



HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN - 28 SEPTEMBER 2014



Sixteenth 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

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Preacher: Revd susanna Pain

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Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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
	2.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	Book Club
Friday 03.10.14	10.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Monasteries of the Heart
Saturday 04.10.14	4.45 pm	Rainbow Centre	Choir Practice
	5.30 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church

WEEK BEGINNING 5th OCTOBER

Monday 06.10.14		PUBLIC HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 07.10.14	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch
	7.30 pm	Worship Centre	Belonging and Caring Meeting
Wednesday 08.10.14	12 noon	Worship Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch
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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Matt. 21: 23-32. Who do you think you are?

It takes a lifetime's work to belong fully to your life.

John O'Donohue

'By whose authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' It's as if the religious hierarchy is saying, 'Who do you think you are? Who or what gives you the right to teach here? We certainly haven't.'

We live in a time where authority is conferred from without; we are credentialed by academic degrees and professional associations. In the helping professions particularly, clear ethical and professional guidelines can be important safeguards to protect the vulnerable.

But there is another kind of authority that comes from within, and is validated from without (through its impact on others). This is the authority **we see in Jesus. We don't know much about those thirty years before he engaged in public ministry, but we do know of his habit of regularly withdrawing for extended periods of prayer and reflection during his brief ministry.** We can imagine this is where he gained his sense of being sent by God, of being one with the Father. This meant that when he did engage in teaching, his listeners recognised that he spoke from first hand experience, **rather than relying on second hand opinions. In other words, 'He spoke with authority, not as the scribes' (Matt. 7:29).**

There is a character in Jessica Anderson's novel, *Tirra Lirra by the River*, called Grace. A very religious woman, Grace wanted faith, but only found opinions. (I find those words incredibly sad.) But eventually she cultivated a garden, nourishing it assiduously with compost. When Nora, her sister, returns to Brisbane to die (Grace has already died) Nora discovers this wondrously glowing oasis of green. There is something powerfully redemptive in that image. It reminds me of Edith Sitwell's comment: 'Nothing is wasted; all in the end is harvest'.

When John O'Donohue says, 'It takes a lifetime's work to belong fully to your life', I think he means allowing life to teach us what our life is about and where we fit into God's larger story – our mission or life purpose. To put it another way, we are being invited to author (or more accurately co-author with God and others) our own life. This authority liberates rather than oppresses by inviting others to do the same. In the words of Mary Oliver: 'Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?'

-Frances MacKay



This is another article in our series of contributions from the Management Committee while our wonderful Sue is on leave. I'm contributing as the Anglicare representative on the committee.

At St John's Care it *is* our role to advocate for our clients, and to be aware of policies which might have an impact on them – and thereby have an impact on us.

One of the welfare reforms which has been proposed this year is a major change to the unemployment payments to job seekers aged under 30. Under the new system, young jobseekers would be required to wait for 6 months before becoming eligible for an income support payment. That waiting period would be reduced by a month for every year that the young person has worked full-time. After this waiting period, the young person would be eligible for 6 months of income support with an obligation to participate in 25 hours 'work for the dole' per week. After that, if they still haven't found work, for another 6 months they are not eligible for any support at all. And so on.

Without a job, and without a family to fall back on, as many of our vulnerable young people find themselves, what do you do with absolutely zero income for 6 months?

At St John's Care, we never turn people away, and occasionally we support someone over a time while their payments have been suspended. But a systematic withholding of government support for a significant group of people for several months is new and scary territory. How can we provide the level of ongoing support that will be required? This is especially concerning as Australia currently has a youth unemployment rate of about 14% (Department of Employment, July 2014).

It is clear that there are some huge assumptions in this policy around the capacity and willingness of families to support their young person while they are looking for work. At the same time, the Youth Connections program, which was highly successful in supporting disadvantaged young people through education and into work, has been discontinued as of the end of this year.

To highlight these inequalities Anglicare will be hosting a forum during Anti-Poverty Week focusing on youth unemployment and the structural barriers that young people face in entering the workforce. For more information, please see our website: www.anglicare.com.au

St John's Care is on Facebook and Twitter. If you would like to follow us, you can find us at Facebook: www.facebook.com/StJohnsCare

Twitter: @stjohnscare

Pew sheet articles are sometimes shared on the St John's Care blog as well, which can be found at stjohnscare.wordpress.com.

Many thanks, Claire

Wish list for this week: dried peas and mashed potatoes, men's and women's deodorant, breakfast cereal (not Weetbix or oats), washing powder, savoury biscuits, children's toothbrushes



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- Pray for all those trapped by ideology, intolerance, religious bigotry or economic desperation, and show us how to bring light in such darkness, peace in such violence and hope in such hopelessness.

IN AUSTRALIA

- Pray for the Muslim community in Australia, for an end to racial and religious abuse, and for bridges between all Australians of whatever creed or colour.
- We pray for the Australian Servicemen who are in Iraq and for the Chaplains who minister to them.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church in Idaho, USA and Owerri Nigeria.
- In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the Dioceses of Wangaratta and Willochra.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Tumut, Adelong and Tarcutta.
- We pray for the Mannus and Cooma Correctional Centres and for the ministry to prisoners and prison officers.

MISSION

- We pray for the work of the Christian Blind Mission in Tanzania and Cameroon.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- We pray for staff and students of all schools in Canberra as they break for holidays, and for safe travel for those travelling.
- We pray for our youth group and all young people attending the Black Stump Music Festival next weekend.
- ♦ We pray for the following members of our parish family - Phil, Jayne, Emily, Sarah, Louisa and Matthew Trigge; Anthony, Susan, Elizabeth and Michael Troy; Rhonda Ustick; Peter and Wendy Ward and Libby Warren.
- ♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Sue Dunbar and Val Newton,

COMMEMORATIONS:

Monday: Michael and All Angels

Thursday: **Stephen Conan Davies (died 1998)**

Saturday: Francis of Assisi.



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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



WE WELCOME the family of Francisca Naime Delle (daughter of Francis Delle and N'Nabinta Mansoray) who is being baptized this morning in our 10am Service.

We pray for her parents as they make this decision on her behalf and for Francesca as she is received into the family of the Church.

Notes from this month's Parish Council Meeting:

- We would like to thank Kathryn Body, Peter Sherman and Jen Collier for their mighty effort at the Trash and Treasure stall. We would also like to thank all those who donated items.
- The council carried a motion to support the Holistic Care Nursing Program till the end of this year while we investigate potential funding sources. We will warmly welcome all offers of assistance in supporting this program.
- The council is looking forward to the plant sale/book stall/cafe/bake sale/sausage sizzle - (maybe a competition for a better name is required). Coordinators will be looking for help soon.

FAREWELLING SUSANNA AND NIKOLAI - 2 November **A bring and share lunch from 12 noon** **Food that can be eaten easily.**

An opportunity to express our her leadership and the journey parish. We will also have the Nikolai for his involvement, the youth group.

If you would like to contribute appropriately marked envelope deliver to the office. You can also do it by Direct Debit, marked 'Susanna Gift'. Bank details are on page 10 of this Bulletin.



appreciation to Susanna for that she has taken the opportunity to thank particularly his leadership of

to a gift, put it in an in the offertory plate or

From the Treasurer

Offertories

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

PARISH CONSULTATION

To prepare for the nomination of a new rector the elected nominators (Paula Percival, Rhys Thorpe and Evelyn David-Hoole) are organising a parish consultation to discern where the parish has been over the last few years, where we are headed and who we would like to lead us.

The consultation is on Sunday 26th October from 2-4pm in the worship centre and will be facilitated by Archdeacon Matt Brain.

Please keep the time free as we would like to hear from as many parishioners as possible.



Our Youth Group are off to BLACK STUMP next weekend. A Christian music

festival held at Appin

They need our assistance to keep them fed and watered. 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. Please place donations in the box in the kitchen. Thanks to those who have already signed up .

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 susanna.pain@gmail.com

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

PLANT SALE PLUS



Our Plant stall planned for November 8 has grown into a mini-fete. As well as a stall for all those seedlings you've been potting up, we have a few other stalls. The co-ordinators are:

Sausage Sizzle - Katherine Grainger
Book Stall - Gillian Painter
Plant Sale - Beth Hyde
Cafe and Cake stall - Evelyn David-Hoole
White Elephant Stall – HCN—Nicole

They will welcome offers of assistance in the lead up to and on the day.

There is a **sign up sheet** at the back for any donations of baked goods/homemade delectables to sell at the cafe or at the cake stall. We will also require some assistance in staffing the stall and a **barrista (complete with coffee machine)** if available.

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.



As some of you may know one of our theology students, Chris Lewis and Rebecca are about to welcome baby number 3. There is a basket at the church for any donations of gifts for either bub or siblings (Georgina and Benjamin) or parents. There is also a card for anyone who wishes to congratulate them on the upcoming arrival.

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.

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- **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.
- ♦ **Owen Dowling Memorial OSL Seminar.** 18 October Ainslie Church of Christ.

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: **John Body**; Monday: **Jenny Baines, Roger Hallows**
 Tuesday: **Liam Harper**; Wednesday: **Caroline Taylor-Steele**
 Friday: **Marjorie Pratt, Amelia Ellis**

If you'd like your name in the birthday book, please tell Phyl.
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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 5 OCTOBER 2014

8.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION

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4.00 pm

Rainbow Fellowship

TODAY

SENTENCE:

Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.

Hosea 6: 1a

READINGS:

Exodus 17: 1-7
 Psalm 78: 1-4, 11-16
 Philipians 2: 1-13
 Matthew 21: 23-32



8 am HYMNS

(Dudman)

178
 247
 650
 411

PRAYER

O God,
 you declare your almighty power
 chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
 mercifully grant us such a measure of your
 grace
 that, running in the way of your commandments
 we may obtain your gracious promises,
 and be made partakers of your heavenly
 treasure;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Kerin and Brian Cox	Prue and Ken Wedgwood
Readers	Robert Arthur Steve Daniels Anne Ranse	Susan Joy Nevile
Intercessor	Merrie Hepworth	
Organist	Mandy Squair	Ruth Dunnicliff-Hagan
Word and Prayer	Paul Shelley	Tobias Nevile
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Susan Joy Nevile
Cup	Paul Shelley, Anne Ranse	Tobias Nevile, Susan Joy Nevile, George Gerrity, Doreen Matters Extra bread: Susanna
Morning Tea	Heather and Paul Shelley	<i>Danni Ellis</i>
Children's Church		On holidays