

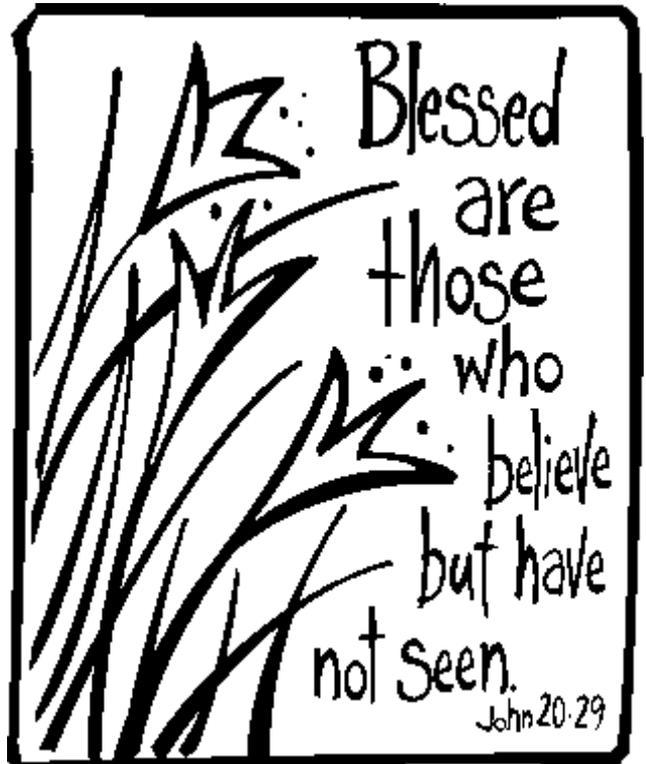
HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

12 APRIL 2015

Second Sunday
After Easter



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: and Celebrant: Archdeacon Paul Wallis

10.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**
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6.00pm **TAIZE SERVICE**



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 13.04.15	10.00am 10.00 am 1.30 pm	Worship Centre Kangara Waters Ret. V. Calvary Ret. Village	Covenant Care Communion Service Communion Service
Tuesday 14.04.15	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch
Wednesday 15.04.15	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 16.04.15	9.30 am 7.30 am	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Saturday 17.04.15	9.00 am 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Working Bee Benedictus Contemplative Service
Sunday 19.04.15	8.00 am 9.20 am 10.00 am	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre	Holy Communion Choir Practice Holy Communion

The Holistic Care Nursing office is open from 10am – 2pm Monday and Friday

WEEK BEGINNING 19 April 2015

Monday 20.04.15	NO NO	COVENANT CRAFTY	CARE CREW
Tuesday 21.04.15	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 22.04.15	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 23.04.15	9.30 am 7.30 am	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Saturday 24.04.15	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church
Sunday 25.04.15	8.00 am 9.20 am 10.00 am	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre	Communion Service Choir Practice Communion Service

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

These words are perhaps some of the most remarkable in all of Scripture. They speak of the very heart and nature of God as seen in Jesus Christ. The first words that the terrified and grief-stricken disciples hear from Jesus are words of reconciliation and restoration. If ever there was a moment for retribution and accusations – this was it! Instead Jesus greets them with peace and breathes the Holy Spirit on them. Jesus shows them his wounds in his hands and side: the scars of his torture remain even in his resurrection. As the innocent victim Jesus speaks peace rather than vengeance to his followers. This is a story that the world needs to hear!

Once again this resurrection account contains a mixture of emotions. Fear and joy are present. In the same way doubt and faith are also paradoxes which find a place in the story. Throughout history Thomas has been given the title "doubter." His statement of scepticism, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand in his side, I will not believe" has echoed through the ages. We have perhaps forgotten that within his doubt was also faith – the faith to wait. Thomas remained in fellowship with the other disciples and was present a week later when Jesus again appeared to them. In this waiting, this turning up and not walking away, Jesus gives Thomas what is necessary for him to believe. Thomas responds, "My Lord and my God!"

Previously Thomas had also been faithful. He was prepared to go with Jesus to Bethany after Lazarus had died (John 11). Knowing the contention that would follow the other disciples were reluctant. Thomas said to them, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

I think most of us can identify with both these actions of Thomas. At times our devotion to Jesus knows no bounds, at other times we are more cautious. Like Thomas, I want to see the wounds of Jesus in his side and hands. For it is in these wounds that the wounds of the world are held and healed. It is also a matter of true recognition. Jesus' physicality was ever changed by his death and resurrection; however something deeper is also at work. It is in the nature of his wounds that we can recognise the Christ.

Christ is present wherever there are innocent victims being abused, whether it is at Nauru Detention Centre or Yarmouk refugee camp in Syria. To see these wounds and respond is the challenge of the Gospel. As we live into the Easter season this deeply personal exchange between Thomas, the disciples and Jesus has universal implications. As disciples today we too receive the Spirit and are sent with a message of forgiveness and restoration.

"Peace be with you!"

FROM ST JOHN'S CARE



Last Friday was Good Friday and it was also the First Friday of the Month. For the last eleven years a wonderful group of talented and caring Volunteers have cooked, served, hosted and most importantly cleaned up after our monthly lunch which is held on the first Friday of the month at SJC. I can remember the first lunch, we had letterbox dropped all the flats in the local area which was a mammoth task. We were happy when thirty guests joined us for that first lunch.

Each year the number of guests continues to grow. The only advertising we do now is to provide a little flyer to our clients. Our best form of advertising is Word of Mouth. Satisfied clients telling their mates. Most lunches now attract a hundred or more guests.

So last Friday was a bit of a worry to us. Good Friday is such a special day in our faith journey but what would happen to those who enjoy the free meal at St John's Care. It was decided that the lunch would proceed as there is very little open for strugglers on Good Friday.

We decided on a simple meal, Tuna Pasta Bake and Vegetable Lasagne. One of the challenges of the Friday lunch is that we never know how many we are going to feed. Reservations not required, but food is never wasted. Leftovers are frozen and given away during the month. Was it a good idea to hold the lunch on Good Friday? A very definite yes. We had lots of Volunteers to help with the meal, and on the day we served between ninety and a hundred meals.

Fred was one of our friends who attended the lunch. He has been a client for many, many years, but usually just needs some milk and bread to tide him over and also needs someone to talk to. He has some major Mental Health problems.

On Friday morning he had no food in the house. He walked into Civic to buy some food. At this stage he had no cash and nine dollars in the bank. Unfortunately you can't withdraw \$ 9.00 from an ATM. He then went to the Library to spend some time reading the newspapers. It was closed. At this stage he was depressed and hungry.

So he thought he would see if SJC was open. It was wonderful that Jack was one of the Volunteers on the day and he sat and talked with Fred. Our friend is Vegetarian so the Vegetable Lasagne was a huge hit. He was also happy that we had a few things to give away, and a few little Easter Eggs for him to take home. When he left SJC he was actually happy. He had enjoyed a good home cooked meal but more importantly, Jack had listened to his story, been nonjudgmental, and made Fred feel that he was a special person. Fred knew God's love.

My wish list for this week: Tinned Fish, Tinned Vegetables, Toilet Paper and Soap

Many Thanks
Sue



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We pray for peace in Jerusalem and for all areas in the world where conflict is a way of life.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ♦ We pray for those who cannot afford housing and those who have to choose between food, rent and medication.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church in South India, West Indies and Southern Africa
- In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people in the Dioceses of Gippsland, Grafton and Melbourne.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of St. Philip's O'Connor, Christ Church Hawker, and Gungahlin.
- We pray for the chaplaincy teams at Canberra and Calvary hospitals.

MISSION

- We pray for the work of the Bush Church Aid Society in Coober Pedy and Willochra.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- We give thanks for our new Rector Paul and pray for him, Ruth, Evie, Ben and Caleb as they settle into their new life amongst us.
- We pray for Anne Dudzinski as she leads the Services at the Retirement Villages tomorrow.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family: Susan Joy, Maurice and Tobias Nevile; Val Newton; Chris Olsson and Lesley Chumak; Sue Paice, Des Pain and Gillian and John Painter.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Pat Bonnett, Glenys Wimmer, Nick Winders and any known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Wednesday: Beatrice Alice Woodwell (died 1987)



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE
REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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



Happy Easter and Greetings from your new Rector



Dear Friends

Thank you all for the lovely welcome to Holy Covenant. A special thank you to all those who contributed to making the Induction Service on Thursday such a great occasion. As I mentioned on that evening I am excited to be joining a community of faith so brimming with energy, creativity, breadth, depth and diversity. I am personally excited by the many aspects of ministry in this parish and the respective journeys those ministries represent. Together, Ruth, Evie, Ben, Caleb and I are greatly looking forward to making our spiritual home among you.

It will be my first priority to get to know you personally in the weeks and months ahead and, as of today, I am embarking on my first "tour" to visit and meet the many individuals, households and families, ministry groups and task forces that make up Holy Covenant. So don't be surprised if I call you up or tap you on the shoulder, diary in hand, with a suggestion of coffee - or tea! My office will be in the Rainbow Centre, where I can be reached on the parish office number or on 0457 678259.

As your new rector I am sure that in the months ahead I will offer you no shortage of opportunities for your grace and patience as I get to know all that makes up the community, structures and systems of the parish. For which let me thank you in advance! It will also be my great privilege to serve alongside such a large and capable team as at Holy Covenant. I am most grateful to my new colleagues as they have met with me over recent weeks and begun to introduce me to some of the inner workings of the parish. My thanks also to Anne Dudzinski and Vicky Cullen for their wonderful pastoral care and handover.

Every one of us is on a journey of exploration, one that discovers and continually rediscovers the wonder and reality of God. Our engagement with our faith, with church and society, with our neighbour and with each other continually changes and morphs through the seasons and the often unexpected twists and turns of life's journey. Each one of us is in a unique place at any one time and yet our journey with Christ is one that inevitably places us in company, in conversation, and in community. The joys and the challenges of that sharing of life combine to shape and lead us still further. So my hope and prayer for the time ahead is that I might serve as an encouragement to you in your journey - and to whatever The Lord may have called you. Indeed may we be an encouragement to one another. May God bless us richly as we connect and seek him together. (Psalm 133).

With Every Blessing,
Paul

IN THE PARISH

KALEIDOSCOPE
a quiet day for children
TODAY 2-4.30pm



Hosted by Benedictus Contemplative Church, Kaleidoscope offers children an opportunity to spend time reflectively, restfully and creatively.

The group aims to nurture their souls, open their hearts and minds to the presence of love and hope, and offer opportunities for expression, sharing stories and even some silence.

Coordinator: Karina Harris Place: Holy Covenant Worship Centre
See www.benedictus.com.au for more information.

HELLO
my name is

Please wear
your name
tag so Paul
can get to
know you



If you don't
have one,
Put your name
on the sheet on
the back table.



Invitation – Community Morning Tea – Devonshire Tea THIS Thursday 16 April

We know lots of folk have enjoyed our Community lunches in the past and this year we are also having a couple of those, along with a couple of Community Morning Teas. We believe it is important for our attendees to meet and have fellowship and this will be a great opportunity for that. Our first Morning Tea will be on Thursday 16 April in the Worship Centre.

We plan to serve our Devonshire Tea at 10.30 am and we hope you will join us and invite any you know who would enjoy this get together. The cost will be a gold coin donation.

For catering purposes add your name to the sign-up sheet or contact Helen Boulton on 6251 2078 or hnboulton@gmail.com

IN THE PARISH

HOLISTIC CARE NURSING:

I am very proud of one of our clients who has hoarding issues as this week along with Nicole and a person from another agency she managed to clear out 5 boxes of clutter that has now gone to charity. It took some strength from her to get to doing this and we let her know how impressed we all are with her efforts.



Most of my work this week has been in my office sorting out all you wonderful people who have volunteered to help in this ministry. I am pleased to say that a volunteer saw the task this would be and has come on board as the volunteer coordinator for the HCN ministry. No doubt you will be hearing from her soon! Thank you Cathy Winter, you are a life saver.

After Easter we will organise a meeting for the volunteers and in that meeting, besides getting to meet each other I will be issuing you all with folders and instructions so you can commence your tasks and get to know some of the clients. As I keep saying. 'You will be blessed, as you see people's lives change through your help.

I am so blessed. And I know you will be also.

Anne Ranse, Holistic Care Nursing Ministry Coordinator.



- **Godly Play, Youth Group and Children's Church will be in recess on the 12th and 19th April. We recommence on Sunday 26th April at 10am.**
- **SOUL IN THE BUSH:** Youth group are attending a camp run by Soul Survivor from the 14th-18th April. We'll be camping at Trinity Christian School in Wanniasa and heading out to Yass each day to do community projects (like painting the fence on the cricket oval!). Each night will be gatherings for worship and teaching and then time to party at cafes, night games and other hang out venues. We are joining with 500 other young people for this amazing experience of Christian community. Please keep us in your prayers.
- **THE BLUE RUN SATURDAY 18th APRIL:** on the last day of Soul in the Bush Soul, Soul Survivor is hosting a Blue Run at the lake. This is a fundraiser for 'Beyond Blue' a mental health advocacy organisation. You are invited to Lake Burley Griffin from 11am-3pm to run, walk or ride and then enjoy a BBQ, entertainment and outdoor games. It is going to be great and the whole community is invited. \$5 donation to Beyond Blue payable at registration. A colour run with a difference! Get ready to get Blue! Hope you see you there! Meet at Kings Park www.blueruncanberra.org
- Thanks to all who volunteer and pray for youth and children in the Parish. You are greatly appreciated. Easter blessings. **Katherine Rainger**

IN THE PARISH



COMING UP IN MAY

16th: Quiet Day. Revd Susanna Pain

17th: **Deep Dive: 'Prophets as Performers'**
Dr Jeanette Matthews.

8, 15, 22, 29: Reminiscence/Life Revisited.
Glenys Wimmer.

Details of these events are in the BREATHING SPACE program on the table under the noticeboard

Hildegard of Bingen - The Living Light

In a one-woman show, International mezzo-soprano Linn Maxwell takes on the part of 12th Century prophetess, healer and composer Hildegard of Bingen. Through song, accompanied by period instruments, and readings from Hildegards letters and writings, Linn will transport the audience to the turbulent times of the Crusades in Western Europe.

The performance is on **May 1, at ACU-Signadou, and is free.** Register through the **ACU website** - **25th Anniversary Events.**



WORKING BEE NEXT
SATURDAY FROM 9AM

Many hands make
light work!



Bonus vouchers are available when you buy an Entertainment book before May 1st. The cost is \$60 with \$12 going to the parish.

People who have paid for a book and would like vouchers please **contact Hilary on 6251 8166** or catch her between services on Sunday.

Having a book helps you be creative and innovative with your life.

Our Anzac tribute

Saturday 2 May,
2.30pm
Holy Covenant



Musical Director:
Leonard Weiss.

Details on notice board.

Enquiries Paul Shelley 6251 1568

- **ON THE BOOKSTAND:**
Jams and gift cards for purchase.



CONGRATULATIONS
to Evelyn and Jey Hoole
on the birth of
Elizabeth last Saturday.
Sister for Hannah, Mary
and Sarah

WEARING YOUR NAMETAG?

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The Bible teaches that our giving should be a personal response to what God has given and entrusted to us.

We encourage the use of either direct deposit into the parish's bank account (details on page 10), the AIDF direct debit scheme (contact the office) or weekly offering envelopes.

Sets for the next year, starting 5 April, are now available from the back. There is no record of who uses the envelopes or how much you give. This is between you and God.



ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- ♦ **Suicide Prevention Workshop, 28-29 April.** Conducted by Wesley Lifeforce.
- ♦ **2015 Bishop's Cathedral Convention** at St Saviour's Goulburn, 15-16 May. Brochures on back table.
- ♦ **Ecumenical Social Justice Service,** 20 May, St. Saviour's Goulburn.
- ♦ **Desert Retreat for body and soul—** InterPlay in Alice Springs. 12—17 July.
- ♦ Taize Retreat. 29-31 May, St. Clement's Monastery, Galong

Westminster Presbyterian Church in Cook are launching their recently added 1908 Wadsworth Organ with a recital by the Giddy family of Yass (Merri Bacon's nephew) and friends on Sat 2 May, 2pm, 61 Templeton St Cook. All welcome, tickets available at the door,

Adults \$15, Concession \$5, Family \$40. Proceeds to Blessing and Grace House Orphanages, Bangladesh,
Program details on the noticeboard.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: **Penny King;**
Wednesday: **Ethan Gumbrell;**
Friday: **Sally Witchalls,**
Simon de Vere



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 – 19 APRIL 2015

8.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION

Preacher and Celebrant: Archdeacon Paul Wallis

10.00 am

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TODAY

SENTENCE: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
1 Peter 1:3

READINGS:

Acts 4: 32-37
 Psalm 133
 1 John 1:1 to 2:2
 John 20: 19-31

8 am HYMNS

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PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God,
 the strength of those who believe
 and the hope of those who doubt:
 may we, who have not seen, have faith
 and receive the fullness of Christ's
 blessing;
 who is alive and reigns with you and
 the Holy Spirit,
 One God now and for ever

AMEN



Peace be to you!

	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Ann and Peter Bazeos	Merri Bacon, Reg Holmes
Readers	Hilary Harris Peter Bazeos Anne Ranse	Jayne Murray Reg Holmes Frances Mackay
Intercessor	Chris Lewis	George Gerrity
Organist	Kath Arthur	Heather Shelley
Word and Prayer	Paul Shelley	Connie Gerrity
Deacon	Anne Ranse	
Cup	Paul Shelley, Anne Ranse	Phyl Holmes, Leo Wimmer, George Gerrity, Rob Maron Extra bread: Connie Gerrity
Morning Tea	Heather and Paul Shelley	Alison Campbell, Judith Ann Daniells
Children's Church		On holidays