family as they mourn the death of Sue's mother last week.

COMMEMORATIONS:

- Thursday:** Sergius of Moscow, abbot and teacher (died 1392)
Friday: Lancelot Andrewes, bishop of Winchester (died 1626)
Saturday: Vincent de Paul, priest, worker with the poor (died 1660)



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

IN THE PARISH

SUSANNA AND NIKOLAI LEAVE US ON 2 NOVEMBER

After a long period of discernment, I have tendered my resignation from Holy Covenant effective from November this year.

It has been a privilege to serve in the parish for just under nine years as Rector, and in the early nineties, two years as Assistant Curate. I have enjoyed growing in confidence and sharing my gifts, and learning from you all. Holy Covenant is a wonderful parish with so much to offer, yet, I feel my time here is ended and the parish needs new energy and fresh vision.

God is calling me on, and I await the shape and form of the next phase of my ministry. I intend to take time to rest and pray and listen for the path to unfold, in faith that God is leading me, and walks beside me, and indeed goes before.

Thank you for your trust in me, your prayer and support and encouragement. It has been much appreciated. You know Nikolai and I pray for you and will continue to do so.

God bless you Holy Covenant.

— *Susanna Pain, with Nikolai Blaskow*



Synod 2014

Together with Susanna, Anne and Anne, Nikolai and Bob, your Parish Synod Reps (Katherine, Peter and Beth) were in Goulburn last weekend for the 45th Synod of this Diocese. Bishop Stuart delivered his 'charge' which addressed nine areas of activity such as missional engagement, responding to human need through care and advocacy, and ensuring transparency and effective governance. Each morning there were prayers and Bible study led by Bishop Genieve. Business was led off by the Bishop-in-Council report on its work since the last Synod, presented by the Registrar Trevor Ament, Bishop Genieve Blackwell and Archdeacon Matt Brain. The financial accounts of the Diocese were presented, together with the 2015 Budget, and Synod agreed to keep the parish contributions for the work of the Diocese at the same rate as in previous years (13% of income received).

There were lots of reports to read from Diocesan agencies, and quite a few interesting presentations: Anglicare (which is now in a sound financial position after recent divestment from aged care); the Anglican Investment and Development Fund; Canberra Boys Grammar School; the two South Coast Anglican Schools (under dynamic new leadership); the Pelican Foundation (grants were awarded); St Mark's National Theological Centre (new Director Andrew Cameron); All Saints College (nearly built) for undergraduate residents at All Saints Ainslie; and Indigenous Ministry and Synergy Youth.

There were a number of motions in addition to formal ones, on Older People and Ministry, and on addressing social justice issues which led to considerable debate: action on climate change (the Diocese will divest from some fossil fuel investments);

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the Effect of Australian Government Budgetary measures; Conflict in Palestine and Israel; Refugee Support and Action; and Fair pay for offshore workers/labourers. Further consideration is to be given to some of these issues by the new Social Issues Commission.

The services in our wonderful Cathedral are of course highlights of Synod (the Synod Eucharist on Friday night, a Synod service on Saturday evening with life stories from three Synod members), and Sunday morning services at the Cathedral and all the Goulburn parishes. Synod is tiring, but it is wonderful to engage across the breadth of our Diocesan activities, and to be in fellowship across the Diocese.

Beth Heyde

KITCHEN TABLE CONVERSATIONS

In different parts of Australia there have been grass roots movements, seeking to give the people a voice that can be heard. Dubbed "kitchen table conversations", they bring together people in small groups (typically ten people) to talk about what concerns them and what might be done. The discussions are recorded and sent to a central body to be consolidated, with the consolidated version being sent back to the groups to seek a reaction.

The most prominent example was in the electorate of Indi in Victoria before the recent election. Several hundred such conversations took place leading to a report owned by some thousands of people. This report went a long way towards setting the agenda leading up to the election.

SEE-Change (of which this parish is a member) is arranging a briefing meeting on Tuesday week (23rd) at the Macquarie Southern Cross Club. The concept will be explained in detail, and an opportunity given for people to get started. Leaflets are available at the back of the church.

Deep Dive Seminar - October 19, 11.45am

Join us for our next Deep Dive Seminar with Dr Peter Stork as we explore the vital contemporary question of the relationship between theology and cosmology.

At Home in the Cosmos? Musings Toward a Cosmological Theology

Based on the notion that Christianity needs to rediscover for its salvation story the place of the human in the cosmos, these musings are an exploratory attempt to interweave several threads deriving from the scientific story of an evolving universe of unspeakable vastness, complexity, and beauty. Taken together they address the prophetic imagination and in that key highlight why this rediscovery is crucial for the church to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century.

Peter Stork, is an Anglican layman and Honorary Research Fellow at the Australian Catholic University. His current project investigates the significance of beauty as integral to a theological cosmology.

From the Treasurer

Offeratories

Contributions to support the operating costs of the parish in the Sunday plate and by direct debit are shown in the graph below. In July and August offertories dropped below the level in May and June – is it the winter blues? For the first eight months of the year offertories have averaged \$19,452 per month. We need to average \$20,850 per month over the final four months to achieve our budget.



AIDF Community Saver Accounts

Our bank account was credited with \$1,786 generated by parishioners' deposits in AIDF Online Community Save Accounts which nominate Holy Covenant as the beneficiary. The AIDF pays 3.75% interest on these accounts and donates a further 0.75% to the nominated parish. This is better than the banks offer and helps the Parish as well! If you would like to know more about this way of supporting the Parish budget there are brochures in the rack at the back of the Church, or speak to me.

Fundraising

The successful Trash and Treasure stall added almost \$1,800 to our 2014 fundraising effort. Congratulations to the small band who were there setting up at 5 am! The Plant and Book Sales on 8 November will enable us to exceed our fundraising budget for the year.

Holistic Care Nurse

In response to the loss of the funding source reported in the recent insert in the Weekly Bulletin, the Parish Council has made a commitment on behalf of the Parish to continue the HCN program until the end of the year while alternative funding sources are explored. This will add some \$4,000-\$5,000 of unbudgeted expenditure. Donations to offset this would be most helpful.

Bob Arthur—Treasurer

IN THE PARISH

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 in the box beside the SJC Food basket up the back.

BELONGING AND CARING

At our last Belonging and Caring meeting, discussion was held about setting up a list with names of people who are willing to drive members of our community to appointments for procedures.

Often the patient needs to be collected after the procedure, and is not allowed to drive home alone.

If you would be willing to be on this list, to drive people occasionally, please let Anne Ranse 0439 129 209 or Libby Warren 6251 1845 know.

HOUSE PARENTS REQUIRED – would suit active retired couple or pensioner couple.

Offering free accommodation, food and fuel, for care of brain injured young man in his own home in Belconnen area. He attends activities four days a week, 9.30 am to 4.00 pm and one weekend per month.

He is able to shower, shave and get himself to bed, but requires supervision, guidance and prompting in most daily living skills.

Single person would be considered.

For more information please ring Audrey on 6251 0542.

REFUGEE ACTION

A group of people from the parish met last week to discuss refugees and asylum seekers and how we might respond. We have decided to

... seek more information from Companion House about how we might assist

... to write letters to asylum seekers held in detention offering our friendship,

... and write to politicians and other leaders to present our concerns about this issue, and our appreciation for things well done.

If you would like to join us, please let Susanna know 0418637469 or susan-na.pain@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.

LOST PROPERTY The following items are in the basket up the back:

- Purple fleecy top, size 16
- Denim Jacket size XL
- Grey woolen scarf
- Navy blue mittens
- Two blue water bottles

If not collected soon these will be placed in the Anglicare bin.

ROSTERS

The Service and Sanctuary rosters for October will be organised this week.

Please note your unavailability on the sheet on the roster board near the office door.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Today: **Joyce Cole and Emily Trigge**
- Monday: **John Painter**
- Friday: **Rebecca Elkhuisen, Ashleigh Sandford**

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

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- **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.**
- ♦ **"Spirituality Banquet"** with Faith & Light on **Saturday 18 October, 2-4pm**, at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.

Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

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 Branch: Jamison Centre, ACT
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 A/C No: 802 588
 Name: Holy Covenant Anglican Church

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 28SEPTEMBER 2014

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

10.00 am Celebrant : Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard
Preacher: Revd Susanna Pain



TODAY

SENTENCE: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. *Ephesians 2:8-9*

READINGS:

Exodus 16: 2-15
 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
 Phillipians 1:21-30
 Matthew 20:1-16



8 am HYMNS

(Matthias)
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 564 (25)
 539
 520

PRAYER

Loving Father,
 Whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us
 That what we do for the least of our brothers
 and sisters
 We do also for him:
 Give us the will to be the servant of others
 As he was the servant of all,
 Who gave up his life and died for us,
 And yet lives and reigns with you and the
 Holy Spirit,
 One God, now and forever. **AMEN**



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Jennifer Collier, Tony Willis	Reg Holmes, Jey Hoole
Readers	Jennifer Collier Tony Willis Anne Ranse	Family Service
Intercessor	Paul Shelley	Family Service
Organist	Shirley Campbell	Family Service
Word and Prayer	Chris Lewis	Tobias Nevile
Deacon	Anne Ranse	
Cup	Chris Lewis, Anne Ranse	Tobias, Phyl, Leo, Rob Extra bread: Anne D
Morning Tea	Mary Lynn Mather Jocelyn Kirkland	Rika Amos and Ken Wedgwood
Children's Church		Family Service