



HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

PARISH BULLETIN

FOR

JANUARY 2015



Welcome to our worship and fellowship today! You are invited to share Communion with us, either by drinking from or dipping the wafer in the chalice, or to come forward for a blessing.

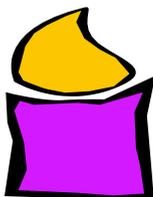
Please join us for morning tea after the Service



JANUARY SERVICE DETAILS

9.00 am HOLY COMMUNION - Second Order

28 December:	Celebrant:	Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard
	Preacher:	Chris Lewis
4 January:	Celebrant:	Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard
	Preacher:	Tracey Matthews
11 January:	Celebrant:	Revd Dr. Sarah Bachelard
	Preacher:	Archdeacon Anne Ranse
18 January:	Celebrant and Preacher:	Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard
25 January:	Celebrant and Preacher:	Revd Anne Dudzinski



REFLECTION AFTER COMUNION

We invite you to light a prayer candle in the Quiet Room at the rear of the church.

ACTIVITIES IN RECESS

Sunday	Children's Church	Resumes 1 February with breakfast at 8.30am!
	Youth Group	Resumes 1 February
	Rainbow Fellowship	Resumes 1 February
	Taize Style Service	Resumes 8 February
Monday	Covenant Care	Resumes 2 February
	Crafty Crew	Resumes 16 February
Tuesday	Meditation	Resumes 27 January
Wednesday	Service and lunch	Resumes 4 February
	Ever Active Class	Resumes 21 January
	Meditation	Resumes 28 January
Thursday	Scrabble	Resumes 8 January
	Book Club	Resumes 5 February
Friday	Play Group	Resumes 6 February
Saturday	Benedictus	Resumes 7 February



SERVICES DURING JANUARY

From Sunday 28 December to Sunday 25 January

One Service only: 9.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 1 February: 8am and 10am Holy Communion

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL TO SARAH 18 January 2015

With a special morning tea after the service - please bring some goodies.

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.

The Parish Office will be closed from 25 December to 6 January inclusive.
For urgent pastoral matters contact Sarah Bachelard 0401 009 156

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.*

Howard Thurman

I wonder what has been revealed to you in this season of Christmas and Epiphany. Which new insights into these familiar stories of the birth of Christ and the mystery of Christmas have touched you this year? Epiphany literally means, “a showing”. What have you seen that has revealed the presence of God in large or small ways?

The celebration of Jesus coming into the world is one which shapes our expectations of what God is like. We see that God comes near and transforms the lives of ordinary people who are open to God’s call. Within the infancy narratives in both the Gospel of Matthew and Luke there is also a deep challenge to the status quo. The Christ is not born in Jerusalem where the centre of power lies. He is born in the small village of Bethlehem. Those with power, such as Herod and the chief priests, fail to worship him. Rather it is the characters on the edge such as Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and foreign Magi who recognise him. The humility of his birth and the fact the “God cared enough to be born”, as Madeleine L’Engle puts it, demonstrate the huge initiative that God takes in inviting us into communion with God.

This is the season to begin the walk of discipleship for another year. After Jesus is baptized, he enters into public ministry and begins to call his disciples. By name he calls them, and they leave their nets and follow him. We too enter into the life of Christ as beloved children, known by name and called into new life.

- Katherine Rainger

WITHIN THE PARISH



Food for 9/10 Camp Pel

Karina Harris and Dylan Mordike are directing the 9/10 camp pelican. They have requested baked goods and other items suitable for morning and afternoon teas.

There is a box in the kitchen for donations. The box will depart with the leadership team in 3rd January. Thank you!

If anyone would like to contribute towards sponsoring a camper to go on Camp Pel please see Katherine Rainger.

Camp Pel reunion:

Saturday 7 February 5—8 pm. At. James' Anglican Church, Beaurepaire Cres., Holt. \$5 for BBQ dinner and drink.

Youth Matters:

This year Alicia Bruce, Jerry Platt, Sophie Amos, Mary Sargeson, Sarah Trigge, Dougal Mordike and Imogen Allen completed year 12. **Congratulations** and we wish you God's blessing on the adventure that awaits you in 2015 and beyond :-)

Wednesday 28th January 6pm-9pm @ Katherine Rainger's house: Youth Group Leader's meeting

Thursday 29th January 4pm-7pm @ Dickson Pool: Youth Group Social event (wet weather plan: meet at Holy Covenant). \$5 pool entry, \$5 for BBQ.

Sunday 1st February 10am - Godly Play, Children's Church and Youth Group resume. **Start-up breakfast at 8:30am.** Juice, toast and cereal provided. You can bring some breakfast treats to share if you'd like to :-)

Youth Group Claim the Date:

Friday 13th February: Soul Survivor Combined Youth Night. Details TBC

Tuesday 14th April - Saturday 18th April: SOUL in the BUSH - Camping in the Capital, Reaching the Regions. This amazing camp is not to be missed! 5 days of talks, service projects, worship, youth, night games and cafes all culminating in a community festival and Blue Colour Run at Lake Burley Griffin!

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK our many members who help to keep our parish community functioning. All those on rosters: sidespeople, bible readers, intercessors, sanctuary assistants, our musicians and choir, morning tea, children's church, counting the offertory, flowers, youth group, lawn mowing, office helpers, sound technicians, the many committees and our pastoral visitors, those who take the Services at BUPA Nursing Home, Calvary and Kangarra Waters Retirement Villages, and all who contribute to our spiritual health and wellbeing.



A special thank you to our hard working staff Sarah, Katherine, Anne and Libby.

May 2015 see us all refreshed and ready to continue working towards bringing God's kingdom to our corner of God's world.

WITHIN THE PARISH

FROM THIS MONTH'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

- ♦ A reminder to activities coordinators that volunteers need the Working With Vulnerable People registration and the diocese requires volunteers to complete the Safe Ministries course (when available).
- ♦ Our indefatigable Resources Committee is progressing with providing lighting in the southside car park, installing a small split aircon system in the Mushroom, increasing the number of power outlets in the Mushroom, getting quotes for the cleaning and painting of the interior of the worship centre, exploring various options for cooling the Sanctuary and disconnecting the old heaters in the worship centre from the electric power so that they cannot be used even inadvertently.
- ♦ Carpet cleaning in January as usual.
- ♦ Thank you for John & Kathryn Body for hosting our last meeting in their home.

Holy Covenant Refugee Action Group (RAG) update

Six of us gathered for a companionable hour of card writing in the week before Christmas - the old fashioned way with card and pen. Together we wrote **70 personally written cards** to send to the Brisbane and Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodations and Christmas Island Detention Centres. We wrote messages of friendship, peace, hope and love, to refugee individuals, families and children living in detention in Australia. Some cards included a few 'Frozen' stickers for the children :)

It was lovely to gather to think of others at this time of giving and to feel the spirit of Christmas among us.

If you would like to join us for future RAG gatherings in Higgins in 2015, contact deranie@hotmail.com

Prayer Vigil for
Parish,
11 January
3.00-4.30pm



The Prayer Vine invites anyone who would like gather for a time of prayer for the parish at this time of discerning a new rector. Join us for all or part of the time, to spend some time in community and in prayer, watching and waiting for the leading of God's spirit.

Inquiries: Merri Bacon or Sarah Bachelard

ROSTER UNAVAILABILITY. If you are NOT available for roster duty during February please mark the sheet on the roster board.



Is a program of study and learning, to reflect theologically on the text of the bible and issues we face in the world today. It is comprised of four major areas, New Testament, Old Testament, Church History and Christian Ethics.

The primary purpose of EfM is to deepen our ability to read Christian sources theologically and learn tools to reflect theologically on our life experience, culture and tradition and how we can apply this to our own faith and service in today's world.

There will be an evening late Jan/early Feb with the view to starting the group as early as we can in the new year. We follow along the school calendar and where possible have breaks during school holidays.

There is an information leaflet on the table under the noticeboard or contact Merri Bacon 6251 1110 merri.bacon@bigpond.com

LENTEN PROGRAMME

INTEGRITY FOR LIVING—A RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

The retreat in daily life allows busy people the opportunity to focus on God in the middle of the everyday, inviting them to integrate prayer, faith and work. It offers a contemplative, creative space for reflecting on where our life is leading.

Participants will meet as a group on three Sunday afternoons and with a spiritual director about four times. Participation in the Chittister series is optional. For further information see separate flyer called ' **Integrity for Living**' in the leaflet stand on the back wall.



When: Sunday, 3.30-5pm 22 Feb, 8 & 29 March in Worship Centre

Cost: \$200 payable by 15 February. .

BOOK SERIES: *Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope.* Joan Chittister.

When: Wednesday evenings 7.30-9pm 18 February—25 March

Friday mornings 10.30 am 20 February– 27 March.

Facilitators: Frances MacKay and Glenys Wimmer.

There is a sign-up sheet on the board.

THE JOHANNINE EPISTLES - **Facilitated** by Revd Dr John Painter.

When: Thursday evenings 7.30-9pm 19 February—21 March.

DEEP DIVE SERIES: 15 February - 11.45am.

Bishop George Browning: '**Sabbath and the Common Good: an Anglican response to the environmental crisis**',

BITS AND PIECES



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Phone Merri Bacon on 6251 1110 or email
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ON THE BOOKSTAND

- * Jams
- * Gift cards
- * Offertory envelopes
- * Info and brochures



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 17 February 2015 (Shrove Tuesday) starting at 6 pm with a shared meal.

Team leader annual reports need to be sent to the office by **Tuesday 27 January 2015** please, so they can be photocopied and included in the AGM documents.

Thank you all for the great work you have done this year and for successes achieved

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

Action without vision is only passing time,
Vision without action is merely
day-dreaming,
But vision with action can change the
world.

- Nelson Mandela



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Bank: Commonwealth Bank
Branch: Jamison Centre, ACT
BSB: 062 907
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Name: Holy Covenant Anglican

COMMEMORATIONS FOR JANUARY:

- 6 January Ron Grant (died 2011)
- 7 January Pierre Willem Elkhuizen (died 2007)
- 19 January Andre Ronald Eric D'Cruz (died 2000)



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IN 2015 I RESOLVE TO SEE

In every stupid question
A human soul groping in the dark for truth.

In every conceited remark
A human soul desperately grasping for dignity of which it has been robbed.

In every aggressive challenge
A human soul steeped in the conflict between this world and the next.

In every angry denial
A human soul shrinking from the sacrifice of the cross.

In every false statement
A human soul lost on the road through ignorance.

In every scornful laugh
A human soul deprived of the only real joy.

In every listener
The image and likeness of God.

