

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

12 OCTOBER 2014

**Eighteenth 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:
Preacher:

Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard
Revd Susanna Pain

10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

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6.00 pm TAIZE



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 13.10.14	9.am—3.pm	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 14.10.14	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch Belonging and Caring Group
Wednesday 15.10.14	12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation
Thursday 16.10.14	9.30 am 6.— 6.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Chapel	Scrabble Meditation
Friday 17.10.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 18.10.14	9.00 am 4.45 pm 6.00pm	Church grounds Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Working Bee Choir Practice Benedictus Contemplative Church

WEEK BEGINNING 19th OCTOBER

Monday 20.10.14	9.am—3.pm	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 21.10.14	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 22.10.14	12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation
Thursday 23.10.14	9.30 am 6—6.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Chapel	Scrabble Meditation
Friday 24.10.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 25.10.14	4.45 pm 6.00 pm	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Choir Practice Benedictus Contemplative Church

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Look out... your assumptions are showing!

Assumptions are powerful hidden forces working in all our lives. We fail to interrogate and scrutinize them at our peril. In polite conversations around tables in bars and restaurants, in heated high school student debates, it may not matter that our assumptions are false, as long as the internal logic of our arguments are *consistent*. But in the arena of life it does matter – terribly.

Jesus knew that. And as an astute teacher, like the philosophers Socrates, Plato, and Nietzsche before him, Jesus sets up his listeners to see whether they are paying attention to the moment, or just allowing themselves to be taken captive by the cultural stereotypes and clichés of the day. Our set parable is a splendid example of what happens when we misread a story because we approach it passively, indeed Marty Aitken in his *Discerning the Suffering Servant in the Parable of the Wedding Banquet* cautions us as readers ‘to be aware of the enormous inertial pull of the accepted reading’.

And what is the accepted reading, if we ask the question: where God is in the parable?

Well the *presumption* is that God must be the King who is slighted and then outraged by those who consistently make light of his invitation, abuse his messengers and kill his servants. And that the guest who is cast out because he is not wearing a wedding robe, represents those who are ‘not covered’, who try to get into the kingdom of God under false pretenses (in *evangelical* parlance those who are not covered by the blood of the lamb) and so deserve to be cast out into outer darkness. But how does *this* God of violence match the God of love whom Jesus represents? Perhaps such an approach *assumes* what it should not. For a start, there is no understanding of *context*. Jesus tells the parable of the wedding banquet as his final response to the question the chief priests and elders have asked of him and demanded an answer – they who had witnessed his ‘cleansing’ of the temple: the dramatic/prophetic challenge to a Herodian and temple authority well and truly tainted with corruption and compromise (for those who care to follow the details, the Herodian story, as Aitken demonstrates, bears remarkable resemblances to the parable Jesus is telling).

Is God, therefore, more likely to be represented by the unrobbed man? But how can *that* be, if the unrobbed man appears to unite in one place, and defy as one man, all the king’s obsessions: the wedding banquet and guests who are willing celebrate the wedding? And if the ‘normal’ reading of the parable understands the king’s obsession and justifies the king’s reaction to this man, who is seen as the most reprobate in a long line of reprobates?

Perhaps God is neither, and his zone of influence (the kingdom) is pitched against them both?

Whatever... presumption and false assumptions alike, it would seem, are to be feared lest in embracing them we find ourselves paying the bitter and painful price of their consequences.

- Nikolai Blaskow

FROM ST JOHN'S CARE



This week has been "Mental Health Week" and there have been lots of great shows on the television. Today I wanted to share some of the experiences I have had with clients who have Mental Health problems, and I have to say a lot of our clients do have mental health issues.

I must start by saying how naive I was when I started in the job the first time in 2002. Surely if you are on the Disability Support Pension, you obviously have a physical disability, something you could see. I was amazed that so many of our clients actually had mental health issues. I started to learn how to deal with their problems and how to make them feel comfortable coming to SJC. I am still learning. For many, a physical disability would be a relief.

I first met John in 2003. He was a young Aboriginal man who came to SJC quite frequently wanting clothes and Bus Tickets. He would be quite demanding, and we would help where possible and then every now and then something would upset him and he would lose his temper and threaten to kill us, but thankfully he never went through with it and he would slowly calm down. At the moment he is well managed, thanks to Our Home in Queanbeyan, and he now occasionally comes for a coffee and a bit of a chat. I am his lady priest! I can't think how many times I was scared by him, but today I just love him.

I also met Mary very early in my time at SJC. She suffers from schizophrenia and unfortunately her condition seems to be getting worse. Many times Volunteers have suggested to me, when she is really in a bad way, that it is a pity that she is not taking her medication.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Mary receives a depot antipsychotic medication once a month. She hates having them and says that they physically hurt and she feels rotten for a few days after having had one. She tries to get them stopped but unfortunately they are very necessary. Sometimes she can be very difficult, but it is important that we treat her kindly, respect her for who she is, and listen to where she is at the moment. Everyone needs to be treated with dignity and respect.

My wish list for this week:

Longlife milk, longlife custard, small tins of ham and pasta sauce.

**Many Thanks
Sue Jordan**



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We continue to pray for the situation in the Middle East and for those whose lives have been dramatically affected.

IN AUSTRALIA

- We pray for tolerance and acceptance for all members of our community.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church in Ghana, the Niger Delta and Solomon Islands.
- In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of Gippsland, Grafton and Melbourne.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Gungahlin, St. Simon's Kaleen and St. Paul's Ginninderra.
- We pray for those who work in the Aged Care Sector and for the chaplains that support them.

MISSION

- We pray for the work of the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge throughout the world.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- We pray for Ta'isz being admitted to receive Holy Communion this morning.
- We pray for Mia and Elena being baptised this afternoon.
- We pray for the Belonging and Caring meeting this week.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family - Leo and Glenys Wimmer; Nic and Lexie Winders; Suzanne, Jeremy, Sally, Jack and Elijah Witchalls; Michael Allen, Alison Campbell, Imogen, Darcy and Xanthe.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman and Sue Dunbar.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Friday: Ignatius of Antioch (d.c.115)

Saturday: Luke, Evangelist and Martyr



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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

TODAY

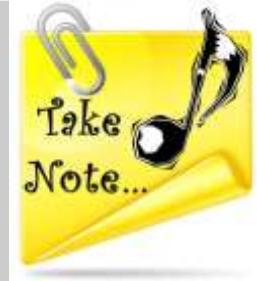
We celebrate with **Ta'isz Jokisch** as she is admitted to Holy Communion at our 10am Service this morning. We give thanks that Ta'isz is ready to take this important step on her spiritual journey.



We also pray for **Mia Ashleigh Moore** and **Elena Louise Hurst** as they will be baptised this afternoon. We pray God's blessing upon them and for their parents and godparents as they take this important step on Mia and Elena's behalf and welcome them into the family of the church.

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.

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 appreciation to Susanna for her leadership and the journey that she has taken the parish. We will also have the opportunity to thank Nikolai for his involvement, particularly his leadership of the youth group.

If you would like to contribute to a gift, put it in an appropriately marked envelope in the offertory plate or deliver to the office. You can also donate by Direct Debit, marked 'Susanna Gift'. Bank details are on page 10 of this Bulletin.

Please register on the sign-up sheet your food contribution to the lunch, also there is a card to sign up the back.

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.

I would want to say publicly 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. **This afternoon at 3pm afternoon tea and learning how to wear the hijab, and meeting some Muslim Women, Ella's place. Will you join me? Contact Ella 0439 437485 or Susanna 0418 637469.**

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

IN THE PARISH

DEEP DIVE SEMINAR - October 19, 11.45am (NEXT SUNDAY)

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.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY— 26 OCTOBER

At the 10am Service Bishop Stuart will be celebrating some special events in the life of some of our members.



To be baptised are: Darcy Allen, Constance Chen, Denis Golubeff



To be received into the Anglican Church: Pat Bonnett, Dannie Ellis, James Ellis, Tim Shao.

Please bring some morning tea to share for this special occasion.

MINI-FETE

8 NOVEMBER 2014



Our Plant stall has grown into a mini-fete. As well as a stall for all those plants you have been growing - seedlings, cuttings, potting up etc. 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 Heyde: 6253 9198, heyde@westnet.net.au

Cafe and - Evelyn David-Hoole, 6259 2476

Cake Stall 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.

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER:

• **22 November**—Quiet Day—Falling into the arms of the living God. Led by Nikolai Blaskow. There is a sign-up sheet on the sign-up board and a flyer on the noticeboard.

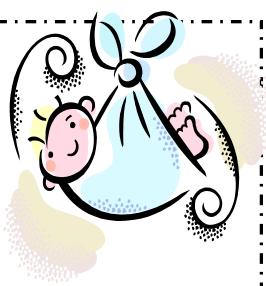
• **21-23 November**— The Way of Transition: Journeying With and Through Life's Changes.

This Circle of Trust® Retreat is for those experiencing change in any part of life — work, relationships, geography, identity, health and ageing. The Hermitage, Mittagong.

For a brochure or more info contact: sarah.bachelard@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.



WE SAY FAREWELL TO ELIZABETH SILLANO this morning as she moves to Queensland. We thank you, Elizabeth, for your contribution to the life of our parish and pray that you will find a new spiritual home. We will miss you.

NB!! The Redfern Street carpark is out-of-bounds till next Friday due to work on the driveway.

LOST PROPERTY. Please check it—behind the sound system. It's definitely being emptied into the Anglicare bin this week!

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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Bank: Commonwealth Bank
Branch: Jamison Centre, ACT
BSB: 062 907
A/C No: 802 588
Name: Holy Covenant Anglican Church

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday:	Denis Golubeff	Tuesday:	Helen Boulton
Wednesday:	Phyl Holmes		
Thursday:	Kath Arthur, David Meggs, Jack Witchalls		
Friday:	Bob Arthur		



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

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TODAY

SENTENCE: Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Phil: 4, 6.

READINGS:

Exodus : 32: 1-14
Psalm 106: 1-6, 20-24
Philippians 4: 1-9
Matthew 22: 1-14



8 am HYMNS

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PRAYER

Almighty God,
in your wisdom you have so ordered our earthly life
that we must walk by faith and not by sight:
give us such trust in your fatherly care
that in the face of all perplexities
we may give proof of our faith by the courage
of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Elizabeth Grant Libby Warren	Dorothy and Neville Hurst
Readers	Rosemary Kennemore Ted Lilley Celebrant	Dorothy Hurst Neville Hurst Susan Joy Nevile
Intercessor	Anne McDowell	Joh Sheehan
Organist	Mandy Squair	Pam Lane
Word and Prayer	Tracey Matthews	Tobias Nevile
Deacon		Susan Joy Nevile
Cup	Tracey Matthew, Luc Rose	Tobias Nevile, Susan Joy Nevile, Doreen Matters, Neville Hurst Extra bread: Susanna
Morning Tea	Mandy Square, Marjorie Pratt	Rika Amos, Ken Wedgwood
Children's Church		Mel and Richard Browning, Katherine Rainger. M. Tea: Katherine