



HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

5 OCTOBER 2014

**Seventeenth 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: Revd Susanna Pain
Preacher: Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard

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4.00 pm RAINBOW FELLOWSHIP



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 06.10.14		PUBLIC HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 07.10.14	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch
Wednesday 08.10.14	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 09.10.14	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
	6.– 6.30 pm	Chapel	Meditation
Saturday 11.10.14	4.45 pm	Rainbow Centre	Choir Practice
	5.30 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church

WEEK BEGINNING 12th OCTOBER

Monday 13.10.14	9.00—3.00pm	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 14.10.14	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch
	7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre	Belonging and Caring Group
Wednesday 15.10.14	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 16.10.14	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
	6—6.30 pm	Chapel	Meditation
Friday 17.10.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 18.10.14	9.00 am	Church grounds	Working Bee
	4.45 pm	Rainbow Centre	Choir Practice
	5.30 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

A thread connecting our readings this week has to do with the dangers of false religion and its inherent violence. From God's instruction to Israel in Exodus not to make or bow down to idols, and the warning not to make wrongful use of the name of the Lord, to Paul's realisation that the zeal that led him to persecute the church had nothing to do with God, to Jesus' parable of the wicked tenants which reveals the tendency of organised, self-righteous religion to stone the prophets and kill God's messengers, our readings suggest how easy it is to go down the track of false religion – all the while thinking ourselves good, holy and doing the will of God. It's been happening for the last three millennia, and is still happening today.

From the murderous attacks of ISIS on Iraqi civilians in the name, supposedly, of Allah, to the discriminatory zeal of certain Australian politicians, to members of our community abusing innocent Muslims because of the clothes they wear or the way they look, hate and violence are again being justified by claims to communal righteousness and religious identity.

How are such lies revealed for what they are? How is such division healed? By costly solidarity, friendship and the refusal to be caught up in the mob. By the Christ-like seeing of true prophets and poets, like Mary Oliver. To nourish our longing for a different world, I offer her poem, 'Iraq'.

I want to sing a song
for a body I saw
crumpled
and without a name.

but clearly someone young
who had not yet lived his life
and never would.
How shall I do this?

What kind of song
would serve such a purpose?
This poem may never end,
for what answer does it have

for anyone
in this distant,
comfortable country,
simply looking on?

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The shops are decorated with Christmas trees and ornaments and the music is Christmas tunes, so it is obviously time for me to start planning for the St John's Care Christmas.

Christmas for us will start on Wednesday 10 December when we will open the 'Present Room'. This room has been run by St John's Care for a number of years and it allows parents, who are having a hard time, to select something, (a toy, gift voucher, or CD etc) that they think that their children might enjoy. The present Room becomes a toy shop without a cash register. Last year we provided gifts for 630 children.

What I need at this stage is:

- ☛ Volunteers who would be willing to work in the Present Room from Wednesday 10 December until Tuesday 23 December. The room will be open each weekday from 9:30am until 2:00pm. The Volunteers need to be able to talk with the parent and assist them in choosing a suitable gift for their child. I would be happy if you could give a full day but a half day would be okay.
- ☛ Toys, toys, gifts. I need a selection of new toys that would be suitable to give away. Please concentrate on the older children, the seven and up age group, and particularly boys – they seem to miss out every year.

Please don't wrap the present. It is important that the parent has the dignity of selecting something that they think their child would like rather than being given a wrapped present for " a boy aged eight" and they have no idea of what the present is.

I know that everyone loves cuddly, fluffy, soft toys. That is everyone except me. They have this incredible breeding program. You lock the door at night and in the morning they have taken over the 'Present Room'. Teenage boys don't like fluffy toys as a Christmas Presents either.

If you are able to help please give me a ring on 6248 7771 or stjohnscare@velocitynet.com.au

My wish list for this week: tinned hams, small tins of pineapple, biscuits and lollies for Christmas Hampers.

Many thanks
Sue



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- Pray that fear may never paralyse the mercy and compassion we share as disciples of the Lord of Life, that we are never blind to the Christ in every other human person and community. May we be calm when threatened, wise when challenged and meet hate with love, whatever shape it takes

IN AUSTRALIA

- In this Mental Health Week, we pray for all in our Australian community affected by mental health disorders, for people who feel alienated and angry, for the depressed and without hope, and for all who minister to their needs.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church in Idaho, USA and Owerri Nigeria.
- In the Australian Church we pray for the Primate Archbishop Phillip Aspinall and the bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of Ballarat, Bathurst and Bendigo.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of St. Saviour's Cathedral Goulburn; North Goulburn and West Goulburn.
- We pray for our Bishop Stuart, his staff and the staff of the Diocesan Registry.

MISSION

- We pray for the work of the Bush Church Aid Society in Winton and Moranbah Queensland.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- We pray for the many groups that use our church buildings and give thanks for the subsequent outreach into the community.
- We pray for Susanna and Nikolai as they prepare to leave the parish.
- ♦ We pray for the following members of our parish family - Mark Webb, Janet Hartman and Imogen; Prue, Ken, Jonathan and Ellie Wedgwood; Audrey and Stuart Wells; Janet Williams and Joan Williams.
- ♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Sue Dunbar and Val Newton,

COMMEMORATIONS:

Monday: Lewis Berian James (died 2002)
William Tyndale, biblical scholar.

HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER



Phone Merri Bacon on 6251 1110 or email
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Clearly

he had a weapon in his hands.

I think

he could have been no more than twenty.

I think, whoever he was,

of whatever country

he might have been my brother,

were the world different.

I think

he would not have been lying there

were the world different.

I think

if I had known him,

on his birthday,

I would have made for him

a great celebration

- *Sarah Bachelard*

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

Government Legislation now requires people who drive vulnerable adults and young people to appointments on behalf of an organization, should have a copy of their driver's licence on file with that organization. If you fit this category on behalf of HC, can you please provide a copy of your driver's licence to the office either a hard copy or email. Libby is also happy to photocopy it for you.

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

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

If you would like to appropriately marked

deliver to the office. You can also do it by Direct Debit, marked 'Susanna Gift'. Bank details are on page 10 of this Bulletin.



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

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

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.

There is a sign-up sheet on the sign-up board.



COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

- ✦ **22 November**—Quiet Day—Falling into the arms of the living God. Led by Nikolai Blaskow.
- ✦ **21 - 23 November**—Retreat: The Way of Transition: Journeying With and Through Life's Changes. Led by Sarah Bachelard and Neil Miller. The Hermitage. Mittagong. Details: sarah.bachelard@gmail.com

AN ACT OF SOLIDARITY - Susanna.

I intend to cover my head in public for one week, to wear a scarf or hijab, beginning 12 October - 18 October, as my way of standing alongside women experiencing discrimination, isolation and abuse for their choices. Ella and others are joining me and a Muslim woman is going to show us how to wear them.

I would want to say publically to these women and other Australians, 'you are not alone; we non-Muslim Australian women stand with you and this treatment of you is not OK. If eggs are thrown at you, eggs should be thrown at me too, we are part of the same family...

' I extend a hand of friendship and support to you.

If as a result of that identification, I experience being picked on too and treated differently I will have an opportunity to better understand what it is like to be 'other' in this society. There are people in our society, young people, who are being radicalised. We do not really understand why, or what is going on, but the women, who are mothers of these young men, need to know they are totally accepted, and hope that that impetus will filter down to their children.

Some may feel that if I wear a head scarf, I am tacitly affirming it as a religious and social mechanism and symbol, and by doing this I am affirming an oppressive structure. My answer to that is, we should each be free to wear what we want or need to. I wear a cross as a symbol of my faith; I am free in Australia to do so. I am clear that by wearing a scarf for a week I would not be saying, I support the wearing of scarves as a religious practice and a cultural requirement; I would be saying I support those women who choose to wear head covering as a symbol of their faith. Some Muslim women may well not be free within the construct of their religion and culture to jettison such clothing and they may not want to, but it is my opinion that they should not be alienated by Australia and Australians while they are on their own journey.

As a religion based on a God of love who supports the marginalised, I intend to walk alongside, befriend, offer a cup of tea, a smile, and wear a scarf, and I pray that this makes a difference and builds bridges of love and hope in our community. **Will you join me?**

Here are some links which may be helpful:

Here is a link about why Muslim Women wear a hijab:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-09-23/why-do-muslim-women-wear-a-burka-niqab-or-hijab/5761510>

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-09-30/dickson-a-letter-to-my-church-about-islam/5779590>

<http://www.mamamia.com.au/social/christian-women-wearing-hijabs/>

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/lifestyle/fashion/new-hijab-fashion-store-opens-as-muslim-community-overwhelmed-by-support-20140923-10k36w.html>

This is the link to the Q & A program:

http://mpegmedia.abc.net.au/tv/qanda/vodcast/qanda_2014_ep34.mp4

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 Rainger: 0401 142851, youth@holycovenant.org.au

Book Stall - Gillian Painter: 6253 1058, gillpaint@hotmail.com

Plant Sale - Beth Hyde: 6253 9198, heyde@westnet.net.au

Cafe and Cake stall - Evelyn David-Hoole, 6259 2476, evie_24@hotmail.com

White Elephant Stall — HCN—Nicole: nurse@holycovenant.org.au

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.



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

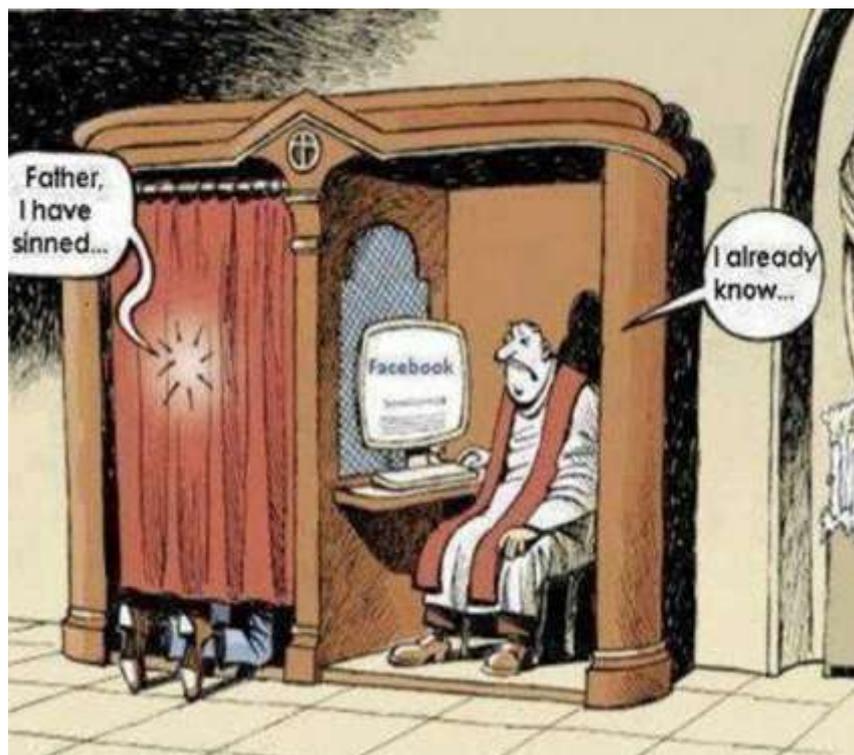
AND . . .

As some of you may know one of our theology students, Chris Lewis and Rebecca are about to welcome baby number three. 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.



ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- ♦ **“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.
- **Welcoming Refugees, A Call to People of Faith**, 7pm 14 October ACCC.
- **Walk for Justice** 1pm 25 October.
- **SPORT: A force for Social Justice.** Christians for an Ethical Society, 15 October 7.30 pm



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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Missed last week: **Shirley Campbell, Carol Kubanek.**
Today: **Jean Metters;** Monday: **Anne Ranse;**
Tuesday: **Doreen Matters, Colin Lyons;**
Friday: **Ross Mitchell;** Saturday: **Danni Ellis.**

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 – 12 OCTOBER 2014

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

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6.00 pm TAIZE



TODAY

SENTENCE: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

Matthew 21:42

READINGS:

Exodus : 1-4, 7-9, 12-20
 Psalm 19
 Philipians 3:4b-14
 Matthew 21: 33-46,



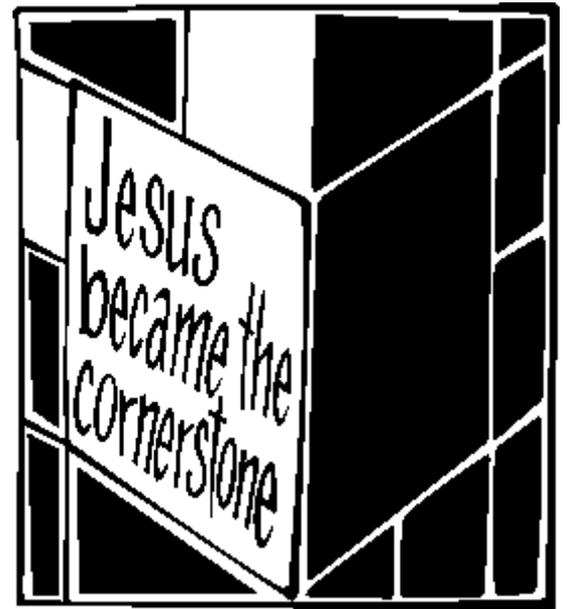
8 am HYMNS

(Matthias)
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PRAYER

Almighty God,
 your son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders, and, by your doing, he has been made the chief cornerstone:
 grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us we may become living stones built up into your dwelling place, a temple holy and acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever .

AMEN



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Ann and Peter Bazeos Tony Willis	Merri Bacon, Reg Holmes
Readers	Tony Willis Rosemary Kennemore Celebrant	Phyl Holmes Reg Holmes Kate King
Intercessor	Jennifer Collier	Bruce Barnes
Organist	Shirley Campbell	Rhys Thorpe
Word and Prayer	Steve Daniels	Joh Sheehan
Deacon		
Cup	Steve Daniels, Rosemary Kennemore	Phyl Holmes, Leo Wimmer, George Gerrity, Connie Gerrity Extra bread: Sarah
Morning Tea	Margaret and David Meggs	Theresa Jokisch, Judith Ann Daniells
Children's Church		On holidays