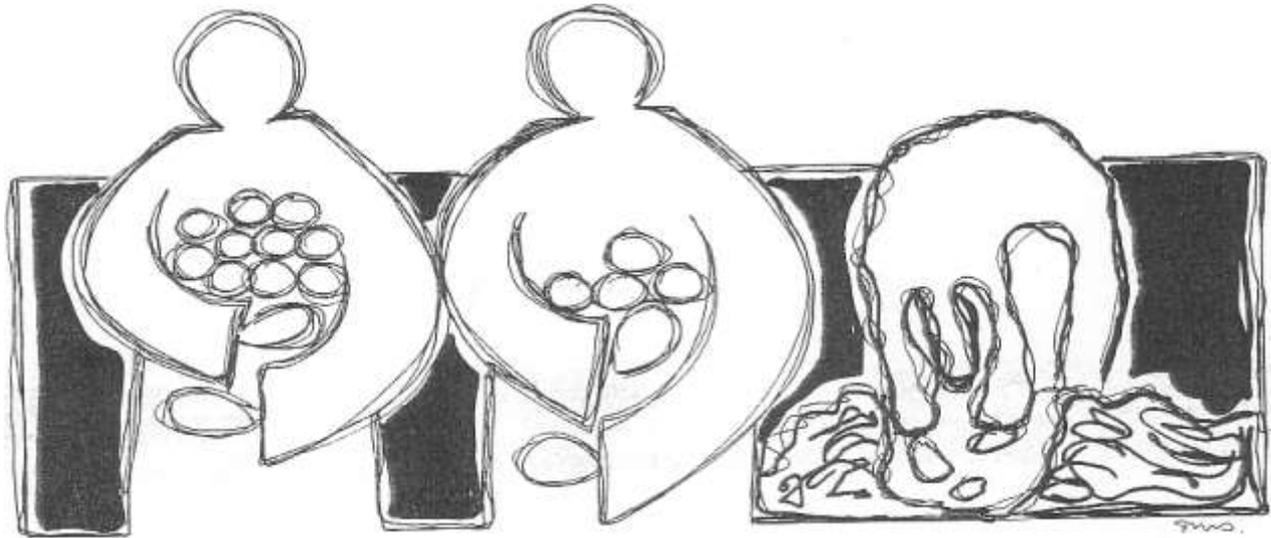




HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN 16 NOVEMBER 2014



Twenty Third 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: Archdeacon Anne Ranse

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Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 17.11.14	9.am-3.pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Covenant Care Crafty Crew
Tuesday 18.11.14	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch Parish Council meeting
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 6.00- 6.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Chapel	Scrabble Meditation
Friday 21.11.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 22.11.14	9.30—4.00pm 2-5pm 4.45 pm 6.00 pm	St. Mark's Barton 18 Dexter St., Cook Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Quiet Day Open Garden Choir Practice Benedictus Contemplative Church

WEEK BEGINNING 23 November 2014

Monday 24.11.14	9.am-3.pm	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 25.11.14	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch Eco-Footprint Group
Wednesday 26.11.14	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 27.11.14	9.30 am 6.00-6.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Chapel	Scrabble Meditation
Friday 28.11.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 29.11.14	3.00 pm 4.45 pm 6.00 pm	Tilley's Café, Lyneham Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Women's afternoon tea Choir Practice Benedictus Contemplative Church

REFLECTION - Sarah Bachelard

The word 'parable' derives from two Greek words – 'para' meaning 'beside' and 'ballo' meaning to throw or to cast. In rhetoric, a parable is a comparison or fictional story that is 'set beside' reality in order to illuminate some feature of experience. Over and over again in the gospels, Jesus says: 'for it is like ...'; 'it is as if ...' and we are given a story which offers insight into his understanding of God and of human life in relation to God. So it is in today's gospel reading with the parable of the talents. And yet, with this story it is difficult to know exactly what understanding or life lesson we are supposed to draw from it.

Stanley Hauerwas claims that, 'no parable has been more misused than Jesus' parable of the talents'. It can seem to offer divine legitimation for market capitalism, with the system set up so that the rich get richer and the poor get poorer while being blamed for their laziness. It can provoke anxiety about whether we are doing 'enough' to warrant the blessings we have received, and so promote tendencies to workaholicism and works' righteousness. None of this seems consistent with other aspects of Jesus' teaching.

So, what other readings of this parable are possible? The two features that strike me as most suggestive are its context and the significance of imagination. The story comes as part of a sequence of illustrations about the judgement of God and human life in the light of that promised judgement. Prior to this, the parable of the faithful or unfaithful slave focused on the treatment of fellow slaves, and the parable of the ten bridesmaids spoke of the necessity of readiness. The parable of the talents is about responsibility for fruitfulness and participation in the work of the master. But this participation is deeply affected by how the master is imagined to be. The determining feature of the behaviour of the third slave, who hides his one talent, is that he fears the master, imagining him to be 'a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed'. The way he imagines the master paralyses his participation in life – and isn't that true for us also? How we imagine ourselves and how we imagine reality is powerful. A sense of ourselves as inadequate or unworthy, for example, or of reality as threatening or unfair profoundly affects whether we will risk ourselves to participate in life or not. Whether our views are justified by past experience is not the main issue. The question Jesus puts to us even so is – will you play? Will you take a risk? Will you accept the invitation, as fully as you can, to 'enter into the joy of your Master'?

Poet David Whyte says: 'The price of our vitality is the sum of all our fears'. Jesus has come to liberate us from fear, so that we may have life and have it in abundance.





I really have this most extraordinary job which is so special. Without preaching I get to show people that God loves them, it is not actually me that is the focal point, it is you. When you put something in the basket at Church, you are opening your heart and helping

someone or a family to survive for the week, but more importantly they also know that they are loved.

On the first Friday of every month SJC has a wonderful band of Volunteers who cook, serve and clean up after the monthly lunch. The lunch started ten years ago and we were thrilled back then if we had forty people dine with us. These days we feed about a hundred people, and I can assure you that it is a busy but lovely and happy day.

We had a lunch last Friday which was a great success. This lunch was a bit different, the Australian Sri Lankan Association, under the control of my lovely friend Sena, took over the day. They provided everything: the flavoured rice, the chicken curry, Dahl, curry Vegetables etc etc. It was just wonderful and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. They actually served one hundred and thirty meals. It was just wonderful and I thank the Association for their continued support. This is the third year that they have cooked a lunch for us.

My great love on the day was talking to John, a young homeless man. He has just arrived in Canberra from Darwin, on his way to Perth. He was invited to the lunch by a couple of acquaintances who also use our service. He had a great lunch but needed a bit of tucker to help him out over the weekend.

It is really important that you take time to choose the food for someone like John. He knew where some free BBQs were but of course he has no storage, no can opener and of course no refrigeration. It is amazing what we can provide and he was very appreciative.

John was telling me how wonderful Darwin is, he loves living under the starry skies, the warm weather and he has a really fantastic spot to camp out there. So I had to ask him why he left Darwin - "it's raining!". Fair enough, when the wet weather starts, he either spends most of his time in the gent's toilet or he takes off. This year he thought he would try Canberra. He will only be with us for a few weeks and then he is going south, probably call in and see his Grandparents and then meet a friend in Perth in the New Year, then back to Darwin about March.

He was a lovely young man, with a great sense of humour and it was a pleasure to spend some time with him. He has some mental health issues which he attributes to the abuse he received at home as a child, which is why he has chosen to be homeless.

My wish list for this week: tins of fruit, small tins of ham and lollies.

**Many thanks
Sue Jordan**



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We give thanks for the international response to the Ebola crisis , pray for safety for the volunteers and that Bob Geldof's generosity will not be exploited.

IN AUSTRALIA

- We pray for a serious and urgent response to Climate Change and that the Australian Govt will respond to the China/USA deal.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church in Portugal and South India.
- In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of Gippsland, Grafton and Newcastle.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of St. George's Pearce. St. Stephen's Kambah and St. Matthew's Wanniasa.
- We pray for Anglicare Children's Services at Calwell, Gordon and Parliament House.

MISSION

- We pray for the work of Mission to Seafarers caring for seafarers in over 250 ports around the world.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- We pray for all those baptised, confirmed and admitted to the Anglican Church recently.
- We pray for the Parish Council Meeting this week.
- We pray for the Clergy Appointment Board as they seek the way forward.
- We pray for Tobias Nevile as he leaves for the Seychelles this week.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family - Melanie Cantwell, Diane Mutch, Ella and Lily; Constance Chen and Tim Shao; Marg and John Christensen; Lesley Chumak and Chris Olsson; and David and Mel Clark.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Sandra Button, Anne Dudzinski.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Monday: Hilda of Whitby, (Abbess)

Tuesday: **Bruce Manning Pratt (died 2010)**



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

IN THE PARISH

WELCOME

WELCOME BACK CAITLIN LANCE Caitlin will be sharing some of her experiences with us this morning.

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.**

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'.

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

- ✦ **22 NOVEMBER: Open Gardens by Holy Covenant Parishioners**
John Sheehan's garden at 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: DEEP DIVE, 11.45AM The Mystery of Christmas: The Birth of Jesus & the Nature of Incarnation**
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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. We will also consider facilitating a time for prayer for the parish each month during the parish transition Period. If you have any ideas and would like to contribute to this please let Sarah know.

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

November 21 – 23 at The Hermitage, Mittagong

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. **Registration closes today.**

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.synergyc.net/camps

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

Wambiri Campsite Tathra

\$330 covers camp and transport from Canberra

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

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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.

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.



FROM TOBIAS NEVILLE

"As Part of my Gap Year experience, I am going to the Seychelles on a mission trip from the 17th to the 29th of November.

I'll be there with a group called **SOMA**, spending time with the people and strengthening the local Church.

Please keep me in your prayers, that I can be safe overseas, and grow from the experience."



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

CLASSIFIEDS

- I am looking for accommodation that is close to a good bus line and affordable. Can be a share situation. Andrew Richey. 0420 529393 arichey@outlook.com
- The Quinlan family have come to the sad realisation that their beloved 14 year old cat Fluff would enjoy his twilight years better in a new home, preferably without dogs or small children. If you know of anyone who would be interested in Fluff's company, please let Anna or David know on 62554445 or dat.quinlan@inet.net.au.
- Tracey, Russell and Bella are looking for someone to mind their very cute 'cavoodle' dog called Bailey. If you like dogs and would be willing to have him stay at your place from **24-29 December** this may be for you. Bailey is used to being inside and loves company. The lucky person will receive a Christmas gift of \$150 for looking after him. Contact Tracey on 0415 804 035 if you are interested.

Australian Christian Meditation Community (ACT)

Christian Meditation—the Heart of Creation
Fr. Laurence Freeman OSB

Friday 5th and Sat 6th December at the ACCC. As seating is booking out quickly, you are advised to book early.

www.christianmeditationaustralia.org/pdf/National_Conference_2014



ANGLICARE CHRISTMAS CARDS. Contrary to last week's notice there are still plenty of cards left. They are in a box on the back table and payment is via the honesty box.

THANK YOU

- * To all who were involved in the farewell to Susanna and Nikolai - a great occasion.
- * To all who worked so hard for the mini-fete last Saturday. You raised \$2831. Well done.
- To any who may have come to the working bee yesterday—rain, hail or shine!
- * To Chris Olsson for organising the Men's dinner - a spicy time was had by all!

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

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- **Anglican Community Emergency Response**, training course. 29 November, St. James' Holt.

Trust in the Lord,



because his love is constant

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Monday: **Tony Willis, Jonathon Wedgwood.** Tuesday: **Oliver Feitz.**
 Wednesday: **Reg Holmes.** Thursday: **Bethany Gibson.**
 Friday: **Katy Amos, Anna Quinlan, Jemima Mordike.**

If you'd like your name in the birthday book, please tell Phyl.
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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 23 NOVEMBER 2014

8.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Sarah Gibson

10.00 am

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SENTENCE:

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvations through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.

- 1 Thessalonians 5: 9-11

READINGS:

Judges 4: 1-10

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Matthew 25: 14-30



8 am HYMNS

Matthias

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PRAYER

Everliving God,
before the earth was formed,
and even after it shall cease to be,
you are God.

Break into our short span of life
and show us those things that are eternal,
that we may serve your purpose in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

AMEN



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	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Kerin and Brian Cox	Jey Hoole, Reg Holmes
Readers	Kerin Cox Tony Willis Anne Ranse	Frances Mackay Reg Holmes Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Merrie Hepworth	Joh Sheehan
Organist	Mandy Squair	Heather Shelley
Word and Prayer	Tracey Matthews	Tobias Nevile
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
Cup	Tracey Matthews, Anne Ranse	Tobias Nevile, Anne Ranse, Susan Joy Nevile, Phyl Holmes Extra bread: Sarah Gibson
Morning Tea	Margaret and David Meggs	Theresa Jokisch, Judith Ann Daniels
Children's Church		Sue, Russell, Katherine. M. Tea: Jodie Petrov