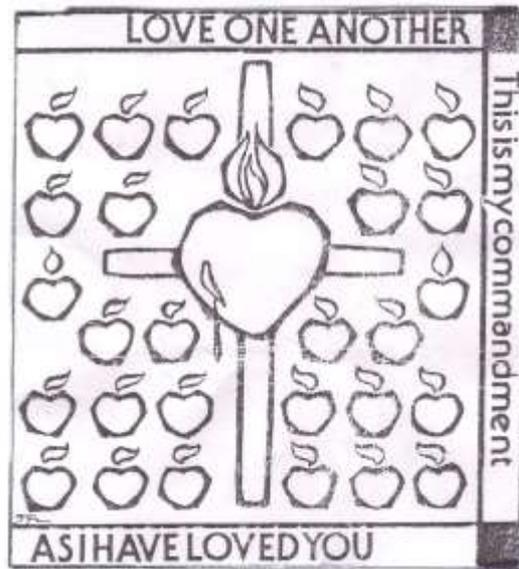


HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN - 10 MAY 2015



Sixth Sunday of 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

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
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Preacher: The Venerable Anne Ranse

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6.00 pm Taize Service



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 11.05.15	9.00 am 10.00 am 1.30 pm	Worship Centre Kangara Waters Ret. V Calvary Ret. Village	Covenant Care Communion Service Communion Service
Tuesday 12.05.15	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch
Wednesday 13.05.15	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 14.05.15	9.30 am 7.30 am	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Friday 15.05.15	10.00am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 16.05.15	9am—12 noon 6 pm	Church Grounds Worship Centre	Working Bee Benedictus Contemplative Service

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

WEEK BEGINNING 17 May 2015

Monday 18.05.15	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 19.05.15	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 20.05.15	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 21.05.15	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Friday 22.05.15	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 23.05.15	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

JOHN CHAPTER 15: 9-17

The heart of today's gospel reading can be best seen by noticing that Jesus repeats himself. He opens the central part of his instruction by telling his disciples 'This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you.' And this same gospel passage ends with his words 'What I command you is to love one another.' This life giving love that brings such joy should be the mark of our Christian lives depending on our repeating of this love, this same self-giving love of Jesus Christ within our own lives.

You may recall a story I have told recently of the 12 year old boy at the special school where I was the Chaplain. A child with profound disability, who was difficult to look in the face due to his disfigurement and he rarely spoke. As I knelt down put his shoes on his withered, twisted feet in preparation to go outside for some exercise, I felt a small hand on the top of my head. I glanced up and our eyes met and after a short pause he said very clearly. 'Are you Jesus?' Those words have never left me and out of my great love of Jesus I share them with you so we can all see that God asks of us to love one another, even the unlovable, that the word needs 'Jesus with skin on.'

The more we draw near to Jesus, the more time we spend in his company, the more we share with him of our desire to be more and more like him, the more we will take on his likeness. It is only out of relationship with Jesus as Saviour and Friend that we can give this very special love. Not love as the world loves, but love that comes straight from the heart of a true believer. This is what Jesus calls 'bearing fruit.' It's out of this self-giving love in the name of Jesus the Christ that lives are changed and relationship is restored. What a joy filled life that gives us, to know that our Christian love changes lives one by one.

Blessings.
Archdeacon Anne



TO ALL OUR MOTHERS,
GRANDMOTHERS AND
GREAT
GRANDMOTHERS
MAY YOUR DAY BE
BLESSED.

FROM ST JOHN'S CARE



Late Thursday afternoon I received a call from a young woman asking if we were still open. We had been closed for a couple of hours, but it was important to make sure that she had food for the family overnight. There was a lot of noise in the background, so I assumed that there were a few kids involved.

She assured me that she was right for the night but could not last the weekend. Come tomorrow, bring the little ones who aren't in School and enjoy our free Community lunch. Our young Mum arrived with two little boys under the age of four. One of the little boys obviously has a few problems. He was noisy and all over the place.

At the moment we have our Mother's Day table. There is a lovely selection of gifts and we invite our Mums to choose something from the table that they would like to receive. We particularly target our single Mums as they are unlikely to receive any recognition for the great job they are doing. We have some lovely gifts, things that you have given us over the year that we have put aside for the weeks before Mother's Day.

Joyce is our gift wrapper 'Extraordinaire' and makes all the gifts look wonderful but you know what is in the gift pack. When our young Mum went to choose her gift, Joyce actually took the time to ask what our young Mum would like: Body Creams, jewellery, photo frames or something totally different. Our young Mum was gobsmacked. No one had ever asked her what she would like!

Then our young Mum went into the hall to enjoy a beautifully cooked three course meal. The youngest fellow decided that he was not interested in a meal, all he wanted to do was to create mayhem. Thankfully, we had a number of students from Campbell High School helping us with the serving of the meal.

Two of them looked after our very active young man. This was a win win situation - the Mum just enjoyed having a little peace, having a wonderful three course meal, and spending some time with her slightly older child, and the very robust two year old had these two wonderful young women looking after him.

The young Mum located me before the family left to thank me for a wonderful Mother's Day. It was a little early but it is the only recognition she will receive. She went home feeling a little more relaxed, respected, and of course with plenty of food to feed all four children.

Isn't it nice that at SJC you don't have to make a fifteen minute appointment to receive help. For this young Mum, I think SJC provided a fantastic personal service as we do with most of our clients. Good on you Donors and good on you Volunteers.

My wish list wish for this week: Pasta Sauce, soap, shampoo and Vegemite.

**Many Thanks
Sue**



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We give thanks that the UNHCR has come to the rescue of the thousands of refugees crossing the Mediterranean Sea to Europe, and pray that the countries receiving them will treat them with compassion and dignity.

IN AUSTRALIA

- We pray that the Federal Budget to be handed down this week will be fair and just.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church in Central Philippines and North Carolina, USA.
- In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people in the Dioceses of Gippsland and Grafton and for the Bishop to the Defence Force, Bishop Ian Lambert

IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of St. John's Canberra, St. Philip's O'Connor and Gungahlin.
- We pray for our Bishop Stuart, our Asst. Bishop Trevor and Asst. Bishop Elect Matthew.

MISSION

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

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- We pray for Anne Dudzinski taking the Services at the Retirement Villages tomorrow.
- We pray for all the people who use our buildings through the week.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family: Johann Sheehan; Paul and Heather Shelley; Peter and Carol Sherman; Kevin and Mandy Squair and Ian and Eileen Sykes.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Pat Bonnett, Glenys Wimmer, Nick Winders and any known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Tuesday: **May Barrington (died 1991)**

Wednesday: **Jill Montgomery (died 2002)**

Saturday: **William Donald Roberts (died 1989)**



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE
REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

TODAY

MORNING TEA

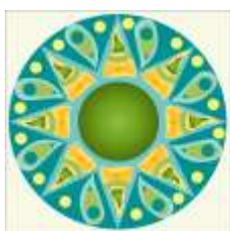
TODAY
after the 10am Service

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!



KALEIDOSCOPE
quiet day for children
MAY 10 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.**

Future dates: May 31 and June 28.

SERMONS

Did you know that you can listen to any recent sermons that you may have missed... or perhaps enjoyed so much that you want to listen to them again!?

Recordings of the weekly sermons are now being made available on the Parish website (as an MP3 file), which should play on any computer, tablet or smartphone.

- 1) Just go to the parish website: www.holycovenant.org.au
- 2) Go to resources and click sermons 2015
- 3) Then just click on the little headphone icon next to the sermon you'd like to listen to... that's it!

The sermon will be going up each week, provided we have the permission of the preacher.

Many thanks to Martin Lange and Ian Matters for making this service available.



BREATHING SPACE PROGRAMME FOR MAY

NEXT SUNDAY 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..

*'Listening to our Dreams' has been postponed.
Reminiscence/Life Revisited cancelled.*

ST JOHN'S CARE COLLECTION AT JAMISON, 23 MAY

St John's Care are running low on groceries. Holy Covenant is having our collection of groceries for St John's Care at Jamison Plaza on **Saturday 23 May from 9 am to 1 pm**, together with a cake stall to raise funds for the parish. This event will make a very welcome contribution of food and groceries to St John's Care. It also raises valuable funds and community awareness for us.

Volunteers are needed to provide shoppers with a list of products as they enter Coles and Aldi and also to stock and operate our stall. If you can help with either or both of these activities, **please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the notice board.**

WORKING BEE NEXT SATURDAY 16 MAY

From 9am

If you can spare an hour or two to do some weeding, clean windows and chairs and remove some cobwebs nothing too onerous.

**Your reward
a great morning tea!**





At the **refugee action group's** regular fourth Tuesday meeting members shared progress on setting up a bikes for refugees in Canberra program.

It looks manageable and there are some promising options for bike repairers to help get good used bikes on the road for local refugees.

We also mooted a refugee week morning tea and talk, inviting refugees to dinner, writing to people in detention and we prayed for refugees affected by war. **You are welcome to join us for the May meeting, fourth Tuesday (26th), 6.30-7.30 at 30 Northmore Street, Higgins.**

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!

SAFE MINISTRIES WORKSHOP—do you need to attend?

Please check the status of your certification—you need to do a refresher course every 3 years.

Awareness Workshop: Tuesday 12 May 9.30 am – 3.30 pm in Holt

Refresher Workshop: Wednesday 13 May 6.30 pm – 9.30 pm in Spence

HOLISTIC CARE NURSING.

I believe that so much can be achieved and lives can be changed when we offer struggling people the simple gifts of trust and friendship. Over the past twelve months we have been working with a client who has huge issues and is anxious that we will abandon her, like many others have done who have come into help her. We have assured her we are there for her for as long as it takes to journey with her 'back into life.'



While we offer holistic care to all the clients we always endeavour to be seen for what we represent more by action rather than by than words. I find 'just being' and letting people see 'Jesus with skin on' in those on our team who go out to help, so powerful. This week I was so touched by this clients words. For the first time she said to me 'please, please will you pray for me?' 'Tell me you pray for me daily.' Isn't it interesting that when we are at the bottom of the dark hole in life, when there seems to be nowhere else to turn that we can, suddenly, see hope in Jesus? Can I ask you too to pray for this client, for her recovery? Her name is Ann.

Ven Anne Ranse
Holistic Care Nursing Ministry coordinator.



CONFIRMATION

Bishop Stuart has offered to come and visit us for a confirmation on July 5th. If you would like to explore the possibility of confirmation/re-affirmation of baptismal vows please let Paul (rector Paul) know.

ABM NEPAL EMERGENCY APPEAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

We have all been moved by the extent of the earthquake damage in Nepal and the effect it has had on the people. Liam Harper is organising a fundraising dinner at Holy Covenant to support the response of Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) and their partners in Nepal. Come and enjoy a beautiful Nepalese inspired dinner with new and old friends. We will also hear via Skype from Sahill Bhopal, a resident of Kathmandu.

Friday 22nd May @7pm.
\$30/\$15 concession for dinner.
BYO drinks.

A children's film will be shown in the chapel.

More info about the appeal at
www.abmission.org

AND . . .

ANGLICAN NEWS for May is available from the Diocesan Website. **Check out page 15!**

If you would like one emailed to you, register on the sign-up sheet on the sign-up board.

Need a house cleaner? Andrew Richey is available—0420 529 393

COPIES OF Tracey Matthews' blog on her overseas trip is on the parish pics board—great reading.

CAN YOU HELP? We need 5000 Velocity (Virgin) Points to help a member visit a sick relative. Contact Libby in the office if you can help.

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Time Poor Soul Rich**—60 second solutions. Book launch 17 May.



Christians for an Ethical Society

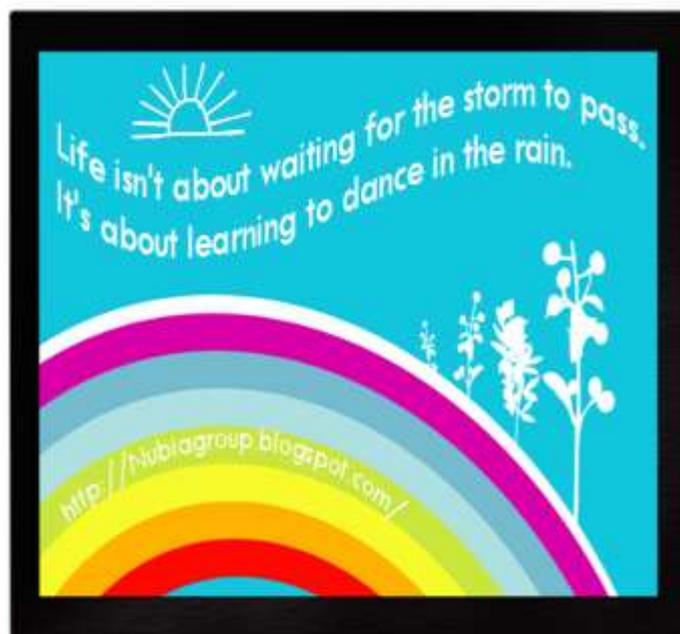
BUDGET EQUITY?

Paul Bongiorno AM

**Thursday 21 May
7.30pm**

Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.

Blackall St. Cnr Kings Ave, Barton
More details on noticeboard.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: **Gwen Hallows;**
Thursday: **Mavis McLaren**

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

Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 17 MAY 2015

8.00 am

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TODAY

SENTENCE: Jesus said, "You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit."

John 15: 16

READINGS:

Acts 10: 44– 48
 Psalm 98
 1 John 5: 1-12
 John 15:9-17



8 am HYMNS

479
 398
 686
 178

PRAYER

Loving God, your Son has chosen us
 and called us to be his friends:
 give us grace to keep his commandments,
 to love another, and to bear fruit which
 will abide;
 through him who is the true vine,
 the source of all our life,
 Jesus Christ our Lord

AMEN.

*As the Father has
 loved me, so have I
 loved you. Now
 remain in my love.*
 John 15:9

	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Brian and Kerin Cox	Neville and Dorothy Hurst
Readers	Kerin Cox Steve Daniels Anne Ranse	Anne Dudzinski Dorothy Hurst Neville Hurst
Intercessor	Peter Hall	Tracey Matthews
Organist	Heather Shelley	Heather Shelley
Word and Prayer	Luc Rose	James Ellis
Deacon	Anne Ranse	
Cup	Luc Rose, Anne Ranse	James Ellis, Tracey Matthews, Neville Hurst, Phyl Holmes. Extra bread: Sarah Gibson
Morning Tea	Jenifer Collier, Kathy Lake	Rika Amos, Ken Wedgwood.
Children's Church		Katherine Rainger, Russell Judd, Rika Amos M. Tea: Murray/Judd.