

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN – 7 JUNE 2015



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER 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, Children's Church and Youth Group**
Celebrant and Preacher: The Venerable Paul Wallis
- 11.00 am** **Service at BUPA Nursing Home**
- 4.00 pm** **Rainbow Fellowship**



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Holy Communion and BYO lunch Ever Active Exercise Class
Thursday 11.06.15	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Friday 12.06.15	10.00am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 13.06.15	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Service

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

WEEK BEGINNING 14 JUNE 2015

Monday 15.06.15	9.30 am 10.00 am	Crafty Crew Covenant Day Care	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre
Tuesday 16.06.15	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Parish Council
Wednesday 17.06.15	12 noon 2.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class
Thursday 18.06.15	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Friday 19.06.15	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 20.06.15	9.00 am 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Working Bee Benedictus Contemplative Church

NB: WEDNESDAY evening Mediation in recess till August.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

WHO IS MY FAMILY?

One of the more confronting incidents that appears in all four Gospels is the one where Jesus' mother and brothers arrive while he is busy with the crowds, and demand to see him. Confident in their sense of belonging and the rights this brings, they are taken by surprise when Jesus does not immediately respond to them. (Matthew 12: 46-50)

Instead he uses the incident as an opportunity to pose some disturbing questions "Who is my mother?" and "Who are my brothers?" And the answer he is looking for is that everyone who seeks to live in tune with God's way is family.

For some people the experience of family is deeply satisfying and conveys identity, meaning and purpose to life. Family is top priority. For others the lack of close or harmonious family relationships feels like walking home on a winter's night and being on the outside of houses full of light, warmth and love.

Churches often use the word "family" to describe who they are, or to indicate the nature of their worship. We wish to affirm the institution of marriage and family and to be seen as "family friendly", yet many people feel excluded because they cannot attend with a "normal family" in tow.

And as it is in our small family or extended family units, so it is in the larger family of humankind – love, acceptance and security cannot be guaranteed. We are frail and sometimes wounded human beings, who cannot meet all of each other's needs.

It would seem that Jesus invites us to examine one of our most fundamental values – having a family. And provides us with questions that disturb us and take us deeper and wider until we see that on his terms, "family" and "belonging" is to do with having a common humanity and a common calling.

It is only by the grace of God that we can hope to live out the call to be "family" – in our family unit, extended family, community, nation and world. So, who is my family?

– Ann Siddall

Ann Siddall is a Spiritual Director working within the life of the Uniting Church. She lives in South Australia.



FROM ST JOHN'S CARE



You are going to be really glad when I finally leave because between now and then I am going to make sure that you really understand that there are two Canberras, the one that most of us enjoy, and the one that so many of our clients have to endure.

Friday we saw a client, a lovely gentlewoman, who was homeless. She has a twenty year old son who used to live at home with her and a fourteen year old daughter. My lovely client was working but was in a private rental, the rental was \$465 per week. The rent for the house was 55% of her salary, which is unsustainable. The norm: if you are paying more than 35% of your income on housing, you are in poverty. The rent was unsustainable, which is what happened, and she was evicted.

The first thing I did was to make sure that she had registered with First Point. First Point was established by the ACT Government to deal with all the Homeless problems in the ACT. She had registered and actually they had suggested to her that she contact us. They had nothing to offer her in the way of temporary housing in a Refuge or anywhere else. She had been able to secure accommodation for her children, they were couch surfing with friends. She was living in her car.

I rang First Point to see if they could provide some temporary accommodation in a motel until her situation could be sorted out. Unfortunately, they don't provide motel accommodation unless there is a definite exit strategy. She doesn't have an exit strategy, so she is sleeping in her car.

I am not sure what funding First Point receives but I really wonder what they achieve. Last month they had seven hundred and twenty six homeless people on their books. Their success rate for housing them was six percent. There is just no accommodation available in Canberra. That's wrong, there are probably plenty of expensive apartments and houses but no affordable accommodation for families or single people.

Which makes me wonder why the ACT Government is going to knock down so many Public Housing flats in the foreseeable future. I know the accommodation in Bega and Allawah Flats is not terrific, and the area around the Northbourne Flats is probably worse, but at least all these people have a roof over her head, and somewhere they can call home.

Our little non funded organisation was able to suggest some alternatives for this woman, and she rang me later that day to thank me. She is not housed permanently but she is couch surfing with a friend. She has completed an application for housing, with a support letter from SJC, and she is hopeful that she and her daughter will soon be housed. Sometimes small organisations punch well above their weight, and that is what St John's Care does.

My wish list for this week: more public housing not less, large tins of tuna, and pasta sauce.

Many thanks, Sue



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- Pray for the United Nations and its agencies, for peace-keepers, those who care for refugees, and for all humanitarian projects. Give thanks for the amazing work done in the worst of circumstances in the most dangerous of places.

IN AUSTRALIA

- Pray for the victims and perpetrators of domestic violence and for the organization and people who support them.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church in Canterbury England, Kenya and Niger Delta Nigeria.
- In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people in the Dioceses of Bendigo, Brisbane, and Bunbury.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of St. John's Reid, All Saints' Ainslie and Holy Cross Hackett.
- We pray for the Chaplaincy Team at ANU, University of Canberra Student Ministry and for the Principal, Chaplains, Staff and students at Radford College.

MISSION

- We pray for the work of the Bush Church Aid in Wickham and Paraburdoo, Western Australia.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- We pray for Paul and his team taking the Services at BUPA Nursing Home this morning.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family: Joan Williams, Tony Willis, Leo and Glenys Wimmer, Nick and Lexie Winders and Jeremy, Susanne, Sally, Jack and Elijah Witchalls.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Glenys Wimmer, Nick Winders, Audrey Kennett and any known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Thursday: Barnabas, Apostle and Martyr



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE
REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

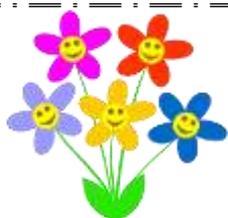
Phone Merri Bacon on 6251 1110 or
email merri.bacon@bigpond.com





TAIZE SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY (14th) 6.00 pm

A Service of prayer, praise,
meditation and quiet time.
Listening for the still small voice from God.



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.



Baptism

Annalise Lewis is being baptised next Sunday **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 Chris know if you can help. **There's also a sign-up sheet on the sign-up board.**

Chris Lewis—0439 827 624

Email: christopherlewis9@gmail.com



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.



CALLING ALL WOMEN
MARK YOUR DIARIES!
FRIDAY 26 JUNE

OUR WOMEN'S DINNER AT THE JAMISON PIDE HUT

COME AND HEAR RUTH WALLIS' STORY!

MORE DETAILS NEXT SUNDAY, IN THE MEANTIME PUT YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN UP SHEET ON THE BOARD.

IN THE PARISH



Do you hold a current First Aid Certificate or do you have Medical Qualification, ie RN, EN, MD? Would you be willing to be identified as volunteer a First Aid Officer in the Parish?

In finalising the Parish OH&S Policy, the Wardens and OH&S Committee are seeking volunteers willing be identified as First Aid Officers.

If you have the qualifications and would be willing to undertake this important role, please speak with Joh Sheehan jesheehan@comcen.com.au ph 6251 7151

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

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.

All enquiries to Phyl Holmes—
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**Faith has two parts: one is patience,
and the other is gratitude.**

IN THE PARISH



HOLY COVENANT MONASTERY OF THE HEART GROUP

Has been established for four years in the Parish and meets monthly for discussions on spiritual writings, books etc. We meet on Friday mornings from 10.30 to 12 noon, and those desiring to stay on bring a light lunch, and have some extra sharing time together over a cuppa.

*We will begin studying Joyce Rupp's book: **THE CUP OF OUR LIFE, A GUIDE TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH** on Friday 3 July. Parishioners who haven't been to MOTH meetings before are welcome to join us as we work our way through the six chapters over the next six months.*

Joyce Rupp's bestselling contemporary classic has sold over 200,000 copies. This new edition continues a fifteen-year tradition of helping individuals and groups pray about everyday life using the rich symbol of a cup in all its many forms.

Please sign up on the sign-up board and indicate if you wish us to purchase the book for you.

BOOKS MUST BE ORDERED BY 21 JUNE 2015. PRICE APPROX. \$19.00

Believe in yourself; you are God's creation

Believe in your job; honest work is a form of worship.

Believe in this day; every minute contains an opportunity to serve God.

Believe in your family; create harmony and togetherness by working together.

Believe in the present; yesterday is gone, and tomorrow may never come.

Believe in God's promise; God means it when God says, "I am with you always."

Believe in God's mercy; since God forgives you, you can forgive yourself and try again tomorrow.



ANGLICARE PANTRY APPEAL

Anglicare's Pantry Appeal is an annual appeal, which runs over the winter period. In 2015 it will be running from 21 May - 27 June.

Collection points are at all major shopping centres and there is a roster sheet on the sign-up board.

More details on their website www.anglicare.com.au



Hilary has only 5 Entertainment Books left to be sold! Hundreds of vouchers giving you discounts to everything from meals to car repairs, accommodation, holidays etc. \$60 each of which \$12 comes to the parish. Hurry and get yours now!

Contact her on 6251 8166
hilaryruthharris@grapevine.com.au

PRAYER VINE GATHERING
in the Rainbow Centre
Sunday 28 June 2:30pm-4pm



ON THE BOOKSTAND
(behind the sound system)

- ◇ Offertory envelopes
- ◇ Jams, coathangers and cards
- ◇ Holy Covenant Recipe Books.
(There is a tin for your donation)

WORSHIP ROSTER AVAILABILITY

If you are not going to be available for roster duty during JULY could you please mark the sheet on the roster board by **14 June**.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**Nettie and Katy Lescinsky;
Mary Sargeson;**

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

Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

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Branch:	Jamison Centre, ACT
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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 14 JUNE 2015

- 8.00 am** **HOLY COMMUNION**
Preacher and Celebrant: The Venerable Paul Wallis
- 10.00 am** **HOLY COMMUNION and Baptism**
Preacher and Celebrant: The Venerable Paul Wallis
- 6.00 pm** **Taize Service**



SENTENCE:

(Here are my mother and brothers!) Whoever does the will of God is my brother and my sister and my mother. *Mark 3: 34-58*

READINGS:

1 Samuel 8:4-20
 Psalm 138
 2 Corinthians 4:13 to 5:1
 Mark 3: 20-35

8 am HYMNS

373(590)
 247
 211(ii)
 105

PRAYER

Almighty God
 give us such a vision of your purpose
 and such an assurance of your love and
 power
 that we may ever hold fast the hope
 which is in Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
 Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

AMEN



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Elizabeth Grant, Tony Willis	Dorothy and Neville Hurst
Readers	Chris Lewis Tony Willis Anne Ranse	Dorothy Hurst Doreen Matters Neville Hurst
Intercessor	Paul Shelley	Tracey Matthews
Organist	Heather Shelley	Ruth Dunnicliff-Hagan
Word and Prayer	Steve Daniels	Tobias Nevile
Deacon	Anne Ranse	
Cup	Steve Daniels, Anne Ranse	Tobias Nevile, Neville Hurst, Tracey Matthews, Doreen Matters Extra bread: Anne Dudzinski
Morning Tea	Jenny and Peter Hall Megan Mackay	Youth Group
Children's Church		Elle Platt, Jeremy Platt, Katherine Rainger. M. Tea: Jo James