



HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN
22 FEBRUARY 2015

First Sunday in Lent



I will establish my covenant
with you. . . .“



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

- 8.00am** **HOLY COMMUNION**
Preacher: Revd Vicky Cullen
Celebrant: Revd Anne Dudzinski
- 10.00am** **HOLY COMMUNION**
Preacher: Revd Vicky Cullen
Celebrant: Revd Anne Dudzinski
- 3.30pm** **Retreat in Daily Life**



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 23.02.15	9.00 am-3.00 pm 10.30 am 1.30 pm	Worship Centre Kangara Waters Calvary Ret Village	Covenant Care Worship Service Worship Centre
Tuesday 24.02.15	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch
Wednesday 25.02.15	12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Holy Communion and BYO lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation Lenten Study—Chittister Book Series
Thursday 26.02.15	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Scrabble Lenten Study—Johannine Book Series
Friday 27.02.15	10.00am 10.30 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Playgroup Lenten Study—Chittister Book Series
Saturday 28.02.15	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church
Sunday 01.03.15	9.20 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Worship Centre BUP A Nursing Home Rainbow Centre	Choir Practice Service Rainbow Fellowship

WEEK BEGINNING 1 March 2015

Monday 02.03.15	9.00 am-3.00 pm	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 03.03..15	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO Lunch Belonging ands Caring Meeting
Wednesday 04.03.15	12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation Lenten Study - Chittister Book Series
Thursday 05.03.15	9.30 am 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Scrabble Book Club Lenten Study - Johannine Epistles EFM
Friday 06.03.15	10.00 am 10.30 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Playgroup Lenten Study - Chittister Book Series
Saturday 07.03.15	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church
Sunday 08.03.15	9.20 am	Worship Centre ²	Choir Practice

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Mark 1: 9-15. A Timely Reminder.

I am a small piece in the cosmic clock, a necessary piece but not the only piece.

(Joan Chittister)

Mark's gospel is nothing if not concise. In six verses he reports Jesus' baptism, the temptation in the wilderness and the beginning of his public ministry: 'The time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news' (v. 15).

It's as if the writer feels there is no time to lose. This week we begin our Lenten journey - a journey that invites us to look again at who Jesus was and is, and who we might be being called to be and do to continue his mission in the world. Like Jesus we begin with our call, and this will inevitably be tested, as his was in the wilderness. It might feel less definite than a call, more like an invitation to look more closely at where our lives are heading individually and globally.

Recently someone close to me said: 'I can't see what someone who lived 2000 years ago has to do with anything today. We need to be looking at important things like global warming.' How would you have responded to his challenge? He certainly was not seeking a theological answer - he would have disputed the taken-for-granted assumptions of such a response. Like many of his generation he feels disillusioned with Christianity. What he was open to, was the evidence of people who walk the talk in areas that he perceives to be of contemporary importance.

Questions like his remind us that it is not enough that we are custodians of sacred history or orthodoxy. Our task is to discern where Jesus might be breaking through now onto the stage of our contemporary world and asking something of us. 'The time is fulfilled', or to put it another way, 'Now is the time'. For every generation, it is the right time to see that, although the historical packaging may change, the essential message of the gospel is there for us to discern and live in our time. Indeed our increasingly secular world makes this a matter of some urgency.

What then might it mean to travel with Jesus through Lent with bifocal attention (literally having two focuses/foci): one on the historical narrative and one on our contemporary narrative? Last Sunday Bishop George Browning, in speaking about a Christian approach to ecological concerns, reminded us that a contemporary narrative is no longer just about us, either individually or as a species. Yet it is important that we each find our place in the divine redemptive drama - which might be larger than we thought!

- Frances Mackay

FROM ST JOHN'S CARE



Swinburne University in partnership with University of Western Australia, Charles Sturt University and, Anglicare NSW South and West, and ACT, Salvation Army and Mission Australia have just released a study into Youth

Homelessness: *The Cost of Youth Homelessness in Australia*. Some of the findings were quite frightening:

53% of homeless youth reported that they had been diagnosed with at least one mental health condition in their lifetime

63% of homeless youth surveyed had been placed in some form of out of home care by the time they turned 18

There was a strong link between early experiences of family violence and homelessness in later life

There are just so many reasons for young people finding themselves homeless. Last week it was Fred, this week it is Mary.

I have known Mary's family for seven years; in fact they were the first family I met when I returned to the job. They are the greatest battlers I have ever met. Every time they seem to be getting on top of things, something, out of their control, seems to strike them down. The Mum and Dad are lovely people and I believe that they are good and loving parents. They have five children, aged from twenty four to fourteen.

This week they needed help accommodating one of their children. At the moment she lives at home but there are so many issues, that this is no longer viable.

Mary has been diagnosed with: Conduct Disorder, Severe Anxiety and Substance Abuse Disorder. She is a time bomb waiting to explode. Mary is only seventeen but the family have a couple of kids younger than her and they are really concerned about the effect that she is having on the other children and her Mum. She is verbally abusive and has assaulted her Mother and siblings. Her parents are at their wits end, they just cannot control her. Her older siblings have nothing to do with Mary, because they can see the pain and grief she is causing her parents.

A Refuge is not really an option. Mary would be a very disruptive influence if she were to move into a Refuge. The only practical solution that the family can see is for Mary to be accommodated in a flat by herself. Unfortunately, they are not in a position to be able to rent something for her so they have applied to ACT Housing on her behalf.

I was asked to write a support letter then later in the day Housing contacted me and we were able to talk through the family situation. On Friday night I was thanked by Mary's Mum for the help St John's Care had provided. I think that Mary will be allocated a flat fairly soon. If she is not allocated a flat then I am afraid that Mary will be one of the many young Homeless people in Australia.

My wish list for this week: Tinned Fish, Tinned Meat dishes, Shampoo and Conditioner



**Many thanks,
Sue Jordan
Director.**

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- Pray for the United Nations and its agencies, for peace-keepers, those who care for refugees, and for all humanitarian projects. Give thanks for the amazing work done in the worst of circumstances in the most dangerous of places.

IN AUSTRALIA

- We give thanks. that the Indonesian Government has delayed the execution of the two Australian drug smugglers.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church in Western Massachusetts and Uganda.
- In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people in the Dioceses of Sydney and Tasmania.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Holbrook, Gundagai, Cootamundra and Junee.
- We pray for the staff and residents at the Junee Correctional Centre and for all those who work in the justice system.

MISSION

- We pray for the work of the Mission to Seafarers offering practical, emotional and spiritual support for seafarers around the world.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- We pray for Logan Stan Cirson and Kyle Robert Cirson baptised in our 10am Service today.
- We pray for Anne taking the Services at Kangara Waters and Calvary Retirement Villages tomorrow.
- We pray for the following members of our Parish family: Therese and Herbert Jokisch; Russell Judd, Jayne Murray, Aidan and Emma Judd; David and Rosemary Kennemore; Audrey Kennett and Kate King.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Sandra Button, Pat Bonnett, Glenys Wimmer and any known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Tuesday: **Michael Crawford (died 1989)**

Wednesday: **Clifford Jack Daniels (died 2005)**

Thursday: Matthias, Apostle and Martyr.

Betty Joan Cooper (died 2008)



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE
REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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



WE WELCOME the families and friends of **Logan Stan Cirson and Kyle Robert Cirson** who are being baptised at our 10am Service this morning. We pray for their parents and godparents as they take this important step in their child's spiritual journey.

Katherine's Cycle for Kids Cambodia 2015

Today we send Katherine off to Cambodia with our prayers and blessings.

I have been overwhelmed with the support that I have received as I have undertaken this adventure. I've raised \$6000 for UNICEF's Working with Families project in Cambodia. I am also very grateful for the personal support that I've received from Holy Covenant and friends and family. I leave this week, **February 24th**. The UNICEF workers that I've spoken to have discussed the way generational change is occurring in the areas of child protection and foster care in Cambodia as NGOs and governments work together. If you'd like to support UNICEF's work and sponsor my ride, please go to:



<https://cycleforkids2015.everydayhero.com/au/katherine>

- **Claim the date:** Global Stories Night, **Friday 27th March**. 7pm: talk + supper. 7:45pm: Film 'Charlie's Country' Rated M. Katherine will report back on her trip and the work UNICEF Australia is doing there. The Australian film, 'Charlie's Country' starring David Gulpilil will also be shown. *This is a film of lament and resilience and is good preparation for Holy Week. As the film is rated M, there will be a kid's movie in the chapel.*

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MATTERS

Godly Play meeting for storytellers and helpers today at 11:20am in the Godly Play room.

Camp Pel Reunion:

Sat 28 Feb, 5-8pm, St James' Anglican Church, Beaurepaire Cres, Holt. \$5 for BBQ dinner and drink.

Tobias's Graduation:

Bishop's Gap Year Graduation for Tobias Nevile will take place - details as above for Camp Pel Reunion. Holy Covenant Parishioners are invited to attend to celebrate this occasion with Tobias!

I'm on leave for the next 2 Sundays as I cycle around Cambodia. Thanks to the wonderful team of volunteers who make youth and children's ministry happen each week. Katherine Rainger

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM) THERE'S STILL TIME TO ENROL!



A new EFM Group is being established in the Parish to coincide with newly developed EFM Australia program material.

The Group will be meeting on -

Thursday evenings in the Rainbow Centre from Thursday 5 March at 7:30pm, mostly during school terms. Enrolments will be taken up to Week 2, so there is plenty of time to consider and pray whether EFM is for you this year. EFM is a program of theological reflection around Old Testament, New Testament, Church History and Christian Ethics. If you are interested in joining the group please speak to Merri Bacon or Ph 6251 1110 or email merri.bacon@bigpond.com

PARISH FUNDRAISING



Orders are being taken for Entertainment Book 2015/16. Books will be available early April from Hilary Harris. The price is \$60 and from which \$12 goes to the Parish.

The book holds amazing vouchers for food, massages, cinema, theatre 3, balloon flights, dry cleaning, book shops, autocare, travel, hotels, insurance, flowers, hampers etc.

Please chat with Hilary or call 6251 8166 for more details.



TRANSPORT



We have a few people currently needing transport to Church on Sunday mornings ... and don't live too far away. Some are for 8am and others for 10am. If we can get a few people it means you may only be needed once a month. Offers to Libby in the Office.

HELLO

my name is

**PLEASE
wear your
name tags!!**



If you don't have one, contact the office or write your name on the sheet up the back.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW RECTOR ARCHDEACON PAUL WALLIS AND HIS FAMILY.

**PAUL WILL BE INDUCTED ON
THURSDAY 9 APRIL.**

Paul began his ministry in the Diocese of London in 1985 as a student minister. He was ordained in 1990 and has served in inner city parishes in London and Portsmouth, suburban Canberra, and in consultancy and mentoring roles with a wide range of established and emerging ministries and ministers. Most recently Paul was the Intentional Interim Priest in the Parish of Kaleen. Archdeacon Wallis is the Archdeacon for North Canberra. Bishop Stuart has asked him to continue in this role.

Paul is married to Ruth, an educator and business woman. Together they have three children; Evie, who has just begun year 1, Ben, who is in 4 year old pre-school and Caleb, who is content as a serene little boy of six months.

Paul has an impressive CV - including the author of 9 books and has been published widely in many journals. You can read all about him and his family on his webpage <http://www.paulwallis.net>.

The Clergy Appointment Board has worked very hard to discern both the needs of the Parish and God's will in the time since Susanna announced her resignation. **We are particularly indebted to our parish representatives of the Board, Evelyn David-Hoole, Paula Percival and Rhys Thorpe for their careful work to bring the distinctive character and needs of the parish to bear in all discussions and the decision making process.** Paul was selected from an impressive group of six candidates following a rigorous application and interview process..

PARISH COUNCIL FOR 2015

Bob Arthur, Carol Kubanek, Chris Olsson, Eleanor Platt, George Gerrity, Merri Bacon, Russell Rollason, David Lescinsky, Evelyn David-Hoole; and **Wardens** Deranie Jackson and Kathryn Body, with the Rector's Warden to be chosen at a later date.

**WE THANK THEM FOR TAKING ON THIS VERY
IMPORTANT ROLE.**

IN THE PARISH

Our friends, the Mansaray family, are filling a small shipping container of goods to send to their family in Sierra Leone/Guinea. Their family will sell most of the goods at the local markets to raise much needed money.

If you have anything in good condition that you think might be useful, please deliver them in the next month to:

N'nabinta Mansaray

2C Cooling Place

Florey Mobile: 0406 016 215

Thoughts on useful items (all should be in good working order and clean):
Small items of furniture like chests of drawers, study desk, chairs, fold-up beds, roll-up beds, sleeping bags, mattresses, bedding, linen, clean pillows, blankets, microwaves, saucepans, cutlery, crockery, glasses, air-tight storage containers, computers, laptops, printers, mobile phones, computer & mobile phone cables and rechargers, toys, clothing, shoes & socks, handbags, jewellery, gardening equipment like shovels, forks, picks, hoses, wheelbarrows, generators, all sorts of tools, solar lights, mats, carpet rugs, **bikes, DVD'S, sewing machines and sewing baskets and sewing equipment,** knitting needles and wools.

Thank you, Marg Christensen.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual direction encourages us to explore a closer relationship with God. In the midst of a busy life, many people find it difficult **to notice God's action in their** daily affairs. Yet, at the deepest level, all of us long for a more **conscious experience of God's** presence and love.

If you feel this would be helpful for you, there are information leaflets pinned in the notice board.

Susanna Pain 0418 637469

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OUTCOME of our KITCHEN TABLE

CONVERSATIONS - INVITATION

Last November some ten of us in the parish got together to talk about the changes we want to see around us.

The summaries of 24 such groups all over Canberra, including ours, were submitted to **VOICES of the PEOPLE** and have now been collated into a Report which will be publicly launched **next Tuesday (24Tth)** by the Deputy Chief Minister Hon. Simon Corbell. The report distils the experiences and conclusions of some 180 Canberrans and we are all invited to attend the launch, at 8 pm at the Southern Cross Club, Jamison, and especially those who took part in the discussions.

We see this as fulfilling our commitment to be involved in the local community.

Jean Groves.

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- **Can you help?** We are looking for some extra people to go on the morning tea roster for both the 8am and 10am services . . . even if you can only do once a term. Please leave a message with Libby in the office or phone Kathy Lake 0417 005 667.
- Six inch plastic gardening pots are required for one of our HCN clients. The ones that normally have a lovely plant in them.. Please leave them at the office.
- **On the back bookshelf for sale:** Jams, cards and Recipe Books.
- The Shelleys met with Archbishop Jeff Driver and Lindy in Adelaide and send their best wishes to those who remember them.
- If you receive an E-Bulletin, would you mind not taking a hard copy— helps to save paper.

- ♦ St Mark's Commencement Lecture - Life Together in a Digital Age, 7pm 26 Feb.
- ♦ BCA Caravan, Camping and Motorhome Weekend, 6-8 March.
- ♦ 2015 Bishop's Cathedral Convention at St Saviour's Goulburn, 15-16 May. Brochures on back table.
- ♦ A Passion for Peace - A Chorus of Women are looking for women of all ages in the Canberra singing community who would like to sing in three performances 28 April - 2 May.
- ♦ Holy Land Pilgrimage, 9-25 May



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: **Christine Mitchell;**
 Friday: **Rika Kobayashi**

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 – 1 March 2015

8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Preacher: Revd Anne Dudzinski Celebrant: Revd Vicky Cullen
10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Preacher: Revd Anne Dudzinski Celebrant: Revd Vicky Cullen
11.00 am	BUPA Nursing Home
4.00 pm	Rainbow Fellowship

TODAY

SENTENCE:

The time is fulfilled , and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.
Mark 1.15

READINGS:

Genesis 9: 8-17
Psalm 25: 1-10
1 Peter 3: 18-22
Mark 1: 9-15

8 am HYMNS



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PRAYER

God of the new and eternal covenant,
as the forty days of the great flood
swept away the world's corruption
and watered new beginnings of righteousness
and life:
in the saving flood of baptism,
the wellspring of your grace,
that your gift of new life may flourish once again;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Carol and Peter Sherman	Reg Holmes, Merri Bacon
Readers	Hilary Harris Peter Bazeos Anne Ranse	Frances Mackay Reg Holmes Phyl Holmes
Intercessor	Jennifer Collier	-
Organist	Kath Arthur	Heather Shelley
Word and Prayer	Chris Lewis	James Ellis
Deacon	Anne Ranse	
Cup	Chris Lewis, Anne Ranse	James Ellis, Phyl Holmes Leo Wimmer, Extra bread: Vicki Cullen
Morning Tea	Mandy Squar, Marjorie and John Pratt.	Danni Ellis, Carol Kubanek
Children's Church		Katherine Rainger, Russell Judd, Susan Joy Nevile. M. Tea: Derainie Jackson,