

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN - 19 OCTOBER 2014



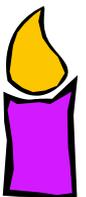
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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 Dr Sarah Bachelard
Preacher: Revd Nikolai Blaskow

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Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 20.10.14	9.am—3.pm 9.30 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Covenant Care Crafty Crew
Tuesday 21.10.14	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch Parish Council
Wednesday 22.10.14	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 23.10.14	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
	6.– 6.30 pm	Chapel	Meditation
Friday 24.10.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 25.10.14	4.45 pm	Rainbow Centre	Choir Practice
	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church

WEEK BEGINNING 26th OCTOBER

Monday 27.10.14	9.am—3.pm	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 28.10.14	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch Eco Footprint Group
Wednesday 29.10.14	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 30.10.14	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
	6—6.30 pm	Chapel	Meditation
Friday 31.10.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
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Susanna, Glenys, Merri and Judith Ann are at Galong this weekend for the Annual InterPlay Leaders' Gathering where Susanna is leading the Program on Saturday.

Idolatry

For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God
St Paul, 1 Thessalonians 1:9

I think idolatry is a curious thing: we are more prone to being idolatrous than we realize, and we are most at risk when think we are safe; in large part because to understand what idolatry is, is a most counter-intuitive process of thought.

Let me explain. If the 'true God' is an 'other Other' known only as discovered or encountered rather than as an idea (Sarah Bachelard, citing Professor James Alison, to whom I am indebted for this reflection), then we need to be sure that we are connected to the 'living and true God' and not just flirting with 'an', 'my', 'our' *idea* of God. But the question remains: how can you possibly know the difference? A standard way of starting an exploration of this dilemma would be to say with classic theology, that God is more *like* (notice I'm saying 'like' *not* 'is') nothing at all than one of the gods. For the simple fact is that God is not one of the things in the universe, though God might be the condition for there being a universe at all.

The battlefields of the Western fronts of World War I are littered with the bodies of German soldiers who once wore on their buckles the arrogant claim *Gott mit uns*. And those that kill thousands of innocent people in the name of Allah (the one true God), or democracy (the one true system of government and values) or anything else that is raised to these elevated, divinized heights, show us how terrifyingly easy it is to be taken captive by our delusions. Professor Alison explains in *Broken Heart Mountain* (my emphasis in bold):

*God is massively prior to us, and God's protagonism is hugely more powerful than any possible action or reaction which we might imagine...[but]...what is the criterion by which we can learn the difference between idolatry and worship?... that criterion is... also God...**God's criterion for God's own power [is] not the power of emperors, legislators or priests, but the ability to occupy the space of losing, curse, shame and death, without being run by them...** Idolatry is seen to be an involvement in the human cultural reality of death from which God longs for us to be free.*

Remember that St Paul knows what he is talking about – he too, in the name of zeal for his monotheistic God, had blood on his hands.

- *Nikolai Blaskow*



This week is "Anti Poverty Week". I really thought I should write an erudite article about poverty in Canberra and I can assure you that there is a lot of poverty in Canberra, but why should I write such an article? There are so many clever people who can do that, do the research, quote the statistics etc, but most of them don't work on the coal face.

My thoughts about poverty in Canberra;

My heart goes out to those who are not able to feed their family. So often I have seen a Mum have to cross the Welfare door for the first time. It must be so hard when you have to ask a stranger to help you feed your family. Our clients are always treated with dignity and respect and we always hope that they feel comfortable at the visit, but it takes a lot of courage to have to ask for help - that's poverty.

One of the times I hate the most at SJC is when a Mum comes in for assistance, accompanied by her school age children and it is not school holidays. When you ask the children if it is a pupil free day and they reply that they had no food in the house to eat so Mum didn't send them to School. We all know that the majority of our schools will provide a lunch for the children, but it is mainly about the Mums not wanting their children to feel different. So the kids miss school, what's the problem? Education is the way they are going to break out of the poverty cycle, so to miss an important day in their life that might help them get a job in the future - that's poverty.

Young people, who for one reason or another have had to leave home and are trying to exist on their own on Youth Allowance. I don't know how anyone can live on so little money, without the support of their family, and that's what these young people don't have. At an early age they have to navigate the mysteries of Centrelink and housing, and just try to survive - that's poverty.

The unemployed people who are trying to live on Newstart Allowance, so little money and so few concessions. They usually can't survive, so they take out a short term loan with a well advertised loan company, and then they are in real problems, a massive debt that they will never be able to repay - that's poverty.

Poverty in Canberra is real, it is all around us every day. You probably don't see it but I do.

Nelson Mandella said in 2005:" Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice."

My wish list: no poverty in Canberra, Christmas presents for boys older than six, Longlife milk , small tins of ham, and biscuits.

**Many Thanks
Sue**



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We pray for the countries devastated by Ebola and that the International community will respond with assistance.

IN AUSTRALIA

- We pray for all our Muslim friends who are being victimised and for an increase in tolerance and understanding.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church in the West Indies, Jerusalem and the Middle East
- In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of Perth, North West Australia and Riverina.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Queanbeyan and Disgtrict, Yass and Boorowa.
- We pray for the Community of Celebration and Mary's Place and the Bargain Hunter in Queanbeyan.

MISSION

- We pray for the work of the Australian Board of Missions in Myanmar and the Sudan.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- We pray for those preparing to be being baptised, confirmed and admitted to the Anglican Church next Sunday.
- We pray for the Parish Council meeting this week.
- We pray for Susanna and Nikolai as they prepare to leave the parish.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family - Tony Willis; Roger, Rika, Katy and Sophie Amos; Robert and Kath Arthur; Bec Arundel-Cawsey; Gretel Ayre; and Merri Bacon.
- ♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman and Sue Dunbar.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Thursday: James, brother of our Lord



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

TODAY

DEEP DIVE SEMINAR - 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.

SYNERGY SUNDAY

Synergy Youth and Children is the Diocesan body that co-ordinates youth and children ministry across the Diocese including the city, coast and country. There will be a **retiring offering today** to support the work of Synergy. Half of this offering will go to support the operational costs of Synergy and half will go to sponsoring youth throughout the Diocese who need financial assistance to attend Camp Pelican including some of the Dinka Youth from parishes.

PARISH CONSULTATION Sunday 26th October from 2-4pm

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.

This will take place 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.



IN THE PARISH

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY— NEXT SUNDAY

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



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

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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.

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.

Heroes, Saints and Angels Party—an alternative to Halloween

Friday 31st October 4:30-6:30pm @ Holy Covenant. Come dressed up in your favourite costume and enjoy an afternoon of games, prizes and activities. Bring your friends! **Sausage sizzle for sale.**

INTERFAITH DIALOGUE AND VISIT TO LAKEMBA MOSQUE

Last Sunday morning (12th October), Marg and I attended an interfaith dialogue at the Lebanese Muslim Centre at Lakemba, Sydney. The centre stands next door to the Lakemba Mosque. The theme of the dialogue was 'Discerning the spiritual in the secular'. Around 60 people attended, with quite a number of young people present. Our invitation had come through some Jewish friends.

The first speaker was a New York born rabbi now living in Australia. The second, a younger Islamic teacher who apparently does a lot of youth work in Sydney and Newcastle. The last speaker was a Catholic priest with significant training in Muslim studies and extensive experience of living in Islamic societies. Each spoke for about 20 minutes with a question and answer session at the end. I found the experience so stimulating, and was fascinated at the wisdom and insights from each of the faith perspectives.

I cannot do justice to each of the speakers here and can only give a 'taster' by way of some examples. The rabbi spoke of growing up in a bubble cut off from the rest of the world (a little boy I know grew up in a 'protestant' bubble). The priest distinguished between the virtues of 'secularity' (ie a secular state that provides 'space' for different faiths to flourish), and the vice of 'secularism' which only sees the world in material terms. The Islamic teacher spoke of the obligation Muslims have to care for the world; in this sense, people of faith should not separate themselves from the world.

We would be happy to chat further to anyone who is interested.

Participants were encouraged to remain behind afterwards and share a lunch provided by our Muslim hosts. Our visit to Lakemba also provided an opportunity for Marg and I to have a quick look inside the mosque; it was wonderful to finally see inside what we'd previously only seen from the outside on TV.

- John Christensen

Kitchen Table Conversations - talking about the things that concern us. We are running two meetings in November, under an initiative of SEE-Change (of which the parish is a corporate member), to pool our ideas about how things could be better and to suggest changes that might be made, from local to national.

We are inviting people to join us for both meetings and would love to include you if you would like to join us on 3rd and 17th November from 7-9 pm, here at Holy Covenant.

Let me know at mjeangroves@gmail.com

Jean Groves

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 o 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.**
Our reflection will centre around the paradox that it is both fearful and wonderful to fall into the hands of a living God we dare not possess and make in our own image.

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. Led by Sarah Bachelard and Neil Miller.

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.



PARKING ON THE FOOTPATH. A reminder that if you park in Dexter Street, please leave enough footpath for our neighbours to walk.

SUSANNA on ABC 666 Monday @ 10am to share her experiences of wearing a hijab.

ROSTER UNAVAILABILITY. If you think you won't be available for duty during November, please mark the sheet on the Roster Board at the back.

In the interest of saving paper, those who receive the **E-Bulletin** please leave your printed copy in the box on the hymnbook stand,.

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- **Walk for Justice 1pm**
25 October.
- **Anglican Community Emergency Response**, training course. 29 November, St. James' Holt.



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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday: **Wendy Ward, Mary Lynn Mather**
Sunday: **Harris Boulton**

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 – 26 OCTOBER 2014

8.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION

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Preacher: Bishop Stuart Robinson



Come,
Thankful People!

TODAY

SENTENCE: Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

Matthew 22:21

READINGS:

Exodus : 33: 12-23
 Psalm 99
 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10
 Matthew 22: 15-33



8 am HYMNS

(Matthias)
 143
 112
 110(479)
 595

PRAYER

God of glory, you call us by name
 and shape us into a living message.
 Affirm your presence in our lives
 and in this, your community,
 so we can become strong and faithful
 witnesses
 to your way in this world.

AMEN



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Kerin and Brian Cox	Anne Dudzinski Jey Hoole
Readers	Kerin Cox Robert Arthur Anne Ranse	Doreen Matters Reg Holmes Phyl Holmes
Intercessor	Tobias Nevile	James Ellis
Organist	Kath Arthur	Ruth Dunncliff Hagan
Word and Prayer	Paul Shelley	Tracey Matthews
Deacon	Anne Ranse	
Cup	Paul Shelley, Anne Ranse	Tracey Matthews, George Gerrity, Leo Wimmer, Extra bread: Nikolai
Morning Tea	Mary Lynn Mather, Jocelyn Kirkland	Rika Amos, Ken Wedgwood
Children's Church		Christine Mitchell, Anne Lange, Richard Browning, Mel Browning. M. Tea: Brownings