

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

9 NOVEMBER 2014

**Twenty Second 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 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 10.11.14	9.am-3.pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Covenant Care Kitchen Table Conversations
Tuesday 11.11.14	12 noon	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch
Wednesday 12.11.14	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 13.11.14	9.30 am 6- 6.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Chapel	Scrabble Meditation
Friday 14.11.14	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Worship Centre Ruchi's Restaurant	Playgroup Men's Dinner
Saturday 15.11.14	9.00 am 11 am-3.00 pm 4.45 pm 6.00 pm	Church Grounds 29 Mackellar Cres . Cook Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Working Bee Open Garden Choir Practice Benedictus Contemplative Church

WEEK BEGINNING 16 November 2014

Monday 17.11.14	9.am-3.pm	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 18.11.14	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch Parish Council
Wednesday 19.11.14	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 20.11.14	9.30 am 6-6.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Chapel	Scrabble Meditation
Friday 21.11.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre Ruchi's Restaurant	Playgroup Men's Indian Dinner
Saturday 22.11.14	2. 00-5.00 pm 4.45 pm 6.00 pm	18 Dexter St. Cook Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Open Garden Choir Practice Benedictus Contemplative Church

TRANSITION

Sarah Bachelard

'Most people do not resist change. What we resist is transition' (William Bridges).

We are in a time of transition as a parish community. Last week we said farewell to Susanna and Nikolai, and so to an era in the life of Holy Covenant. Now we are in the midst of discerning the rector who is to come. Times of transition are inherently difficult and unsettling: something has come to an end but the new thing has not yet declared itself or taken shape. We can feel disoriented or dislocated, unsure how to 'be' in this in-between space.

At the vacancy consultation on 26 October, I offered some reflections on the experience of transition drawn from the work of William Bridges, which I share again here.

There is a distinction between change and transition. Change is an alteration in a situation; transition is the process of letting go the way things used to be and then taking hold of the way they become. It is possible to make changes without doing the deeper work of transition. For example, we can change jobs, move house, rearrange our lifestyle – but find in the new situation that the same old issues return. We experience the same dissatisfaction with ourselves or our job or our home, or whatever. In our context, avoiding the work of transition might mean that we call a new rector, but then expect them to be just like Susanna. That would be to make a change but refuse the transition.

Ending, neutral zone, beginning. All transitions begin with an ending and end with a new beginning. Between the ending and the new beginning is what Bridges calls 'the neutral zone' – an in-between, unclear, dislocating space. It is a Holy Saturday kind of time. When a transition is avoided, it's usually because we have refused the ending (not let something go) or have rushed forward to force a new beginning, without letting ourselves wait in the neutral zone for something to rise up in the Spirit's time.

Each of us tend to react differently to these challenges, depending on past experiences of change and transition. Understanding some of these dynamics helps us be more aware of our own reactions, and also gentle with one another as we seek to listen, to attend and wait. This week's gospel reading encourages us to stay faithful to the waiting as non-anxiously as we can, doing what is there to be done – trimming our lamps like the wise bridesmaids – so that when the time is right we will find ourselves awake and ready to welcome the next phase of our life in Christ.



Christmas Day is fast approaching, in fact in just forty five days we will all be sitting down and enjoying our Christmas Day Lunch with family and friends. Actually, not everyone is that lucky in Canberra, and many will spend Christmas Day alone. Which is why the first St John's Care Christmas Day lunch was held in 2001. That year was a small occasion with about sixty people enjoying the fellowship and good food on the day.

Last year we served three hundred and eighty meals, with lots and lots of Volunteers also there on the day. I usually describe the day as "a day of organised chaos, I am organised and the rest of the day is Chaos". It is always a very happy day, the Hall is decorated and looks very festive, the food is yummy and the live entertainment always keeps people happy and involved. In the last couple of years, Santa has been visiting and giving presents to the children and bags of lollies to everyone present.

It is now time for me to pass on the baton, so SJC is looking for people to put up their hand and help organise the 2014 Christmas Day Lunch.

We need someone who will be the overall coordinator. I don't see it as an onerous task: a couple of meetings before the event, and then on the day, making sure that everything is running smoothly, and making sure that everyone is feeling included and happy. The Management Committee would consider paying a small Honorarium for this position.

I feel that we need another seven people to manage the various aspects of the day: Setting up the Hall, Hospitality (Table Hosts and Entertainment), Serving the Meals, Kitchen Crew, Pudding Room, managing the Volunteers and most importantly, Clean up.

Position Descriptions will be available next week, there will be a couple of briefings before the event but that is all. You will not be responsible for any of the pre Christmas Day organisation, like ordering the food etc. that will all be done.

I can't stress how important the lunch is to so many of our fellow Canberrans. Last year we also provided transport to and from the event for twelve of our older Canberrans. If they had not been able to attend the lunch, they would have celebrated the birth of Jesus, in a small flat by themselves. Not what I would like to happen, so if you feel that you could help, please give me a ring on 62487771. If you know of anyone who may be by themselves on Christmas Day, invite them to the lunch. The more the merrier!!

My wish list for this week: shampoo, conditioner and Longlife milk.

**Many thanks
Sue Jordan**



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We continue to pray for those countries devastated by the Ebola virus, and give thanks for the International response of help.

IN AUSTRALIA

- We pray for a country where compassion, justice and care for others overrides prejudice, ignorance and racism.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church in Bermuda and the Sudan.
- In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of Bendigo, Brisbane and Ballarat.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of All Saints' Ainslie; Holy Cross Hackett; and St. Philip's O'Connor.
- We pray for ministry in small country churches and the Rural Ministry Group.

MISSION

- We pray for the work of the Australian Board of Missions in Central Africa and the Philippines.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- We pray for Susan Joy Nevile taking the Service at Calvary hospital today.
- We pray for our Clergy Appointment Board as they consider the way forward.
- We pray for Anne Dudzinski and Tracey Matthews taking Services at Kangara Waters and Calvary Retirement Villages tomorrow.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family - Heather and Alan Boyd; Bea Brickhill; Richard, Melinda, Samuel, Zachary and Matthew Browning; Alicia Bruce and Barry and Sandra Button.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman,

COMMEMORATIONS:

- Today: **Margit Alice Halsey (died 2010)**
Alma Featherstone (died 2013)
Monday: **Leo of Rome bishop and priest.**



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

IN THE PARISH



Baptism

WE WELCOME the family of **Annabelle Viktoria GLASS** who is being baptized in our 10am Service this morning. We pray for Annabelle, her parents Kimberley and Paul and godparents David and Nina as they make this commitment on behalf of Annabelle. Welcome to the family of the Church Annabelle and particularly to the Holy Covenant branch.

FROM SARAH BACHELARD

Dear Holy Covenant,

I am writing to let you know of my decision to resign from my role as Senior Associate Priest in the parish, with my last Sunday on 18 January 2015.

This has not been an easy decision, since I value you and your ministry to the local community highly. I have enjoyed my time in the parish very much, and am grateful for the welcome, friendship and support I've received from so many. However, other aspects of my ministry through Benedictus and also in leading retreats, teaching and speaking in different parts of Australia have been growing and I believe that I need to create more space for them than is possible while working even part-time in the parish.

I very much hope that my association with Holy Covenant will continue – particularly if Benedictus is able to continue meeting in the church and through my leadership of the parish retreat next year. Of course, I am also aware that this is a time of significant transition for the parish with Susanna and Nikolai leaving, and I have not wanted my resignation to cause more disruption. I hope it doesn't do that, but in fact clears the way for a new season of the life of the community to unfold with the new rector. Thank you so much for the privilege of working with you. Holy Covenant is a wonderful, lively and inclusive community which is sorely needed in our church and our world.

CLERGY APPOINTMENT BOARD

Members of the congregation who would like to speak to our parish Clergy Appointment Board members concerning the search for Susanna's successor are welcome to do so. Evelyn, Rhys and Paula will be happy to share any comments with each other in confidence, so it is not necessary for parishioners to catch up with all three individuals.

A chat with one member is the same as a chat with all, and they look forward to hearing from you.

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Paula Percival—6251 1706; ppe17466@bigpond.net.au

Evelyn David-Hoole -0411 062160; evie_24@hotmail.com

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS - LOTS OF THEM!

- ✦ **14 NOVEMBER - Men's Indian Dinner— 7 pm** Ruchi's Restaurant, Oatley Court, Belconnen. **There is a sign-up sheet on the board**
- ✦ **15 NOVEMBER AND 22 NOVEMBER:**
Open Gardens by Holy Covenant Parishioners
Following the plant sale weekend, there is a new local attraction on offer in the world of greenery, flowers and vegetables - two of our parishioners are opening up their interesting gardens for you to visit:
Saturday 15 November: Sally Bachelard's garden at 29 Mackellar Cres Cook. 11am - 3pm.

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER: Joh Sheehan's garden in Cook
18 Dexter Street, Cook. 2—5pm
Refreshments will be offered and you will be very welcome to chat with the gardeners (and any others around!).
A donation of \$5 is requested.
- ✦ **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.**
- ✦ **29 NOVEMBER: WOMEN'S AFTERNOON TEA at Tilley's, Lyneham**
3pm Sign up sheet on the board.
- ✦ **30 NOVEMBER: THE PRAYER VINE** will be meeting from 2:30pm to 4pm in the Rainbow Centre. If this is a ministry you would like to be involved in, please feel free to join us. Sarah will lead us for the afternoon and we will pray for the needs of the parish. This time of prayer is always a time of strengthening and a good time to connect with others in the congregation through prayer. We will also consider facilitating a time for prayer for the parish each month during the parish transition period, perhaps along the lines of our SOS prayer vigils to be held in the Worship Centre at a date and time to be advised. If you have any ideas and would like to contribute to this please let Sarah know.

Our 'Heroes, Saints and Angels party' on 31st October was a lot of fun! The Cowardly Lion, Saint Francis, Dorothy, Scarecrow, the cast from Frozen, a dragonfly, Red Riding Hood and many others joined us for an afternoon of circus performances, games and amazing activities. A big thank you to the youth group for running the activities, others who helped out and to **Karen Bisley** for her hard work.

THE WAY OF TRANSITION: JOURNEYING WITH AND THROUGH LIFE'S CHANGES

What happens when familiar ways go dead or when we're thrust from an old way of being? How do we make sense of disorientating times?

Our lives unfold their promise in an alternating rhythm of change and stability, of endings, beginnings and the uncertain time in between. Learning to recognize this rhythm, to discern and trust its invitations, is vital if times of change and reevaluation are to lead us towards deeper authenticity and fulfillment, as well as enrich our capacity to contribute to the world.

This *Circle of Trust*® Retreat is for those experiencing change in any part of life — work, relationships, geography, identity, health, ageing... or just some vague sense that things are different.

November 21 – 23 at The Hermitage, Mittagong.

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

DEEP DIVE, NOVEMBER 30, 11.45AM

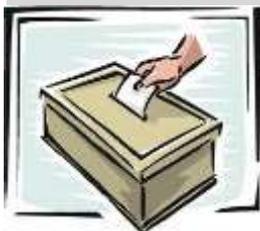
The Mystery of Christmas: The Birth of Jesus & the Nature of Incarnation



Join us for our final Deep Dive for 2014 with Katherine Rainger, our Youth and Children's Worker .

Advent is here and the 'to-do' list is becoming overwhelming! Amongst the fun, festivity and frenetic activity we seek to welcome the Christ-child. This seminar will provide insight and inspiration as we 'get ready' to encounter him in unexpected ways. For whilst this child was long-awaited, his birth is also full of surprises and challenges the status quo. This seminar will draw upon the Gospels of Luke and Matthew and their use of Jewish scripture, *Godly Play* stories and my experience in Bethlehem being immersed in Palestinian Liberation Theology. The journeys of the shepherds, the magi and the Holy Family reveal much about the world of Jesus and plight of many in our world today.

Katherine has just completed a Master of Theology and she has a passion for biblical studies, issues of justice, theological conversations and Christian formation. Her major work in her Masters was inspired by the *Godly Play* story, 'The Mystery of Christmas'.



NOMINATIONS FOR WARDENS AND PARISH COUNCILLORS.

Forms for the above positions and their responsibilities are available from the table near the Font. Please consider carefully if you are called to this Service or if you would like to nominate someone. Completed forms can be placed in the box next to the forms or delivered to the office by 30 November.

CAMP PELICAN SUMMER 2015

Camp Pel Years 5 & 6 - 11 to 16 Jan 2015

Manna Park Merimbula
\$330 covers camp and transport from
Canberra

For more info visit www.synergyyc.net/camps

Camp Pel Years 7 & 8 - 11 to 16 Jan 2015

Wambiri Campsite Tathra
\$330 covers camp and transport from Canberra

For more info visit www.synergyyc.net/camps

Camp Pel Years 9 & 10 - 4 to 9 Jan 2015

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Camp Pelican
www.synergy.org.au



Karina Harris and Dylan Mordike - from our 10am congregation, are directing the year 9/10 camp. Please pray for them as they gather the Leadership team and make preparations.

Stewardship focus for November: Caitlin Lance, Clinical Psychologist (Ph.D) volunteering in Kolkata.

Caitlin has been continuing her work in the post-trauma care of vulnerable woman and children in Kolkata, India. Recently Caitlin has had some health problems which required medical attention. In the midst of this Caitlin reflected on what it was like to access the different levels of health care in India. **Read her story on the noticeboard.**

We look forward to hearing from Caitlin next Sunday.

Holy Covenant's distribution for Wider Work in 2014 has been allocated as follows:

Anglican Board of Mission	\$1000
Christian Education in Schools	\$ 800
Anglicare, Canberra	\$1000
St Johns Care, Canberra	\$1600
Bush Church Aid	\$1000
Tikondane Community Centre,	\$1000
Church Missionary Society	\$ 700
Anglican Overseas Aid	\$1200
Nungalinya College, Darwin	\$1000
CBM Australia	\$ 700
Caitlin Lance, Kolkata, India	\$1000
TOTAL	\$11,000



ANGLICARE CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE ALMOST GONE.

There is one mixed pack left and 2 single cards.

WORKING BEE NEXT SATURDAY-15th Nov.

From 9.00 am

Not all jobs are heavy duty. And your reward is a great morning tea.



ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- **Anglican Community Emergency Response**, training course. 29 November, St. James' Holt.
- **A Passion for Peace** music presentation 11 November 7.30pm

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means? The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for '**Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.**'"

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION. The Australian Christian Meditation Community (ACMC) invites you to take part in "**Christian Meditation – the Heart of Creation**" with **Fr Laurence Freeman OSB** in December: Friday 5th (7.30pm to 9.30pm) and Saturday 6th (9.30am to 3.30pm) at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall St., Barton, A.C.T. This ecumenical gathering is for those who have been meditating a while, for newcomers to meditation, and for those who may be wondering ".....*just what is this Christian meditation all about?*"

Registration in advance for **December 5-6th in Canberra** needs to be done using the flyer available in the church foyer; also available from Rod and Susan Page (02) 6281 2378, or by accessing the ACMC website:
www.christianmeditationaustralia.org/pdf/NationalConference2014.pdf

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Today: **Wendy Elkhuzen**; Monday: **Rob Lake, Katherine Rainger**; Tuesday: **Jane Trigge**; Thursday: **Joh Sheehan**; Friday: **Matthew Browning, Leo Wimmer, Ruth Dunicliffe-Hagan and Tobias Feitz**

If you'd like your name in the birthday book, please tell Phyl.
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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 16 NOVEMBER 2014

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SENTENCE:

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24: 42.44

READINGS:

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78: 1-7

1 Thessalonians 4: 9-18

Matthew 25: 1-13



8 am HYMNS

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PRAYER

Eternal God,
 you have taught us that the night is far spent
 and the day is at hand:
 keep us awake and alert, watching for your
 kingdom,
 so that when Christ, the bridegroom comes,
 we may go out joyfully to meet him, and with
 him enter into the marriage feast that you
 have prepared for all who truly love you:
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
 reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

AMEN



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Carol and Peter Sherman	Prue and Ken Wedgwood
Readers	Rosemary Kennemore Des Pain Anne Ranse	Jey Hoole Chris Olsson Leslie Chumak
Intercessor	Jen Collier	George Gerrity
Organist	Heather Shelley	Pam Lane
Word and Prayer	Luc Rose	Joh Sheehan
Deacon	Anne Ranse	
Cup	Luc Rose, Anne Ranse	Leo Wimmer, Rob Maron, George Gerrity, Gwen Hallows Extra bread: Richard Browning
Morning Tea	Jenny Hall Kathy Lake	Alison Campbell Michael Allen
Children's Church		Sue, Prue, Rika, Soplhie M. Tea: Deranie Jackson