

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN 26 APRIL 2015



Fourth 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: The Venerable Paul Wallis

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Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 27.04.15	10.00am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 28.04.15	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Eco-Footprint 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	10.00am 10.30 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Playgroup MOTH
Saturday 02.05.15	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Service

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

WEEK BEGINNING 3 May 2015

Monday 04.05.15	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 05.05.15	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Belonging and Caring Meeting
Wednesday 06.05.15	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 07.05.15	9.30 am 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Bookclub EFM
Friday 08.05.15	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 09.05.15	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:12).



This weekend we remember one of Australia's stories, the story of the Anzac soldiers and their ill-fated mission on the shores of Gallipoli. Like all stories each of us will relate to it differently. It is a story which raises more questions than answers. We may have paused over this weekend to reflect on other theatres of war. The questions remain. When will we as a human race find a better way? How do we walk alongside those near and far as they seek to heal and restore their lives? We remember our military chaplains who minister to service men and women every day. We open our hearts to those who come across the sea fleeing war and seeking a life of peace and second chances.

The Easter mystery which we have been entering into proclaims the peace, presence and power of the spirit of the Risen Christ. In a world filled with the ugliness of war, Jesus comes among us. He enters into the suffering of the world in his death and in doing so offers his life for the world. The risen Jesus then proclaims a message of peace to his disciples who offer this peace and healing to others in his name. The intimacy of the shepherd's relationship with the sheep is conveyed in both Psalm 23 and in John 10, "I know my sheep and my sheep know me."

This spirit of the risen Christ can be glimpsed wherever there is peace instead of vengeance. A story which speaks to me of healing and hope within the Anzac legend is that of Mustafa Kemal, also known as Atatürk. A key commander on hand to oppose the Anzac landing in April 1914, he later became president of Turkey. An extraordinary leader and peacemaker he made the following tribute to the Anzacs killed at Gallipoli in 1934:

Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives ... You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side here in this country of ours ... You, the mothers who sent their sons from faraway countries, wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well.

This is a Gospel message. Where there was brutal division there is now a glimpse of a common humanity where each life is valued and affirmed regardless of nation, tribe or race. Blessed are the peacemakers.

- ***Katherine Rainger***

FROM ST JOHN'S CARE



Friday was a really hard day for me. Late in the afternoon I was working with Zack, the YCC Youth Worker with a young sixteen year old. At the end of the day I went home, had a few tears for the young woman, and was so irate at how unfair life is for some people.

Mary is a very vocal young woman, she can't live with the family, they have moved away so she is living in a Refuge. She hates it and she has no money at all. She can't even buy a packet of gum at the moment, she has no credit on her phone, life is miserable!

She should be on Youth Allowances, which is not a lot of money, but she receives no benefits from Centrelink, because she has no ID. She contacted her Mum, who doesn't have the Birth Certificate anymore, so it is not an easy task. You can't get a copy of your Birth Certificate unless you have some identification. A 'Catch 22' situation.

Zack is working on it but it takes time. Thankfully she had her Medicare number so was able to go to the Doctor. On Friday, she needed a script filled, but with no benefits and no money that was a serious concern. SJC and YCC were able to fix that. Paying for the medication was the easy part. We had to phone six pharmacies before we found one that stocked the required medication and then I had to drive to Hughes to get the medication. How would Mary have managed and why should she have to, she is just sixteen and shouldn't be worrying about things like that. She should be going to School and having a good time with her friends. Instead she is miserable living in a Refuge.

Over the years I have worked with a lot of young people Mary's age, who are at school and need to do some Volunteer time with a Community Organisation. They are lovely young carefree people and often talk to me about their plans to go to University, their recent holidays etc. They all have good clothes and the most up to date electronic equipment, but more importantly they have parents who love them and care for them and nurture them. Their parents may not be rich, but these kids have a future.

Everyone thinks that Canberra is a reasonably happy middle class city, but let me assure you that is not the case. We have a lot of poverty in Canberra, I see it every day. We are very lucky that we have no slums in Canberra so the poverty is hidden, but it is there.

What sort of future will Mary have?

My wish list for this week: Tinned fruit, ladies deodorant, tissues and toilet paper.



Many Thanks
Sue Jordan

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- Pray that all who promote violence and war - arms dealers, dictators, religious fanatics, and sabre-rattlers of all kinds should be confounded and exposed.

IN AUSTRALIA

- On this Anzac weekend we pray for all victims of war; those who fight, those who die, those maimed in body, mind or spirit; those who lose homes and livelihoods, family and friends.
- We pray for military chaplains and all Australian servicemen and women.
- We pray for all those affected by the cyclonic weather in NSW.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church in New Jersey USA, Nigeria and York England..
- In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people in the Dioceses of The Northern Territory, Wangaratta and Willochra.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Tumut, Adelong and Tarcutta.
- We pray for the Torres Strait Islander Ministry, and Bimbadeen Training College.

MISSION

- We pray for the work of the Society for Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- We give thanks and pray for the Children and youth returning to their programmes
- We pray for the Eco-Footprint Group meeting this week.
- We pray for teachers and students returning to school this week.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family: Barry, Carol, Joshua, Natalie and Emily Pogson; Coral Powell, Marjorie Pratt; Katherine Rainger and Anne Ranse.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Pat Bonnett, Glenys Wimmer, Nick Winders and any known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Yesterday: **Norma Alexander (died 2001)**

Lesley Hadzontonis (died 2009)

Friday: **Philip and James Apostles and Martyrs**



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE
REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

**DEAR GOD,
I WANNA TAKE A
MINUTE, NOT TO ASK
FOR ANYTHING FROM
YOU, BUT SIMPLY TO
SAY THANK YOU,
FOR ALL I HAVE.**



- Welcome to Term 2. Children's Church, Youth Group and Godly Play resume today in the 10am service.

Occasionally you are part of an event that when you look back on you think, "how did that all happen?!" Soul in the Bush is one such event! Our group of 30 Anglican youth from across the Diocese met with over 450 youth from around Australia to journey together on an inward journey with worship, song, teaching and prayer and also an outward journey to serve those around us in Burra, Yass, Goulburn, Murrumbateman and Canberra.

Soul Survivor NSW/ACT led us through the week of word, spirit and action. At the end of the week I had a sense that this was a beginning rather than an ending as we shared in Holy Communion together and brainstormed ways that we could serve our local community. A big thank you to all who supported us with prayer, supplies and encouragement. Thanks to the youth who are so much fun to go camping with. The organisers commented that we have a very helpful youth group! **The parish is invited to lunch on Sunday 3rd May (Worship Centre at 12pm) to hear the many stories from Soul in the Bush. Sign up sheet available.**

Australians in Action. Covenant Care last Monday remembered all those men and women who fought 100 years ago in World War 1 and particularly Gallipoli. There was a time of remembrance and a short service with the Last Post played as a backing to the hymn, Abide with Me which was very moving. The day also included the sharing of personal family memorabilia from the First World War and there was a distribution to the clients of a hand crocheted Flanders Poppy broach. Members of Covenant Care made 100 poppies which were placed reverently in the Church garden so they are seen beyond the Sanctuary. The day was brightened with a game of Tow Up with Freddo frogs as prizes. **See photos on pic board.**

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!



BREATHING SPACE PROGRAMME FOR MAY

17th: Deep Dive. 11.45am 'Prophets as Performers'
Dr. Jeanette Matthews. Jeanette is a lecturer in
Old Testament and biblical Hebrew at St. Mark's
Theological College.

23 May: An Autumn Quiet Day. Revd Susanna Pain.
9.30am—4pm, **St. Mark's Theological Centre, Barton.**
Autumn is a time for harvest, and for letting go.
Come, rest, reflect, be refreshed, let your soul breathe.
Donation \$30. Sign-up sheet on the board.

NB: Note this date has changed due to Bishop's Convention on 16th.

HOLISTIC CARE NURSING

We read in the bible that if we ask we will receive. I don't think that really applies to asking God for possessions we desire. However on this occasion I think it worked! Last week we put out a call for a dog kennel for a client's dog and here we are this week with a kennel. Thank you so much to the donor. There is now one happy client and a warm dog.



I was very encouraged and thankful to all those volunteers who turned out Wednesday night for a volunteers meeting. We had a great number present and managed to get the admin work done. Next move is to allocate tasks and clients. Hopefully that will be within the week.

And more great news this week is that Anglicare has offered to call our HCN van a vehicle of their fleet. This means they will cover all the costs associated with the van ie services, registration, insurance, roadside assist and a fuel card. That is a real blessing. Thank you Bob Arthur for your assistance with this.

Anne Ranse HCN Coordinator.

IN THE PARISH

A GREAT WAY TO SPEND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

The "Anglican Combo group" descended on Trinity Christian School last Tuesday afternoon for a full-on 5 days at Soul in the Bush 2015. The camp was a youth conference of around 460 young people from across Australia, conducted by the ministry team of Soul Survivor NSW/ACT. Our hearty and hardy crew enjoyed a busy schedule with the aim of serving, listening to, and praying for others. Each morning, braving the 'fresh' mornings and rain, the buses arrived ... With our group leaders, us youth campers climbed aboard and travelled out to rural communities *all* around Canberra for a day spent in service projects. There was fence painting in Yass, an Anglicare holiday kids club in Goulburn, tree planting in Burra and so much more! A total of around 22 projects in the Canberra surrounds! The three service days were a challenge to follow Christ's example of service to others; exhibiting compassion, understanding, and selflessness ... in God's name.

In the late afternoon the buses would return us back to camp. Although often muddy and wet, our bus trips were always buzzing with shared tales of the day's experiences and impromptu karaoke (even rapping!). The evening involved a huge communal worship gathering spent watching and hearing about the day, worshipping in song, and listening to enthusiastic sermons from various guest pastors. Complete with a band, lighting rig, and 360° TV set-up, the Anglican Combo group were more often up and out of their seats than not! Afterwards, the night would come alive with night venues. A café, gamers lounge, board-game room, prayer space, cinema, as well as games of basketball, putt-putt golf, and capture-the-flag made for great times, with something for everyone. It can also be said the Combo Anglicans came together to have a blast at the end-of-week dance party!

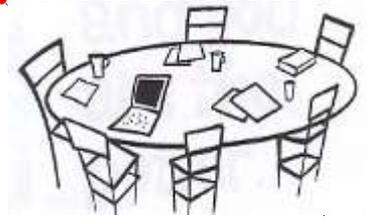
Saturday was spent at 'The Blue Run', a blue-themed bridge-to-bridge run at Lake Burley Griffin to raise awareness of the online (<http://www.beyondblue.org.au/>) and phone (1300 22 4636) services provided by mental health organisation Beyond Blue. The event ultimately brought attention to the importance of seeking professional support for mental health related matters - for oneself and for others - through an enjoyable and fun activity in the Canberra community.

Yes, it rained! Yes, it was muddy! Yes, the days were long! *Nonetheless*, our morning-meeting bible study (conducted by Melbourne pastor Matt Destry), of the book of Jonah, was poignant in this matter... Like Jonah 'facing-up' to the discomfort of going into the city of Nineveh to share the Word (Jonah 3); when we seek to help others, we too must risk 'going into the city'. Although it did not bring the trivial comforts we were accustomed to, being challenged to serve others in God's name allowed us to exemplify the power of God's love for ALL.

Soul in the Bush 2015 was a memorable experience spent growing in our relationships with each other, the community, and most importantly, with and always alongside GOD!

IN THE PARISH

FROM THIS WEEK'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



- ◇ Council warmly welcomed our new rector Paul Wallis to his first meeting.
- ◇ Paul shared his experiences of his first weeks in the job and how much he, Ruth, Evie, Ben and Caleb are enjoying getting to know Holy Covenant and are especially grateful to everyone for wearing their name badges.
- ◇ Recent donations have seen the following amounts raised:
 - Lenten Appeal \$165.35
 - Vanuatu Appeal \$485.90
 - Good Friday retiring collection for Church in Jerusalem \$860
 - Offering at the induction Service for Clergy Training at St Mark's \$1,113.Council thanks people for their generosity in giving.
- ◇ A donation of \$4,200 has been made to the Parish for the concreting of the gravel paths outside the Parish office and the kitchen. Once again we are blessed by generous donations for specific projects, thank you!
- ◇ Offertories for the first quarter were \$56,700, which is 23.0% of our budget for the year.
- ◇ Council is interested in hearing from anyone with librarian or archiving experience or skills in scanning who would be interested in volunteering to scan historical documents from the parish for our parish archive, please speak to Paul or the Wardens if you are interested.



Opening Holy Covenant Gardens in Spring - yours?

The Ecofootprint 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.

Happy Gardening!

ON THE BOOKSTAND:

Jams and gift cards for purchase.

*We would like to extend a **BIG** thank you to the parish for the well wishes, prayers, cards, flowers and support on the occasion of the birth of our daughter /sister Elizabeth.*

We have all felt very loved, cherished and embraced by our church family.

*With love, thanks and blessings,
David, Evelyn, Hannah, Mary, Sarah and Elizabeth*

Another Chance Op Shop, Scullin shops, Ross Smith Crescent, Scullin has a special on all purple tagged clothing - now half price till sold out. Plus Mother's Day cards and gifts now in stock; great range to choose from with stock replenished daily.

Trading hours 10am-4:30pm M-F and 10am-1pm Saturday. Another Chance is a project of Mosaic Baptist Church.

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Bishop's Media Releases:** Appt of Matt Brain as Asst. Bishop, and Regional Bishop in Wagga Wagga.
- ◆ **Bishop's Pastoral Letter** on table.

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.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Monday: **Judith Ann Daniells**
 Tuesday: **Michael Troy, James Ellis**
 Friday: **Eleanor James**
 Saturday: **Susan Joy Nevile.**

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

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 3 MAY 2015

- 8.00 am** **HOLY COMMUNION**
Preacher and Celebrant: The Venerable Paul Wallis
- 10.00 am** **HOLY COMMUNION**
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- 11.00 am** **Service at BUPA Nursing Home**
- 4.00 pm** **Rainbow Fellowship.**



TODAY

SENTENCE:

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'I know my own and my own know me.'

John 10:14

READINGS:

Acts 4: 5-12
 Psalm 23
 1 John 3:16-24
 John 10: 11-18

8 am HYMNS

145
 648
 539
 245

PRAYER

Lord of Life, by submitting to death, you conquered the grave.
 By being lifted up on the cross, you draw all peoples to you.
 By being raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin.
 Be with us in your risen power,
 that in word and deed we may proclaim the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection.
 For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity.
Amen



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Mandy Squair, Hilary Harris	Helen and Harris Boulton
Readers	Rosemary Kennemore Steve Daniels Anne Ranse	Harris Boulton Doreen Matters Susan Joy Nevile
Intercessor	Paul Shelley	James Ellis
Organist	Shirley Campbell	Pam Lane
Word and Prayer	Luc Rose	Joh Sheehan
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Susan Joy Nevile
Cup	Luc Rose, Anne Ranse	Susan Joy Nevile, Doreen Matters James Ellis, Leo Wimmer. Extra bread: Sarah Gibson
Morning Tea	Mary Lynn Mather Jocelyn Kirkland	Therese Jokisch Judith Ann Daniells
Children's Church		Sue Witchalls, Anne Lange, Rika Amos, Mary Sargeson. M. Tea: Deranie