

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN – 31 MAY 2015



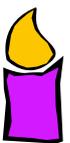
TRINITY SUNDAY



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, Children's Church and Youth Group
Celebrant and Preacher: The Venerable Paul Wallis



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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	10.00am 10.30 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Playgroup MOTH
Saturday 06.06.15	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Service

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

WEEK BEGINNING 7 JUNE 2015

Monday 08.06.15		PUBLIC	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 09.06.15	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Communications Team
Wednesday 10.06.15	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 11.06.15	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Friday 12.06.15	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 13.06.15	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

John 3:16: “God so loved the world...”

This is one of those texts that stay with you for life once you hear it and learn it. It's one of those golden texts you were taught in Sunday school that stands head and shoulders above all other texts: *'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.'* Some people say this is the 'gospel in a nutshell.' I remember on at least two occasions seeing someone in the crowd at a very large sports venue being bold enough to hold high a large banner with the words John 3:16 printed on it in large letters. It sent tingles down my spine, gave me goose bumps. Here was someone who wanted the world to know of this massive towering peak of eternal truth. God so loved the world. Not God loved the world, but God SO loved the world. There is real passion in those words 'so loved' and this verse speaks to us with the same intensity and passion of God's love for us for he gave his only Son for us, now that's love. This great love from God is given to all believers, to 'whoever believes' if you are a Christian this was all for you. God loves you. God made the supreme sacrifice for you so you can have eternal life. That a massive 'wow' factor.

William Barclay says: It was the world God loved. It was not a nation, or just the good people or only those who loved him; it was the world. The unlovable and the unlovely, the lonely who have no one else to love them, the person who loves God and the person who never thinks of God. All are included in his love, this vast love of God. As Augustine said: 'God loves each one of us as if there is only one to love.' And that's why people wave banners and wear t-shirts and write graffiti in railway tunnels and alley ways because they want everyone to know this great truth that opens the door to this great love. How far and wide are you prepared to shout these words from John's gospel? How bold can you be with a banner? Would you be brave enough to wave it at a Raiders or Brumbies game with a packed stadium and the television camera focused on you? I know this though, when someone who isn't familiar with the text John 3:16 it annoys them to the point they have to find a bible and see what it says and then they too experience these precious words 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.'

Blessings
Archdeacon Anne

FROM ST JOHN'S CARE



I have only seven more Pew Sheets to share with you. I will miss St John's Care it has been the most wonderful part of my life, allowing me to show our clients God's love, but I am really looking forward to my retirement, we are going overseas in August to visit our son and his family including our four month old grandson for seven weeks. Exciting stuff!

Unfortunately that is still eight weeks away. At the moment I am trying to cope with three major problems that we are seeing at SJC. The number of Homeless people we are seeing, the number of clients who are on 'ice' and the 'have and have nots' in our society.

Last week I was talking with a friend about young people. This is a young woman who has done very well in life, an achiever, she now has teenagers and she was talking to me about the pressure that some parents put on their kids. Wanting their children to go into the academic stream when perhaps they are really not suited to it. I can understand that we all want the best for our children and want to push them 'to be the best person that they can possibly be'. We have all done it and I hope that parents accept the limitations of their kids.

Yesterday Zack, our Youth Worker and I were having a supervision session. He has about eight young clients on his books at the moment, so we were discussing where they are at the moment and hopefully a way ahead. I can assure you that we were not discussing whether they should be going into the academic stream. We were discussing how these young kids could actually survive. Most of these kids don't have loving parents, some do, but many of them have been dragged up by parents or a parent who have little education and unfortunately are also reliant on Welfare Benefits.

A young woman I saw today is on Youth Allowance, just \$400 per fortnight. She is living with a twenty year old young man, who already has a healthy criminal history. At the moment they are having problems with their personal safety and urgently needed to get away from Canberra for a few weeks. We have given them a bit of breathing space, but I can assure you that their parents are not pushing them into the academic stream. These are really young people just struggling to survive, I see so many of the have nots, none of the haves.

And now a word from the Chair of the Management Committee:

As Sue has noted her retirement date is fast approaching. Those of us charged with appointing a new director are mindful of the huge responsibility that this is. We have been encouraged by the number of strong applications we have received and shortlisting for the position has been completed. We thank Jenny Kitchin, Director of Community Services (ACT), Anglicare who is chairing our selection committee. We ask for your prayerful support. Glenda Richards



My wish List for this week: Small tins of Fruit, Tinned Veg and Poppers. FOOD BASKETS

Many Thanks, Sue Jordan

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We pray for the people of Texas and India suffering from extreme weather.

IN AUSTRALIA

- We continue to pray for the many people living on or below the poverty line and give thanks for the many organisation who help them through tough times.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church in Nova Scotia Canada, Pennsylvania USA and Canterbury England.
- In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people in the Dioceses of Willochra, Wangaratta and Aotearoa New Zealand.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Cobargo, Bodalla-Narooma and Bateman's Bay.
- We pray for the Boomerang Meeting Place Mogo and the Bimbadeen Training College Cootamundra.

MISSION

- We pray for the work of Compassion Australia working with children living in extreme poverty in over 26 developing countries.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- We pray for the Belonging and Caring Meeting this week.
- We give thanks for the generosity of people in the community in their support of the recent food collection for St John's Care.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family: Peter and Wendy Ward; Libby Warren; Prue and Ken Wedgwood, Mark Webb; Audrey and Stuart Wells; and Janet Williams.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Glenys Wimmer, Nick Winders, Audrey Kennett and any known to us personally.
- We give thanks for the life of Pat Bonnett who died on Thursday night and pray for Graham and the family.

COMMEMORATIONS

- Monday: Justin, martyr at Rome (d 167)
Tuesday: **John Phillip Lane (died 2012)**
Wednesday: **Isabel Hazelwood (died 1994)**



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE
REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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



TODAY

11.30am

**Planning meeting for Parish Dinner
Grab a cup of tea/coffee and join in the
discussion in the Worship Centre**

KALEIDOSCOPE — 2-4.30PM

quiet day for children

An opportunity for children 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

See www.benedictus.com.au for more information

I can't wait to tell you.....

Among our clients we have some families and their needs are amazingly complex and varied. This week we were able to help a family in a way that will be of immense benefit and this was the response from them: *'I am lost for words.*

Thank you again, you and the Parish are doing something for our family that is life changing. We are incredibly grateful

to the point that words are insufficient.' I want to take this opportunity to say thank all of you in this remarkable parish for having the vision to commence this Holistic Care Nursing program. It is indeed a life changing program for our clients as we stand side by side with them in their struggles and help.

Another contact came from an RN in the aged care sector asking could I *'spare a moment to see an elderly lady in hospital who has had a stroke, has hypertension and various other conditions. Could you see if there is anything your program could offer to help her stay in her own home? She lives alone and is isolated socially.'* Of course I said indeed, I will visit her.

PS: While we have had a great response to needing volunteers I could still do with a couple more for visiting and transporting people to Doctors visits.

Blessings

Archdeacon Anne

Holistic Care Nursing Co-ordinator.



IN THE PARISH



WHAT A GENEROUS COMMUNITY!

The fund-raising dinner for Nepal raised \$2050. The stall at Jamison raised \$912 for the parish and \$155 in donations for St. John's Care.

Thank You!

The grocery collection was one of our best ever and confirms the generosity of shoppers at Jamison. It included the donation of one full trolley containing multiples of every item on the list and more. The shelves at St John's Care now have a much appreciated contribution to their shelves as winter approaches.

THANK YOU to Katherine and the youth group, especially Liam Harper for the Nepal dinner—a great night. And to Helen and Harris Boulton and the many helpers who sold cakes or collected food.

CASSEROLE BANK

Penny Lilley has been the convener of the Casserole Bank for five years and it is time for her to pass the position on to someone else.

Casserole Bank helps people in times of extra stress in their lives. Twenty-four people do a wonderful job of taking turns to provide casseroles.

For more information please talk to Penny Lilley - 6251 2592



CANCELLATION OF COMMUNITY LUNCH

Unfortunately our luncheon, which was planned for **THIS** 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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Our lives are a manifestation of
what we think about God.

Anon.

PAT BONNETT'S funeral will be held at Holy Covenant next Thursday (4 June) at 2 pm. Please bring plate for afternoon tea after the service.

IN THE PARISH

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 Now completed OH and S policy document that has now been updated and completed. 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!



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***

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

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- ◆ **Desert Retreat for body and soul—** InterPlay in Alice Springs. 12—17 July.
- ◆ **TODAY: Mandela in Me Choir from Soweto celebrating the life of Nelson Mandela. 5pm Belconnen Arts Centre.**



Annalise Lewis is being baptised on **June 14**, during the 10am service. We are planning on having an extended morning tea/ light lunch of sorts afterwards in the Worship Centre. We would appreciate it if people could bring a plate of absolutely anything to share. Plus we will need people in general to assist with setting up.

Please let me know if you can help.

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Today: **Sarah Trigge**; Monday: **Michael Sharrad**;
 Wednesday: **Georgina Thorpe**;
 Friday: **Merrie Hepworth**

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

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 7 JUNE 2015

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

SENTENCE:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.
Isaiah 6:3

READINGS:

Isaiah 6: 1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8: 12-17
John 3: 1-17



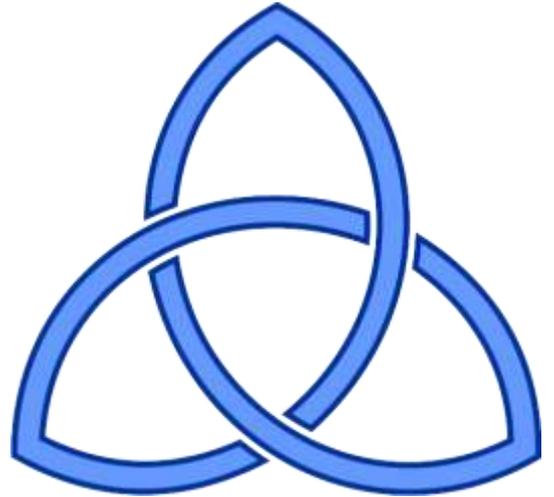
8 am HYMNS

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PRAYER

O blessed Trinity,
in whom we know the Maker of all things,
seen and unseen,
the Saviour of all, both near and far:
by your Spirit enable us so to worship your
divine majesty, that with all the company of
heaven
we may magnify your glorious name, saying,
Holy, holy , holy. Glory to you, O Lord most
high.

AMEN



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Libby Warren, Peter Hall	Helen and Harris Boulton
Readers	Chris Lewis Peter Hall Anne Ranse	Phyl Holmes Reg Holmes Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Robert Arthur	Joh Sheehan
Organist	Kath Arthur	Pam Lane
Word and Prayer	Paul Shelley	Connie Gerrity
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
Cup	Paul Shelley, Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse, Phyl Holmes, Neville Hurst, George Gerrity Extra bread: Connie Gerrity
Morning Tea	Mary Lynn and Jocelyn	Alison Campbell, Michael Allen
Children's Church		Prue Wedgwood, Catherine D'Cruz, Susan Joy Nevile. M. Tea: Jodie Petrov