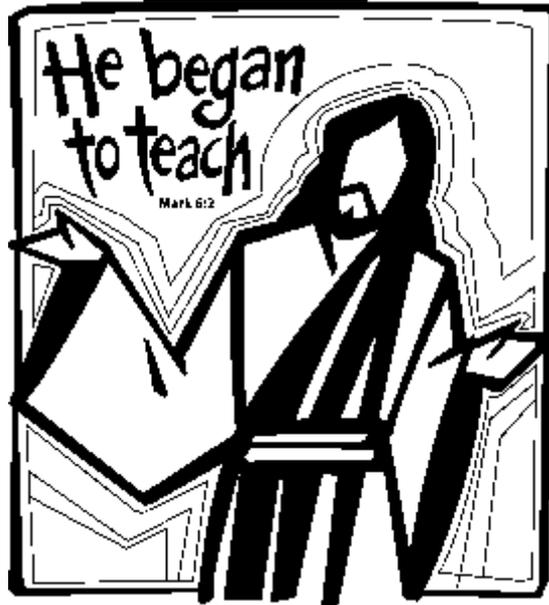


HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

Weekly Bulletin - 5 July 2015



Sixth 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 and CONFIRMATION

Celebrant and Preacher: The Right Revd Stuart Robinson



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 06.07.15	10.00 am	Covenant Day Care	Worship Centre
Tuesday 07.07.15	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Special Parish Council. meeting
Wednesday 08.07.15	12 noon 2.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Holy Communion and BYO lunch Ever Active Exercise Class
Thursday 09.07.15	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
Saturday 11.07.15	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church

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

WEEK BEGINNING 12 JULY 2015

Monday 13.07.15	10.00 am	Covenant Day Care	Worship Centre
Tuesday 14.07.15	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Belonging and Caring Meeting
Wednesday 15.07.15	12 noon 2.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class
Thursday 16.07.15	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Saturday 18.07.15	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church

NB: WEDNESDAY evening Mediation in recess till August.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**God wants spiritual fruits, not
religious nuts.**

Ethel Wilcox

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Mark 6: 1-6 Receiving Prophets

Last week's gospel focussed on the healing power of Jesus, but this week these deeds of power allude him. Last week the people were reaching out to him with great faith, but this week they reject him. This story implies that the powers of Jesus are dependent on the people's positive response in faith. Jesus could not perform deeds of power in this home town apart from laying hands on a few sick people. Elsewhere in Mark's gospel a person's faith is not necessarily tied to the success of a miracle. Sometimes it's not mentioned at all, and other times people beg Jesus to help him with their unbelief.

This story is not so much about power and miracles, but the identity of Jesus. The people acknowledge his wisdom and power, but because they know him as 'Jesus the local carpenter' they cannot recognise him as a prophet. Eugene Peterson's translation in *The Message Bible* puts it's nicely – "Who does he think he is?" A bit like our tall poppy syndrome. Through this narrative Mark illuminates the social consequences of faith or unbelief to the good news that Jesus brings. God's prophet is honoured in other places, but not in his hometown or among his kin. Remember in Mark 3:21 the family of Jesus thinks he is mad and tries to restrain him from ministry. It seems that familiarity breeds contempt.

It's easy to read this rejection of Jesus with disdain, but would we have done the same? I suspect we run the same risk when prophets are in our midst today. Emerging church leader Brian McLaren is a classic example. He is a renowned author and speaker, who is much loved by many around the world. But he suffers the same fate as Jesus within many in his own ranks. This is because he has exposed the individualism, consumerism, division and domination that has infected the church and its people. For many this is a bit too close to home. McLaren and many others like him are asking what it means for us to live out Jesus' radical understanding of discipleship and the Kingdom of God in the world today.

We don't live out the gospel in theory, we do this through our interactions, relationships, stewardship, reconciliation and service in the world. The challenge for each of us is how to connect the good news of Jesus with the questions and issues facing this generation. As McLaren says, unless the Church can communicate a faith that is able to deal with climate change, poverty and reconciliation among the faiths, it won't have a future. Something worth pondering this week!

- Tracey Matthews

FROM ST JOHN'S CARE



Just following up on Zack's wonderful Pew Sheet last week. He has been out to Bimberi this week to visit Mary. She is still positive and is looking forward to starting with the Hairdresser after her release. And we have to say thank you

to the Hairdresser for giving this struggling young person a chance. Zack is now in America for the next couple of weeks. He is representing Australia in the World Gridiron Competition. Naturally he has set up support systems and I was in contact with some of them today making sure that everything is running smoothly. Mary is still happy with the world and thankfully off the 'ice'.

At the moment SJC is a little short of Volunteers: Retirement, European Summer and Passports - a lethal combination for anyone who is trying to fill a Roster in Canberra in winter.

I only have a three weeks left to make you aware that there are two Canberras. The one that you and I know, good housing, heating in winter, a car so that we can get around. I love Canberra but there is a hard side to Canberra.

Today, because we were short of Volunteers, I was allowed to spend a little time on the floor. I guess there were lots of things that I should have been doing, getting the job ready for Stuart to take over from me, but what I will miss the most when I leave is the time I spend with the clients.

The first woman I saw has escaped from a Domestic Violence situation. At the moment she and her young son, (8yo) are living in a safe house, but they are finding it very difficult to manage financially. Her son is still attending his old School so each morning and afternoon they both have to travel back to his old school. I know it doesn't sound financially draining but it is. Because Fred has turned eight she has also been changed from the Sole Parenting Payment to Newstart allowance. In other words she has just lost approximately \$150 a fortnight. Very hard when you are on a fixed income.

This was the first time that she had ever had to ask for Welfare. We had a great chat, I think she was pleased that she could talk to someone about her situation. Eventually I asked her what type of food they would like. She preferred to have non processed foods, so thanks to our Oz Harvest friends we had plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables for her to choose from and we were able to provide her with some bread, margarine and meat and lots of things for Fred's lunches. She was so relieved with the food I was able to give her, so I asked why. They had run out of money and she had not been able to buy bus tickets or food for school lunches, so Fred had not been to School for the past few days. No excuse now, Fred has Bus Tickets and food. You are good people, thank you for your support.



My wish list for this week: Children's and Adult toothpaste and brushes.

Many Thanks, Sue Jordan

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ♦ We pray for urgent world action on climate change, and for those who have already lost homes and livelihoods to increasing sea levels and extreme weather and drought caused by climate change.

IN AUSTRALIA

- In this NAIDOC Week we pray for those involved in the recognition of our first peoples in the Constitution, especially Southern Cross Ministries.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church in Canterbury England and Panama.
- In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people in the Dioceses of Ballarat, Bathurst and Bendigo.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Braidwood, Bungendore, Gunning and Crookwell.
- We pray for the staff and students at St. Mark's Theological College, and the Centre for Ageing and Pastoral Studies.

MISSION

- We pray for the work of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Anglican Council.

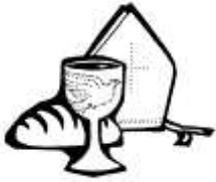
IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY.

- We pray for Ellie Wedgwood, Barnaby D'Cruz and Aidan Judd as they are Confirmed this morning.
- Pray that the gifts within our congregation can be identified and released for ministry.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family: Barry and Sandra Button; Shirley Campbell; Melanie Cantwell, Diane Mutch, Ella and Lily; Constance Chen and Tim Shao and Margaret and John Christensen.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Glenys Wimmer, Audrey Kennett, Lexie Winders, Gerard Bacon, Beryl Daniels and any known to us personally.
- We pray for George and Connie Gerrity as they mourn the loss of George's brother.

COMMEMORATIONS

- Today: **Arthur William Ryan (died 1997)**
Wednesday: **Iris Hall (died 1996)**
Friday: **Grace Watson (died 2014)**
Saturday: **Doris Dudley (died (2008)**
John Singh (died (2014)





WE WELCOME



the families and friends of Ellie, Aidan and Barnaby who have come to support them for their confirmation this morning at our 10am Service.

Please join us for a celebratory morning tea after the Service.



I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL YOU...

What a mixed week it has been with the clients. Everything from intense pastoral support, to accompanying to doctor's appointments, home clean up, funeral preparations and arranging for carpet cleaning and window cleaning for an elderly client but the impacting issue was how we were able to assist a grieving family.



A family still settling in Australia and ever so scared from war and family deaths in their country lost one of their triplet babies who died last week. The expense of the funeral was covered by grants that came in for the exact amount that was required but still debt hung over their head as they tried to pay off repairs to their car so the husband could get back to work and the mother visit the other two babies still in hospital and dependant on her feeding them. Through our nursing program we were able to pay for the vehicle repairs (\$1400) and through his tears the father expressed his profound gratitude at the generosity of this gift. What a life giving, life changing ministry this is. Please continue to hold all we do in your prayers and thank you for your contributions of time, talents and donations

Blessings
Archdeacon Anne
Holistic Care Nursing Coordinator



HOLY COVENANT YOUTH CAMP :

'Oh the Places You'll Go' - Adventures in the Book of Acts

What a wonderful time we had as 21 of us descended on Silverwattle Quaker Centre on Lake George last weekend. We began with a game of bunkers and a sacred fire with stories of our ancient land and her peoples shared by Dick (a Quaker friend who lives at Silverwattle). We then walked the Labyrinth on Lake George by moonlight - magical! Indoor fun and candles and the Dr Suess poem, 'Oh the Places You'll Go' before bed.

Saturday was a great day: morning walk on Lake George following the fence posts and kangaroos; a re-enactment of a church community in Acts with Liam; an introduction to the political and cultural landscape of Acts with Elle; our traditional walk to the top of the hill (does it get steeper every year or is that just me?!); "Bible Times News" (including live coverage of Paul's speech to the Athenians and some very creative commercial breaks!) with Jerry and Dougal; Paul's missionary journey's covered with creativity and insight by Isobel; outdoor wide games and time to explore before a sensational Bollywood dance off and feast followed by the film "The Hundred Foot Journey." Mary beautifully told the Godly Play story "The story of Paul" which was the perfect end to the day.

Sunday we were a little slower to rise! We had a communion service and shared all that the weekend had meant to us. Tobias and Ben shared insights from Acts 6 and the movie, 'Hundred Foot Journey'. We enjoyed the sunshine and each others company before heading home with a sense of the adventure that lies ahead in our journey with God and with each other.

A huge thank you to our cooks Chris and Clare Bleijs who served us so lovingly with delicious food and to the wonderful youth leaders who prepared meaningful and fun talks and activities. Thanks also to those who provided snacks and for those who prayed. **God indeed was present.**

- Katherine Rainger

SUE JORDAN'S FAREWELL

The St. John's Care Board has invited us to Sue's farewell on Friday July 17. If you would like to attend there is a sign-up sheet on the board.

IN THE PARISH

Kaleidoscope is a group to nurture the contemplative heart of children, hosted by Benedictus Contemplative Church.

Kaleidoscope offers children the opportunity to step out of the busy worlds in which they too live, to spend time reflectively, restfully and creatively. Parents are given the opportunity to have some time for themselves whilst children gather together.



Children's lives are enriched by experiences that nurture their souls, open their hearts and minds to the presence of love and hope, and offer opportunities for creative expression, sharing stories and even some silence. These experiences foster calmness, connectedness and joy. They equip children to live well in a busy, noisy world.

In the Gathering Circle children practise meditation, learn to understand that their lives are gently held and experience calmness and silence. From here, we share in stories and drama, music and movement, reading and drawing, afternoon tea, creative arts and nature experiences.

The next Kaleidoscope is Sunday July 26 from 2–4.30pm

Please RSVP to Karina (karinajh43@gmail.com or 0402 336970)



TO:

1. Those who offered to help Anne Dudzinski at the Nursing homes.
2. To Anne Ranse and the HCN ministry for offering to co-ordinate the Casserole Bank.
3. To all those who helped clean out the garage at the last working bee,
4. To Ruth Wallis for her encouraging and informative talk **at the Women's Dinner last week.**
5. To Katherine Ranger for her untiring efforts at keeping our young people off the streets!

IN THE PARISH

POSITIONS VACANT:

1. Operation Christmas Child: **Collecting the 'shoeboxes' from the depot, and returning them when they are filled.** Details from Libby in the Parish Office.
2. Flower Roster: We need at least one more person on this roster—but any number will do! Contact Phyl Holmes. 6251 2007.
3. Weekly Bulletin Production: Expressions of interest to Phyl Holmes, 6251 2007. phylandreg@optusnet.com.au

Please consider carefully if you could apply for any of these positions -
Remuneration: riches in heaven!



LET'S CELEBRATE OUR 47TH BIRTHDAY!!
SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 7pm



Cost: \$38 per adult \$100 family of adults and children.

For that you will get a 3 course meal with nibbles, gluten free mains and a spectacular dessert trolley.

If you would like to host a table contact Kathryn Body 0403 500882 or Jen Collier 0422 976430 and start thinking about who you can invite.

This is a fund-raising dinner so there will be a silent auction—so start thinking about what you can offer for auction.

Sign-up sheets will be available next Sunday!

MARK YOUR DIARIES

PARISH RETREAT 18-20 SEPTEMBER 2015

CHRIST IN CROWDED SOULS: JOURNEY INTO SIMPLICITY

**Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard.
Galong Conference Centre.**



THANK YOU to Hilary Harris and all who bought Entertainment Books. \$456 was raised for the parish from this endeavour.

LOST PROPERTY There is an interesting variety of bits and pieces in the Lost Property basket behind the sound system. If not claimed by the end of this week it will find it's way into the Anglicare Bin.

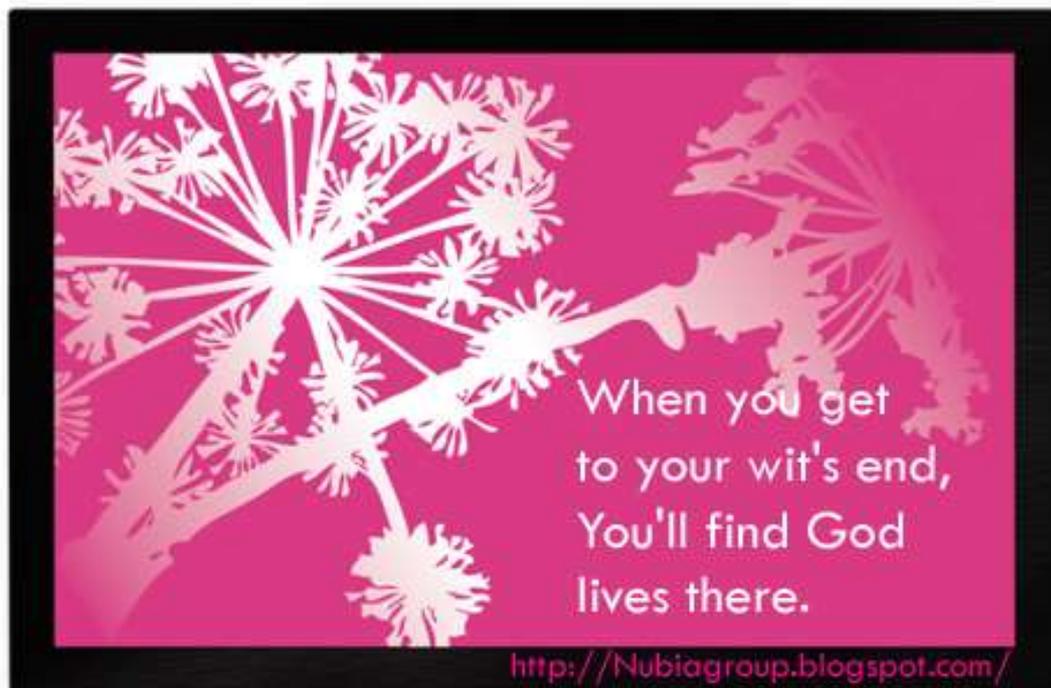
ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- **Contemplative Quiet Day with Art..** 25 July. 9.30—4pm
- **A Winter Quiet Day,** 15 August 9.30—4pm St. Mark's.



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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



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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Bryson Kujlesza

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

BIRTHDAY

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

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 12 JULY 2015

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



TODAY

SENTENCE: Of Jesus many said, 'What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!'

Mark 6:2

READINGS:

2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10
 Psalm 48
 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10
 Mark 6: 1-13

8 am HYMNS

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PRAYER

O Lord our God,
 you are always more ready to bestow your
 good gifts upon us than we are to seek them;
 and more willing to give than we deserve:
 In our every need,
 grant us the first and best of all your gifts,
 the Spirit who make us your children.
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 your Son who lives and reigns with you in the
 unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God for ever and ever.

AMEN



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Carol and Peter Sherman	Anne Dudzinski, Reg Holmes
Readers	Mandy Squair Des Pain Anne Ranse	Chris Olsson Jayne Murray James Ellis
Intercessor	Peter Hall	Joh Sheehan
Organist	Shirley Campbell	Rhys Thorpe
Word and Prayer	Luc Rose	James Ellis
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
Cup	Luc Rose, Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse, James Ellis, Leo Wimmer, Phyl Holmes Extra Bread: Paul Wallis
Morning Tea	Jen Collier, Kathy Lake	Danni Ellis, Carol Kubanek
Children's Church		On holidays.