

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN - 24 MAY 2015



CELEBRATION OF PENTECOST



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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Venerable Paul Wallis

10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION AND FAMILY SERVICE

Celebrant and Preacher: The Venerable Paul Wallis



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 25.05.15	10.30 am 10.00 am 1.30 pm	Kangara Waters Ret. V. Worship Centre Calvary Ret. Village	Communion Service Covenant Care Communion Service
Tuesday 26.05.15	12.30 pm 6.30 pm	Worship Centre 30 Northmore St Higgins	Meditation and BYO lunch Refugee Action Group
Wednesday 27.05.15	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 28.05.15	9.30 am 7.30 am	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Friday 29.05.15	10.00am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 230.05.15	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Service

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

WEEK BEGINNING 31 May 2015

Monday 01.06.15	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 02.06.15	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Belonging and Caring Team
Wednesday 03.06.15	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 04.06.15	9.30 am 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Book Club EFM
Friday 05.06.15	10.00 am 10.30 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Playgroup MOTH
Saturday 06.06.15	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

PENTECOST

I love the hymn ‘Breathe on me, breath of God’ and an old favourite ‘Wind, wind blow on me’ – they remind me of the Church season of Pentecost, which in turn reminds me of the words of Jesus when he said to the disciples who were huddled in fear ‘Peace be with you, as the Father sent me, so I am sending you’. He breathed on them and added ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’. The breath, the life of Jesus himself is breathed on us. Also we are God-breathed and Pentecost celebrates that reality.

The feast day of Pentecost remembers a day not long after Jesus’ resurrection, when the energy of the Holy Spirit was poured out in power upon the Church. It was a Spirit of unity that crossed the artificial boundaries of language, race and culture. People could speak and be understood; strangers heard one another, unity happened.

When we are open to the embrace of the Holy Spirit we are energised for Jesus and are filled with the God given gifts of love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness and self-control. We call this the fruit of the Spirit and it mirrors the qualities of Jesus.

I remember well my days of mission work with BCA in outback South Australia amongst the Pitjantjatjara peoples. I arrived to run the community Hospital – the local indigenous people did not speak English, and I did not speak their language. There was consequently a divide between us – but oh the joy, the delight, the unity once I had mastered the language and we could talk, and laugh and share with each other. It was like a barrier was pulled down, a door opened and unity walked in.

So too when God breathes on us, we are filled with the Holy Spirit and we are filled with the joy and unity of oneness that enables us to go to love and serve the Lord, taking with us the fruits of the blessing.

Archdeacon Anne



FROM ST JOHN'S CARE



This week is the launch of the Anglicare Winter Pantry Appeal. Please support the Appeal by either volunteering your time or by donating lots of grocery items. I have been very busy talking with Schools and other groups. It is really important to spread the message.

In March I had a couple of weeks holiday, ten days in Tasmania and a few days in Melbourne visiting my daughter. While we were in Melbourne my family were kind enough to allow me to visit an Emergency Relief Agency on the Mornington Peninsula.

This is an Emergency Relief Centre that I have been following on their Web Site for many years. They seem so organised, efficient and doing really innovative things. I guess it was an organisation that I hoped we could emulate. When I visited, the Director, Fred, was very welcoming and open and he gave me a lot of time, showing me around and talking about their services.

There a lot of differences between the two organisations. They receive Commonwealth, State and Local Government Funding, total of more than half a million dollars a year. They have the equivalent of six full time employees and see four thousand clients a year.

We have Commonwealth Funding but no state or local government funding, our government funding is seventeen thousand dollars a year. We have less than two full time staff and see more than three thousand clients a year. I started to think about value for money to the Community.

Then Fred took me on a tour of his Centre. With the amount of money they receive, they can provide a lot more financial help than we can provide, but their main relief is providing food to their clients. Most agencies are now providing food rather than food vouchers, as so many vouchers are not used and the money is lost to the organisation and just helps the big supermarkets. When Fred showed me his food stores I was gobsmacked. It took me back to SJC ten years ago, they had so little, just a few staples, no variety, no kid lunch goodies and certainly no meat or fresh Fruit or Veggies. All of which we can provide with the help of you and Oz Harvest.

The real difference between the two organisations:

They are government funded with lots of overheads. SJC is not government funded but we have our church community behind us and we have a great partnership with Anglicare. Please give time and food to the Anglicare Pantry Appeal and tax deductible donations to St John's Care.

My wish list for this week: Large tins of tuna, poppers, Vegemite and Pasta Sauce.

**Many Thanks
Sue**



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We give thanks that Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand have agreed to accept asylum seekers, and we pray for the migrants languishing in boats of Myanmar.

IN AUSTRALIA

- We pray for co-operation between the agencies that will be dealing with the programme to combat the scourge of drugs in our communities.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church in Northern Luzon Philippians and Southern Malawi Central Africa.
- In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people in the Dioceses of Riverina, Rockhampton and Sydney.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Tumut, Adelong and Tarcutta.
- We pray for The Forrest Centre in Wagga Wagga and the Mannus Correctional Centre.

MISSION

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

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- We pray for Anne Dudzinski taking Services at Calvary and Kangara Waters Retirement Villages tomorrow.
- We pray for the Refugee Action meeting this week.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family: Marilyn and Colin Tolano; Phillip, Jane, Emily, Sarah, Louisa and Matthew Trigge; Anthony, Susan, Elizabeth and Michael Troy; and Rhonda Ustick.
- 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: Augustine of Canterbury, missionary and bishop (d. 605)
Friday: **Ken Mugford (d 2005)**



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Phone Merri Bacon on 6251 1110 or
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IN THE PARISH

TODAY

What a success Friday night's ABM's Nepal Emergency Appeal dinner was! Thank you to Liam Harper for your initiative and hard work.

Today's 10am service is a family service which celebrates the story of Pentecost. One of the beautiful aspects of the story is the way many languages were understood. Australia is a land which is rich in cultural and language diversity. Within our own congregation there are many languages spoken. As we prepare for National Reconciliation Week (27th May - 3rd June) we remember the 250 Indigenous languages and up to 600 dialects spoken in Australian prior to European invasion. Today 60 Indigenous languages are spoken. When I taught preschool in Kalkaringi in the Northern Territory I needed a crash course in Gurindgil! Today we give thanks for the first peoples of this land and pray that as first and second peoples we may find a way forward together. To explore more check out the short films and information at <http://australians together.org.au/>

Many thanks to all who participated and led the service today.

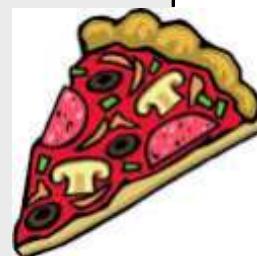
Katherine

CHILDREN'S CHURCH PENTECOST LUNCH

12—2pm TODAY

PIZZA AND MILKSHAKE

Make sure you've told Katherine.



Winter Solstice Poetry Afternoon

Winter is a challenging time for many of us. But it also has its consolations of hidden beauty and the promise of new life. Perhaps you would like to join in an afternoon of reflection and poetry around the theme of winter. Bring along your favourite winter poem to share with the group. There will also be mulled wine and other goodies to add to the cheer.

When: Sunday 21 June, 3-5 pm in the Worship Centre.

Frances MacKay

There is a sign-up sheet on the board.

ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER OR A DISCIPLE ?

This was one of the challenging questions at the ***Bishop's Convention*** last weekend. Rev Dr. Alison Morgan from the UK was an excellent and clear speaker. The Cathedral in Goulburn was nearly full.

We are called as disciples of Jesus, but what is discipleship? She said that it is 'a form of apprenticeship taken in community'. It's a bit like football – you are supposed to win, not just only to the rules. To travel fast, go alone; to travel far you need company. The gospels speak of 'disciples', but the epistles do not – instead they use the word Church. One of Alison's books is called 'The plural of disciple is Church'. A disciple is someone who has been changed. She gave many stories of true experiences of changed lives.

Jesus is not looking for volunteers; he's looking for disciples. How do you see yourself? And what changes people? Receiving the Holy Spirit. It's the key ingredient.

We then considered the World's Story, where the news has become the 'bible' for people, and the Bible's Story. Market economics is the story. Real life becomes merely material for our digital lives.

The Western Story has three problems for any newcomers to it:

- A crisis of purpose. Trapped in success.
- A crisis of spirituality. The church is not relevant to them, but they are looking at lots of alternative spiritualities.
- A crisis in happiness. The desire for money acts like a virus. Church-goers are happier.

Which story are you living?

Jesus first says, "Come!" At the end he says, "Go and make disciples" Matt 28: 19-20. Each one of us has a word to say with our lives. To be a Christian is to live in a world you have not chosen but to live in God's Story.

She spoke of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Tom Wright – "the gifts of the Spirit are to take the victory of Christ into the world".

What is our fuel – in the power of our own strength or in the Holy Spirit ?

The churches will only survive if they make new disciples whose lives have been changed.

- ***Anne Dudzinski***

FROM THIS MONTH'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

- ♦ A map of the Assembly Points, should there need to be an emergency evacuation of the Holy Covenant buildings, has been placed on the back wall of the Church. The map is part of the completed OH and S policy document. Parish Council is very grateful to Dr Joh Sheehan for her hard work and perseverance in updating the policy document to comply with the new legislation. Many thanks Joh.
- ♦ Parish giving has slipped to 30.5% of the annual budgeted income at the four month mark (or after 33% of the year has passed). Parish Council encourages all parishioners to arrange for weekly direct debit to help ensure we achieve the annual budget for the parish.
- ♦ There was movement at the station for word had passed around that planning was beginning for the annual Parish Dinner. Join the movement and help us plan a great celebration! **A meeting will be held after the 10 am service on Sunday 31 May** to commence planning and all are invited to share in the adventure. Let's meet at 11.30 am for 30 minutes. Many hands make light work!



WEEKLY BULLETIN EDITORIAL TEAM

Expressions of interest are invited from anyone interested in being part of the Weekly Bulletin production on a roster basis. Experience with Publisher 2013 is desirable but not essential.

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CANCELLATION OF COMMUNITY LUNCH

Unfortunately our luncheon, which was planned for Thursday 4 June, has been cancelled because many of our volunteers are unavailable that day.

Our next community function will be a lunch on Thursday 3 September.

IN THE PARISH



PEACE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY

Our **Tuesday** meditation uses the World Christian Meditation Community (WCMC) model for up to 30 minutes. This includes a reflection from John Main or Laurence Freeman and a poem to end the session. The silence creates a space for quiet reflection and prayer.

Merri Bacon (6251 1110) and Hilary Harris (6251 8166) invite you to come and try this form of meditation. Please contact either one of us with your thoughts.

We begin at 12.30 pm Tuesdays and suggest you arrive 10 minutes before at the Church Chapel. You can bring BYO lunch.

**MARK YOUR DIARIES:
PARISH RETREAT
18-20 SEPTEMBER 2015**
**CHRIST IN CROWDED
SOULS:
JOURNEY INTO SIMPLICITY**
**Dr Sarah Bachelard.
Galong Conference Centre.**

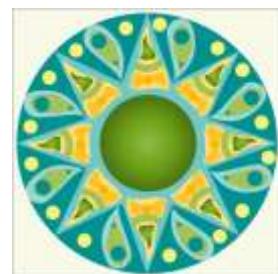
SCRABBLE HELP NEEDED

Over the next few months some folk who play scrabble with Heather (who has MS) and lives in Kangara Waters, are unable to be on the roster.

Can you help for 1.5-2 hours on Tuesday from 2pm?

All help gratefully received,
contact Gillian 6253-1058

KALEIDOSCOPE — quiet day for children
NEXT SUNDAY 31 MAY
2—4.30 pm
An opportunity for children to spend time reflectively,
restfully and creatively.
Coordinator: Karina Harris
See www.benedictus.com.au for more information



COMING UP IN JUNE

Sunday 14th Annalise Lewis' Baptism

Friday 28th Women's dinner

AND . . .



TO ALL who helped at the stall yesterday and collected food for St. John's Care.

A GREAT JOB - WELL DONE!

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- Desert Retreat for body and soul—InterPlay in Alice Springs. 12—17 July.
- ‘THRIVE’ - Autumn 2015. The magazine of Anglicare NSW West and ACT.



CATERPILLAR-COCOON-BUTTERFLY-
CAN ONE NOT BELIEVE
IN MIRACLES?

Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank
Branch: Jamison Centre, ACT
BSB: 062 907
A/C No: 802 588
Name: Holy Covenant
Anglican Church

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
They travel lightly whom God's
grace carries.
Thomas a'Kempis



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Zachary Browning
Thursday: Elijah Witchalls

If you want your name in the Birthday Book, tell Phyl:
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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 31 MAY 2015

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| 8.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION
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| 10.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION
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SENTENCE: ‘A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you’ says the Lord God; ‘I will put my spirit within you and you shall live.

Ezekiel 36.26; 37.14

READINGS:

Acts 2: 1-21
Psalm 104: 26-36
Romans 8: 22-27
John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15

**8 am HYMNS**

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PRAYER

Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church;
open our hearts to the richness of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love, joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

AMEN



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Carol and Peter Sherman	Helen and Harris Boulton
Readers	Des Pain Hilary Harris Anne Ranse	Kate King Tracey Matthews Harris Boulton
Intercessor	Merrie Hepworth	James Ellis
Organist	Mandy Squair	Heather Shelley
Word and Prayer	Chris Lewis	Joh Sheehan
Deacon	Anne Ranse	
Cup	Chris Lewis, Anne Ranse	James Ellis, Doreen Matters, Phyl Holmes, Neville Hurst. Extra bread: Richard Browning
Morning Tea	Jenny and Peter Hall	Danni Ellis, Carol Kubanek
Children's Church		Family Service.