

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

7 DECEMBER 2014

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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 Richard Browning

10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Richard Browning

11.00 am BUPA Nursing Home

4.00 pm Rainbow Fellowship



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 08.12.14	9.am-3.pm	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 09.12.14	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch
Wednesday 10.12.14	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 11.12.14	9.30 am 6.00- 6.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Chapel	Scrabble Meditation
Friday 12.12.14	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 13.12.14	4.45 pm 6.00 pm	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Choir Practice Benedictus Contemplative Church

WEEK BEGINNING 14 DECEMBER 2014

Monday 15.12.14	9.am-3.pm	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 16.12.14	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 17.12.14	12 noon 2.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class
Thursday 18.12.14	9.30 am 6.00-6.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Chapel	Scrabble Meditation
Saturday 20.12.14	9.00 am 4.45 pm 6.00 pm	Church grounds Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Working Bee Choir Practice Benedictus Contemplative Church

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

THE SECOND WEEK IN ADVENT brings John the Baptist into our focus. John was a forerunner and a herald for the coming of Christ and in the forefront of my daily life sits this image also, to be a forerunner and a herald for Christ. Endeavouring to meet with Christ regularly in prayer and meditation helps to keep this vision alive and during Advent I must admit I spend some time with our Lord going through my list of issues I seek his forgiveness for. It's only then that I can actively take his message and action into the world where there is so much need,

So, how might you see yourself as a forerunner and herald for Christ's second coming when we don't know when that will be? John baptises in the desert as a sign of life and he calls for repentance namely to change what must be changed, to straighten what is crooked, to seek justice and to prepare earnestly for the encounter with the Lord who comes daily in the midst of what is insignificant in this world.

Advent is the time to prepare for the Lord's nativity to the extent that it is a time to prepare for our encounter with Jesus. The Lord will fulfil his promise, and he invites us to radical change in terms of accepting him by accepting the little ones and the marginalised.

Comfort my people says the Lord (Is 40:1); comforting means liberating. This is what John the Baptist has started to do and what Christ asks of us, to liberate his people. I share two stories with you that to me are images useful for Advent and sometimes these images can be a form of prayer in themselves: A small boy was sitting on the lawn in a garden and he was admiring two golden yellow roses he had picked. One was a bud and the other was fully opened. One by one he was pulling at the petals of the bud which were falling to the ground, leaving nothing on the stem. His mother asked him what he was doing and he replied: 'I am trying to open it up so it is like the other roses.' His mother replied: 'You can't open a rose bud to be a full rose; it has to open from the inside, by God.' Likewise, only God can open us up from the inside. Opening us from within to his desire for our lives and for living his way.

The second story I would like to share is a reflection from Isaiah 2:3 which says: '*Come let us go to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his path.*' I watched the Advent candle on the altar flicker in the breeze from the open door. It seemed fragile and vulnerable but yet it refused to be snuffed out and it brought to mind something I had read: A boy threw a stone at a stained glass window of the incarnation. It nicked out the 'E' in the word highest, in the text Glory to God in the Highest. Now it read, Glory to God in the High St.

As we enter the season of Advent we are instructed to stay awake, to be watchful for the coming of the Lord and I think of our daily lives out there in the world (in the High St) doing what we can in the name of Jesus through justice, love and care. I think of the people who have crossed our paths and through that are more aware of God's love. They have been befriended, those who were isolated, lonely, needy and poor, the little ones. They now know a love that emanates peace. Stay awake so you can be prepared for Christ's return and live a life of serving Christ in our broken world and, go to the mountain of the Lord frequently.

Advent blessings.

Anne Ranse



One of the sad aspects of my job is watching people implode.

For the past five years I have been supporting a young man with food and just being there for him. He is an interesting young man who grew up in one of the rougher areas of Sydney. He is not physically large and he told me that when he started school, because he was a little tacker, he was picked on and physically abused. He remembers the beatings he received, and then when he became a little bigger, he became the thug and he picked on the little kids. That was the start of his career as a petty crim.

He is not sure when the drugs started. He had always been a user of alcohol and tobacco, probably from his early teens, or before. He remembers smoking grass when he was about thirteen, as he said to me it was about him being an important person in the neighbourhood. As an older teenager he was caught, charged and convicted of being a not very nice person. Once again he told me of the abuse he received in the prison system because he was very short and slight.

After he was released from prison he moved to Canberra to make a new clean life. No drugs, no crime, he just wanted to be an ordinary person. Over the years I have spent a lot of time with him, I am not a counsellor, but he just wanted someone to talk to. He was doing really well and I think that he was clean for about three years.

Last year he started to play around with drugs again, big time. His Father died in August 2013. He went home for the funeral but his family have decided that enough is enough, and he is no longer welcome at his family home. I appreciate where the family is coming from, they have every right to throw up their hands and be rid of this nuisance in their life, but what about their son, brother etc. I think he will be a statistic fairly soon. He is using heavily, he is now homeless, not a good prognosis.

I don't think I could have done anything better, I listened to him, I supported him in trying to establish a lawn mowing business, and I was there when he wanted to talk. Sometimes the damage is done very early in life. I know it sounds silly but I regard him as a friend and I think he regards me as one of the few friends he has left. It is very sad.

If anyone could help out in the Present Room over the next two weeks could they please give me a ring on 6248 7771 or 0424 529 492

My wish list for this week: Tinned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Tins of Ham
Many Thanks



Many Thanks
Sue Jordan

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We pray for a renewed effort to treat and combat the Ebola virus in West Africa.

IN AUSTRALIA

- We pray for a generosity of spirit among Australians as we reach out to those for whom this coming Christmas will be not be a joyful time.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church in Kuruman South Africa, The Congo and Kinkiizi Uganda..
- In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people of Bendigo, Brisbane and Bunbury.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Braidwood, Bungendore, Gunning and Crookwell.
- We pray for small country churches and their ministry and the Rural Ministry Group.

MISSION

- We pray for the work of the Christian Blind Mission in Kenya and Indonesia.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- We pray for the Paul and his team taking the Service this morning at BUPA Nursing Home.
- We pray for Dylan Mordike and Karina Harris as they prepare to lead the year 9/10 team for Camp Pelican.
- We pray for the Clergy Appointment Board as they seek the way forward.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family - Evelyn David-Hoole, Jey Hoole, Hannah, Mary and Sarah; Catherine, Isobel and and Barnaby de Cruz; Simon, Vera and Georgina de Vere and Ashleigh Sandford; Heather Dornoch and Sue Dunbar.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Sandra Button, Anne Dudzinski.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Wednesday: Delma Murry

Friday: Gunaseeli Lamech



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

Parish Council Elections - TODAY

A reminder that an election for members of parish council will be held today. Ballot papers will be available after both services.

Our parish council consists of 6 elected members and 2 elected church wardens. The rector appoints 3 additional parish councillors and the rector's warden.

ST JOHN'S CARE NEEDS US

They are running low on groceries.



To help them out, we are having a collection of groceries for St John's Care at Jamison Plaza on **Saturday 13 De-**

cember from 9 am to 1 pm,

together with a cake stall to raise funds for Holy Covenant. This event will make a very welcome contribution of food and groceries to St John's Care. It also raises valuable funds and community awareness for us.

Volunteers are needed to provide shoppers with a list of products as they enter Coles and Aldi and to stock and operate our stall. If you can help with either or both of these activities, **please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the notice board.**

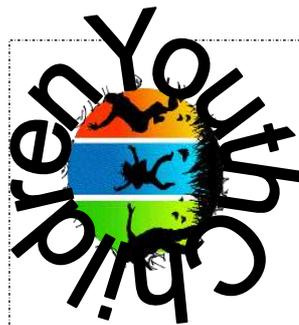
Any enquiries, contact Harris Boulton (6251 2078 or hhboulton@gmail.com)

ACT FOR PEACE - CHRISTMAS BOWL 2014

Christmas Bowl Appeal envelopes are available from the back table



- ◆ With your gifts our partners in Iraq have already been responding to the ongoing displacement of communities.
- ◆ The National Council of Churches in the Philippines is working to maintain the hope and dignity of indigenous communities.
- ◆ Health Care for Tamil refugees in South India.
- ◆ Clearing landmines and other unexploded remnants of war.



YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

Friday 12th December - Combined Youth Gathering, St Michael's Anglican Church, Hall. Wide games and BBQ. 7pm-9pm \$2.

Saturday 13th December - Youth Group Christmas Party. 6pm-9pm. \$10 for dinner + Silly Santa present.

Sunday 14th December - Last youth group of the year. We'll welcome the new members of youth group and continue the party! + youth group on Morning Tea roster.

Godly Play and Children's Church:

Godly Play and Children's Church will continue on the four Sundays of Advent. We will have a break throughout the holidays and resume on Sunday 1st February (start up breakfast at 8:30am).

Sunday December 14th is transition Sunday where children can attend their groups for 2015. Godly Play is for preschool-year 2; Children's Church is for year 3-6 and Youth Group is for year 7-12.

Thanks again to our wonderful volunteers who minister with our youth and children.

'Cycle for Kids' Cambodia 2015

A big thank you to the families and individuals who have supported my fundraising ride for UNICEF's work in Cambodia! What a great surprise!

Thank you for your generosity and organisation. I've put your donation towards my new bike which is getting lots of use.

Katherine Rainger

Advent blessings as we enter into the mystery of Christmas.



CLERGY APPOINTMENT BOARD

An overview of the process for clergy appointments is on the roster board. You may find it helpful in understanding what has to happen before we have a new Rector.

CAMP PELICAN - SUMMER 2015

Years 5 & 6: 11 to 16 January 2015. Manna Park Merimbula. .

Years 7 & 8: 11 to 16 January 2015, Wambiri Campsite, Tathra.

Years 9 & 10: 4 to 9 January 2015, Wambiri Campsite, Tathra.

Years 11 & 12: 4 to 9 January 2015, Manna Campsite, Tathra.

All camps cost \$330 which covers camp and transport from Canberra.

For more info: www.synergyyc.net/camps

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.

ST. JOHN'S CARE CHRISTMAS BOX

is now waiting to receive your gifts.
It's over near the choir.

Sue Jordan is particularly in need of gifts for teenagers - gift cards are a great idea and can be purchased from Coles or the Post Office shop.

Food for hampers is also needed plus of course the usual toys etc. but **NOT** soft toys - they still have plenty left over from last year.



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WANTED

Parish Book Keeper

We need someone with experience in data entry to be part of the small team which manages the Parish finances. Eight to ten hours work per month using a modern accounting package. An honorarium will be paid.

Enquiries to the Treasurer, Bob Arthur – 0413 389 897.

We are most grateful to Audrey Wells who has performed this role efficiently and faithfully for the last three years.

IN THE PARISH



NEXT SUNDAY we will be saying goodbye to three of our parish families:

- ♦ Anna, David and Benjamin Quinlan (to Pambula—see below)
- ♦ Elizabeth St George, Vongsa Barbour, Alissa and Layla
- ♦ Roslyn, David and Alex Nimmo

The Quinlan family are moving to Pambula in the middle of January (though our last Sunday at Holy Covenant will be 14th December.) Our new address will be PO Box 311 Pambula. Mobile phone numbers and email address will remain the same as currently in the parish roll. Visitors very welcome!

In the **LOST PROPERTY** basket (behind the sound desk): one umbrella and a couple of pairs of children's socks.

Goods unclaimed after a month or so usually find their way into the Anglicare bins!

RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE—Lent 2015.

Information and registration forms are available in the leaflet rack at the back of the church.

The BREATHING SPACE PROGRAM for the first semester 2015 is available in the leaflet rack at the back of the church.



ANGLICARE CHRISTMAS CARDS. there are still some left. They are in a box on the back table and payment is via the honesty box.

CLEANER WANTED!

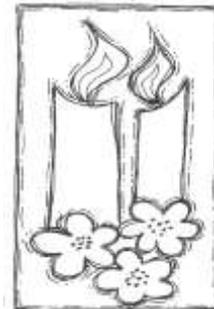
Monday afternoons for the Covenant Care Day Hospice—from about 4pm for an hour. The job entails tidying the kitchen and mopping the floors, cleaning toilets and some vacuuming. Remuneration available.

If you are interested please contact:

Anne Ranse - 0439 139209
nurse@holycovenant.org.au

or Rod Menzies - 0429 098762
ming@home.com.au

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE



In this season of Advent, we are here to watch and wait and pray for the coming of Christ, our Life and Light, into our world.

People of God, come, for the lights of hope and peace beckon us together.

From our solitude,
we are called into community;

from our brokenness,
we are called into wholeness;

from our fading,
we are called into fullness;

and from our wandering,
we are called to the path of new life.

The Peace candle is lit

People of God, come, for the lights of hope and peace beckon us together.

**Come, let us worship;
let us wake up to coming of the day.**



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday: **Maxine Rose,
Anna Thorpe.**

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

Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 14 DECEMBER 2014

8.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard

10.00 am

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Preacher and Celebrant: Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard

NO TAIZE Service in December



TODAY

SENTENCE: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

Luke 3.4: Isaiah 40.5a

READINGS:

Isaiah 40: 1-11
 Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13
 2 Peter 3:8-15a
 Mark 1: 1-8



8 am HYMNS

(Matthias)

265

270

598

183

PRAYER

Merciful God,
 you sent your messengers the prophets
 to preach repentance and prepare the way
 for our salvation:
 give us grace to heed their warnings and
 forsake our sins,
 that we may greet with joy
 the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
 Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

AMEN



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Elizabeth Grant Tony Willis	Prue and Ken Wedgwood
Readers	Steve Daniels Tony Willis Anne Ranse	Lesley Chumak Frances Mackay James Ellis
Intercessor	Paul Shelley	Bruce Barnes
Organist	Heather Shelley	Rhys Thorpe
Word and Prayer	Luc Rose	Tracey Matthews
Deacon	Anne Ranse	
Cup	Luc Rose, Anne Ranse	Tracey Matthews, James Ellis, Leo Wimmer, Phyl Holmes Extra bread: Richard Browning
Morning Tea	Ann Menzies, Carol Sherman	Rika Amos, Ken Wedgwood
Children's Church		Katherine, Maurice, Rhys Susan Joys M. Tea; Thorpe's