



HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

19 APRIL 2015

**Third Sunday
of Easter**



They knew him in the
breaking of bread



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: The Venerable Paul Wallis

10.00am HOLY COMMUNION

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Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 20.04.15	10.00am NO	Worship Centre CRAFTY	Covenant 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 Service
Sunday 26.04.15	8.00 am 9.20 am 10.00 am	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre	Holy Communion Choir Practice Holy Communion, Children's Church and Youth Group

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

WEEK BEGINNING 26 April 2015

Monday 27.04.15	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 28.04.15	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 29.04.15	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 30.04.15	9.30 am 7.30 am	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Friday 01.05.15	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 02.05.15	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church
Sunday 03.05.15	8.00 am 9.20 am 10.00 am	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre	Communion Service Choir Practice Communion Service, Children's Church and Youth Group

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

YOU ARE WITNESSES TO THESE THINGS (Luke 24:48)

Godly Play is a way of encountering God and being immersed in Christian language within a community of storytellers and fellow travellers. Each Sunday morning during the term *Godly Play* is part of the 10am service and children and storytellers are invited to spend some time together telling, wondering and playing with a story. The *Godly Play* materials for the Easter season include a felt underlay which consists of six white panels (one for each week of Eastertide) and a red panel (for Pentecost). Each week a story of resurrection is told and a picture representing the story is placed on the underlay. Participants are encouraged to add any item in the *Godly Play* room which helps them to tell more about this part of the story. These materials make tangible the church rhythm at this time of year. The church calendar extends the experience of Easter Sunday for six weeks and helps to prepare us for the mysteries of Ascension and Pentecost.

Today's readings from Luke and Acts recap the Jesus story. Jesus tells the disciples the Messiah was to suffer and die and on the third day be raised again. Peter speaks as one who has been reconciled and transformed by this message. Peter says to the people gathered in Solomon's portico who are amazed at the healing which has taken place, "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob...has glorified his servant Jesus...who is the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead." (Acts 3:13, 15).

Peter declares himself a witness and this is the very thing which Jesus asks of his disciples. On seeing Jesus and wondering whether he is a ghost, the disciples are described in a very honest way: "While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering" (Luke 24:41). Jesus responds by eating in their presence and telling them of their mission of repentance and forgiveness of sins which is to extend to all the nations. They are witnesses to all that they have seen and known.

This week members of our youth group have joined with 500 other young people to witness to the people of Canberra and the surrounding regions. They have gathered morning and night to pray, learn together and worship God. They have set out each day to paint fences, run kids' clubs, restore heritage sites, paint murals and advocate for mental health service *Beyond Blue*. They have been witnesses to the Author of life who has been revealed to them through family, friends and this faith community. What a blessing! May you also be blessed as you bear witness to the transforming love of God in your unique way.

Katherine Rainger

FROM ST JOHN'S CARE



Friday was 'Homeless Day'. The first client through the door has been a client of SJC for many years. For the past few months he has been homeless. He is a bit of a lad, well actually he is in his forties, but he has obviously been a bit irresponsible so has lost the tenancy of his flat. It was ok in summer but he was a little less buoyant this morning. He is really starting to feel the cold. He was really happy that we were able to give him some food but he really appreciated the warm jumper and jacket.

The next client was Michael. He has been homeless for many months. In fact last week he, Randy and the dog, Bear featured in the Canberra Times last week. Michael now lives under a nearby bridge with the dog, who about the size of a small horse. Last winter he was homeless in Canberra but they had a car to live in. Unfortunately, late last year the car was trashed, so this will be his first winter of living really rough.

The third homeless person in was new to Canberra. He came to Canberra a few months ago to help his brother who is a drug addict. He was trying to get his brother off the drugs but unfortunately he has had some problem with the dealers. Last week he was beaten up and is looking really sad and sorry. He has moved away from his brother's place and has now found safety in the bush. He will be staying for a while.

The fourth homeless person was the most worrying for me. A female, between forty five and fifty, escaping Domestic Violence. She has been homeless for about a month, and has done the right thing and registered with First Point, in fact she rings First Point everyday. First Point is the organisation established by the ACT Government to resolve all the Homelessness issues in the ACT. She has been sleeping in her car, but last week the car was broken into so she is concerned about her safety.

When she was in today I rang FirstPoint to see if there was a solution. I had to leave a message and about four hours later Fred called me back. I expressed my concerns about a middle aged woman who is on a Disability Support Pension due to Mental Health Issues living rough. He said that he knew the client, and she does ring every day, but there was nothing available at the moment, but there could be something available in twelve months time! What about a Refuge was my question? That is what I am talking about he said, the waiting list for ACT Housing is six years.

Come on Canberra - we cannot accept a woman with Mental Health Issues not being housed for twelve months living rough.

Then this morning I went and saw the new Common Ground building in Gunghalin. I have to say that the building is functional, practical and beautiful. This will be a new home for forty homeless or low wage Canberrans to live with dignity. I pray that this homeless woman might be one of the first residents. I am really upset with the poor performance of FirstPoint but well done to the Common Ground Committee.

My wish list for this week: Tins of Tuna, Pasta Sauce, Noodle Cups and Washing Powder.

Many Thanks
Sue



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We pray that countries in the Middle East will give priority to the education of children and for the UNICEF in this area.

IN AUSTRALIA

- As the weather cools down we pray for those who are homeless or have inadequate shelter and we pray for effective programs to address this problem by governments and community organisations.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church in Nigeria, Uganda and New Zealand.
- In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people in the Dioceses of North Queensland, North West Australia and Perth.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Gundagai, Holbrook and Wagga Wagga.
- We pray for diocesan candidates training for ordination at St. Mark's and elsewhere

MISSION

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

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- We give thanks for our children's church and youth group leaders and helpers.
- We pray for the Parish Council meeting this week.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family: Dorothy Parsonage; Martin, Geraldine, Lily and Ned Paull; Peter and Paula Percival; Phil Perman; and Nick, Judith, Eleanor and Jeremy Platt;
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Pat Bonnett, Glenys Wimmer, Nick Winders and any known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Saturday: **Mark, Evangelist and Martyr**

Friday: **Iris Gould (died 1991)**
Linda Sharpe (died 20020



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 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

HOLISTIC CARE NURSING

This week saw our way a little further into the cluttered home of a client. She is excited about the prospects of life without clutter and a house she can use as it should be used. Items of use are going to local charity and some are even going to Guinea, in Africa, to help needy families raise some income thanks to a container in Florey where a family is organising that.



In the de-clutter, potted plants have also been given to us to care for until the plant fair in November and others have gone to another client who is establishing a garden at her home. In response that particular client has knitted her woollen beanie for the winter as a thank you. It's just lovely how these clients out of their own difficult situations want to help others. I am wondering if anyone has **a medium to large dog kennel** in good condition that would be suitable for a client's much loved red heeler dog?

Anne
Holistic Care Nursing Coordinator.



COMING UP IN MAY

16th: Quiet Day. Revd Susanna Pain

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

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



Opening Holy Covenant Gardens in Spring - yours?

The Eco-footprint Group is looking towards next Spring - we expect there will be a plant sale (and now is a good time to start preparing), but we also wish to invite interested parishioners to open their gardens (or other green spaces, e.g. courtyards) to others for a few hours on a Saturday in Spring.

Last year Sally Bachelard and Joh Sheehan opened their gardens - providing an opportunity to see how green and creative these individual spaces can be, together with relaxed community time over refreshments. The requested \$5 donations from those who visited were sent to general parish revenue. It would be great to have a couple of gardens open up this year.

You don't need to have a spectacular garden, just one you enjoy and think is beautiful in its own simple way. If you are interested, please let one of us know over the next couple of weeks so we can all plan - Joh Sheehan, Jean Groves, Peter Sherman, George Gerrity, Beth Heyde - or send an e-mail to heyde@westnet.com.au, or phone Beth at 6253 9198.

VMTC School in April and Prayer Ministry

Part of Jesus' ministry was to set the captives free. Victorious Ministry Through Christ is a non-denominational healing ministry based on the ministry of Jesus helping people who have been trapped in addiction, bound by hurts and unforgiveness and weighed down by the difficulties of life, who want to be free and whole again. VMTC Canberra will be holding a Healing Training School at Woodbury in Sutton from 30 April to 3 May. Spaces are available for the school. If you are interested in attending the school or know anyone who might be interested in either attending or receiving prayer ministry, please contact Peter and Chris Cartright on 6230 3202 or go to www.vmtc.org.au or you can chat to Merri Bacon (6251 1110) about the ministry.



Bonus vouchers are available when you buy an Entertainment book before 1 May. 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

IN THE PARISH

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 Hildegard's 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**.

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 12 months, 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.

HELLO
my name is



LET'S ALL GET TOGETHER
FOR MORNING TEA

ON SUNDAY 10 MAY
after the 10am Service

TO THANK
ANNE DUDZINSKI AND VICKY CULLEN

For the wonderful job they did as
our Locum Rectors.

Please bring a plate to share and 8am-ers
we'd really love you to join us!

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.



Our Anzac tribute

Saturday 2 May,
2.30pm
Holy Covenant

Musical Director:
Leonard Weiss.

Details on notice board.

Enquiries Paul Shelley 6251 1568

AND . . .

FOR SALE!

A brand new **microwave oven** that is surplus to parish requirements. It is a Sharp 1200W Inverter Microwave Oven with a stainless steel finish , model R-395Y(S) . It can be yours for \$225. Contact Paul Shelley (0419 255 002; epshms@grapevine.com.au)

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

WEARING YOUR NAMETAG?

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- ♦ **Suicide Prevention Workshop**, 28-29 April. Conducted by Wesley Lifeforce.
- ♦ **Hawker Men's Luncheon Forum**, Monday 11 May.
- ♦ **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



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: **Penny King**
Wednesday **Ethan Gumbrell**
Friday: **Sally Witchells**

*If you want your name in the
Birthday Book, tell Phyl:
phylandreg@optusnet.com.au*



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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 26 APRIL 2015

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
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TODAY

SENTENCE:

Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord. *Acts 3:19-20*

READINGS:

Acts 3: 12-20
Psalm 4
1 John 2:15-17, 3:1-6
Luke 24: 36b-48

8 am HYMNS

96
546
387
365

PRAYER

Christ our friend,
you ask for love in spite of our betrayal:
give us courage to embrace
forgiveness,
to know you again,
and to trust ourselves in you.

AMEN



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Jennifer Collier and Peter Hall	Prue and Ken Wedgwood
Readers	Des Pain Peter Hall Anne Ranse	Kate King Chris Olsson Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Anne McDowell	Bruce Barnes
Organist	Mandy Squair	Ruth Dunnicliff-Hagan
Word and Prayer	Chris Lewis	Chris Lewis
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
Cup	Chris Lewis, Anne Ranse	James Ellis, Anne Ranse, Leo Wimmer, Kate King Extra bread: Anne D
Morning Tea	Margaret and David Meggs	Rika Amos, Ken Wedgwood
Children's Church		On holidays