

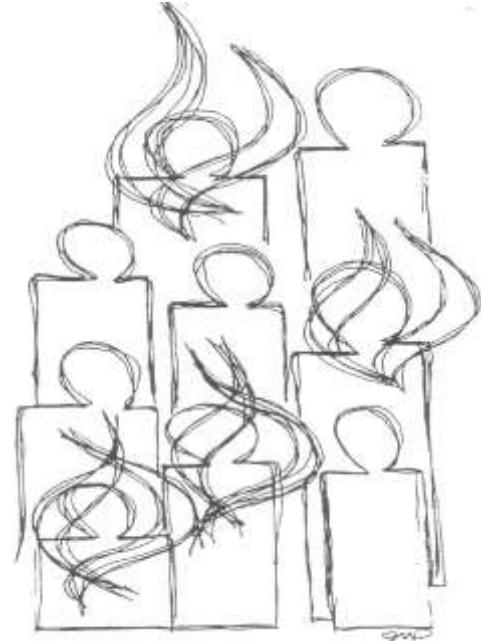
# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

23 AUGUST 2015

*Twelfth Sunday  
after Pentecost*



It is the Spirit that gives life



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—**

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**11.45 am    DEEP DIVE ‘Journeying with the Celts’**

The Venerable Paul Wallis



*Please join us for morning tea after the Services*

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

<b>Monday 24.08.15</b>	10.00 am 10.00 am 1.30 pm	Covenant Day Care Kangara Waters Ret. Calvary Ret. Village V.	Worship Centre Communion Service Communion Service
<b>Tuesday 25.08.15</b>	12.30 pm 6.30 pm	Worship Centre 30 Northmore Cres Higgins	Meditation and BYO lunch Refugee Action Group
<b>Wednesday 26.08.15</b>	12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Holy Communion and BYO lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation Anthony de Mello Meditation
<b>Thursday 27.08.15</b>	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
<b>Friday 28.08.15</b>	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup

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

## WEEK BEGINNING 30 AUGUST 2015

<b>Monday 31.08.15</b>	10.00 am	Covenant Day Care	Worship Centre
<b>Tuesday 01.09.15</b>	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Belonging and Caring Meeting
<b>Wednesday 02.09.15</b>	12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation
<b>Thursday 03.09.15</b>	9.30 am 2.00 pm 7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Book Club Taize Meeting EFM
<b>Friday 04.09.15</b>	10.00 am 10.30 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Playgroup MOTH

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

### JOHN 6:51-68. TO WHOM CAN WE GO? YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF LIFE.

One of the advantages of using the lectionary is that it forces us to grapple with passages that we might otherwise skim over or put in the too hard basket. For the past few weeks we have been asked to linger over what is sometimes called the Bread of Life discourse – a passage bristling with all sorts of theological and other questions that might be almost as challenging for us as they were for Jesus' original audience.

One of the things that distinguishes John's gospel is the inclusion of long discourses (monologues?) rather than the short, pithy sayings and parables that are typical of Jesus' utterances in the other gospels. The effect in this case is one of proclamation and command to believe, rather than an invitation to dialogue – the implication being, if you don't get this it is because God is not bringing you to see it. This is conveyed through statements like, 'No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me' (Jn 6: 44), and 'no one can come to me unless granted by my Father' (Jn 6:65). And what he is asking them to believe is challenging. We might have some sympathy for those disciples who said, 'This teaching is difficult' (v. 60). And of course many did turn back and no longer went about with him.

It is at this point that Jesus turns to the twelve and says, 'Do you also wish to go away?' and Peter replies, ' Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.' (Jn 6: 67-68) Am I imagining it, or do we get a glimpse here of the more 'human' side of Jesus – the Son of Man, rather than the Son of God? One who needs companionship? Or perhaps his tone is ironic. After all John's presentation of Jesus is that he already knows who will be faithful to him and who will betray him. At the end of chapter 2 John had said that Jesus did not trust those who believed in him because of the signs he performed because he knew what was in people's hearts. Perhaps this helps us understand the tough line Jesus is taking with his audience in this chapter.

Peter's response is one of trust but we can imagine that he and the others might be wondering what they had let themselves in for in choosing to follow him. Perhaps it is sometimes like that with us. But the alternative is unthinkable – at least for them, and hopefully for us. They have glimpsed something in him that they really desire. What is it that you see in him that is life-giving? How has following him changed your life? Come to think of it, it might be good to ask what he sees in us.

- Frances MacKay



if we live by the  
SPIRIT, let us  
also walk  
by the SPIRIT

## FROM ST JOHN'S CARE



One of the things that drew me to applying for the position of Director at St John's Care was Youth Care Canberra. My first job in the community sector was as an Outreach Youth Worker (we called ourselves Streetworkers) with the Newcastle Youth Service and working on the streets of Newcastle with the most disadvantaged and disengaged young people in the city. It is a model of service delivery that is so effective in meeting the needs of these young people but also one that is very difficult to do well. So, it was with both excitement and some trepidation that I was returning to my youth work roots.

I need not have worried. What I found was Zack Bryers, the Youth Care Canberra Outreach Youth Worker. In the 3 weeks that I have been here I have been particularly impressed with Zack and the work that he does. Most days we talk about issues and clients and I am confident that he is doing great work with and for some of the most disadvantaged young people in Canberra.

We talk a lot about what he sees as an “ice” (also known as crystal meth) epidemic in the community with many of his clients being drawn into using and dealing and suffering the consequences of these choices.

Zack told me about a 14 year old girl that he had been working with. Her mother was a drug addict who left her father alone to raise 4 girls on his own. This 14 year old girl was a heavy ice and crack cocaine user. She was out of control and so fearless that she was known to have robbed drug dealers. She was also well known for her involvement in prostitution which was where she made her money for drugs.

Zack was initially alerted to this girl and her situation through Gateway. He was told that no one had been successful in reaching out or making any headway with her. After some months looking for her, he was advised that she was locked up in juvenile detention. At their first meeting and expecting rejection, he said to her “If you want to change your life, I’m the guy you call. If you don’t want to change your life right now, then I will be here until you do”. There was silence and after a while, a smile. He had made contact. To cut a long story short, with Zack’s help she has since enrolled in school and started a hairdressing apprenticeship.

This is truly a good news story. Sadly, not all our stories have such a happy ending.

Helping our most disadvantaged young people requires a unique mix of opportunity, compassion and perseverance and I am very proud to report that I think we’ve got all these in abundance.

### **Wish list: tinned lentils, biscuits and dog/cat food.**

**Stuart Davis-Meehan  
Director**



# PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

## IN THE WORLD

- Pray for the multitudes of the third world desperate for a share in the prosperity they see us enjoy. Pray for those who are alienated and angry, those tempted by extremism, for the hopeless, and for those who risk all for a new start. Pray for peace and prosperity where now there is war and poverty, and the door to open towards hope and a secure future for them and their families.

## IN AUSTRALIA

- Pray for the Australian media, particularly for opinion-makers, political commentators, and all with the power to influence the nation. Pray that they might be wise, thoughtful, broad in vision and honest in the way they exercise their power.

## WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church in San Diago, USA: Sao Paulo, Brazil; Sambalpur, North India.
- In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people in the Dioceses of Perth, Riverina and Rockhampton.

## IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Cootamundra, Temora and Junee.
- We pray for Chaplains and residents of the Junee Correctional Centre and all who work in the Justice system.

## MISSION

- We pray for the work of the Bush Church Aid Society in Gulargambone and Lightning Ridge.

## IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY.

- We pray for Anne Dudzinski taking Services at the Retirement Villages tomorrow.
- We pray for the Refugee Action Committee meeting this week.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family: Faye Green; Jean Groves; Clayton Gumbrell, Karen Bisley, Jamie, Samuel and Ethan; Cecilia and Alex Gutierrez and Peter and Jenny Hall.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Lexie Winders, Portia Lloyd, Beryl Daniels and any known to us personally.

## COMMEMORATIONS

Saturday:      **Joan Richards (died 2007)**



### HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Phone Merri Bacon on 6251 1110 or  
email [merri.bacon@bigpond.com](mailto:merri.bacon@bigpond.com)



## IN THE PARISH

TODAY

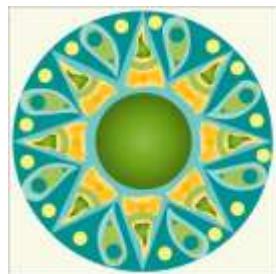
### DEEP DIVE

11.45 am



Grab your coffee and join our Rector Paul Wallis as he takes us on a

*Journeying with the Celts:  
An Introduction to Celtic Spirituality.*



### 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.

**NEXT SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2—4.30PM**

Please RSVP to Karina ([karinajh43@gmail.com](mailto:karinajh43@gmail.com) or 0402 336970)

### Community Lunch - 3 September

**11.30 for 12 noon Cost: \$5**

Our next Community Lunch is planned for **3 September**. We are happy to welcome Spring with a great lunch, some friendship and our speaker, Rex Goode, who will take us on



### **"A Rose Ramble with Rex"**

We invite you to join us and please ask any you know in the community who maybe feel isolated and would like to come.

**For catering purposes, please add names to the sign up sheet or contact Helen Boulton (6251 02178 or [hhboulton@gmail.com](mailto:hhboulton@gmail.com))**



## IN THE PARISH

### REFUGEE ACTION GROUP

This group continues to meet monthly, focusing on both advocacy and practical help for refugees and asylum seekers. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month, praying and sharing together to support each other. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 25**

**August, 6.30pm - 7.30pm at 30 Northmore Crescent, Higgins.** You would be most welcome to join us.

For further information, please feel free to contact Deranie at [deranie@hotmail.com](mailto:deranie@hotmail.com). We would love to hear from you.



### POSITIONS VACANT! OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY!

There are several tasks for which more support is required. Also many of our rosters would benefit from more participation.

- Compiling the Weekly Bulletin
- Sacristan (setting up for communion)
- Morning tea after the services
- Cleaning the Worship Centre
- Sidespersons (both services)
- Readers (both services)
- Intercessors (both services)
- Covenant Care (set-up, pack-up and driving)

Training and support will be provided.

If any of these looks like your ministry, please talk to the Parish Administrator (Libby).

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**God gives the grain,  
but we must make the furrow**

*Bulgarian Proverb*

## IN THE PARISH



### PARISH RETREAT 18-20 September 2015

#### CHRIST IN CROWDED SOULS: JOURNEY INTO SIMPLICITY

*In the midst of lives that are busy, crowded and distracted, Jesus offers his counter-intuitive wisdom. The way to abundance is by poverty; the way to fullness is by self-emptying; the way to God is by the purification of our own hearts. But what does this really mean? And how can we live from this wisdom in the circumstances and demands of our daily lives, in ways that are life-giving for ourselves and others?*

***St. Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong***

*Led by the Revd Dr. Sarah Bachelard*

*Leaflets with registration available from the sign-up board.*

**The parish Mini fete will be on the 7th of November.** Please save the date and start thinking about how you will like to contribute:

- Plant stall - plants, seedlings, etc
- Cake stall - cakes, preserving fruits/jams/chutneys, etc
- Café - coffee, cakes, slices, etc
- any other stall ideas?

If you would be interested in volunteering or have any further ideas please contact Evelyn on 0411062160 or [evie\\_24@hotmail.com](mailto:evie_24@hotmail.com)



An invitation to those with an interest in **Taizé** to a meeting on **Thursday 3 September 7pm** in the Rainbow Centre to talk about how we can extend and resource this lovely meditative service.



This year I am part of the Kairos team inside Goulburn Gaol, between Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Kairos is an ecumenical prison ministry that brings the love of Christ to inmates around the world.

Several parishioners have volunteered to be part of the Prayer Vigil over the period we are working with the inmates. **THANKYOU** to those who have volunteered their time. *If anyone would like to add their name to the list, please contact me.*

Two other gifts of love we give the inmates are letters and homemade (preferably) biscuits. *If any of you feel you could assist by baking some biscuits or writing some letters please contact me.* Because of who we are working with there are rules around these gifts, which I will happily forward to you.

There will be a clearly marked table at the back of the church where you can leave these in the week preceding Kairos, and I will collect them AM Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept on my way to Goulburn. Alternately I am happy to drop by and pick them up.

If you have any questions about this Kairos, or the Kairos ministry in general, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please keep us in your prayers.

**Mark Webb**

**0478 683 860**

**[markwebb1958@yahoo.com.au](mailto:markwebb1958@yahoo.com.au)**

## I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL YOU...

How excited a client was when

Nicole and the clients HCN visitor turned up at her home to celebrate her birthday with her. For a person who has for years been part of a disconnected and dysfunctional family, suffering from loneliness, abandonment and increasing home isolation, she just couldn't believe there was someone wanting to share her day with her with flowers and a cake. It doesn't take much to bring a bit of joy into someone's life does it? If you were to ask me who had the most blessings that day I don't think I could say as all parties concerned had a great time.

Another great joy was having morning tea with the mother and sisters of our very first client who had passed away nearly two years ago now. Those who had been caring for her from the HCN ministry were also present. The HCN ministry isn't just about caring for a client for as long as they need us, it's more than that. It's about caring for all concerned and keeping that pastoral connection with the family who we have built up a friendship with us, open and welcoming if they wish. These are two very easy examples of how we can make a difference in someone's life by sprinkling it with Christian love.

**Archdeacon Anne. Holistic Care Nursing Coordinator.**

**AND . . .**

#### **PLATES AND CONTAINERS IN KITCHEN**

There are several plates and containers in the kitchen that have been left behind after the Parish Dinner and other recent events. Please claim yours asap, before they are disposed of thoughtfully!



I should like to express my thanks to the Rector and all who have visited, sent encouraging messages, prayers, cards (both Get Well and Birthday), flowers and "non-presents" over the past months. I feel truly blessed. *Beryl Daniels*

#### **WORSHIP ROSTER UNAVAILABILITY**

If you are not available for roster duties during September please mark the sheet on the roster board this week.

**DO YOU KNOW** that the Weekly Bulletin arrives on the parish website on Friday morning? There is lots of important information on the website: [www.holycovenant.org.au](http://www.holycovenant.org.au)

#### **ON THE NOTICE BOARD**

- **Bishop's Pastoral Letter** concerning Marriage Equality.
- Newsletter from the **Anglican Historical Society**.
- A page from **Anglican World** with a photo of our own Katherine (and Jazz and Samuel) at a CMS function in February.
- If your **Safe Ministries Accreditation** has run out, there is a list of upcoming workshops.



#### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Lesley Chumak, Clare Bleijs, Phil Perman, Dougal Mordike,  
Andrew Hill and Graham Bonnett.



If you want your name in the Birthday Book, tell Phyl:  
[phylandreg@optusnet.com.au](mailto:phylandreg@optusnet.com.au)

## MINISTRY TEAM

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## DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 30 AUGUST 2015

**8.00 am**      **HOLY COMMUNION**  
 Celebrant: The Revd Connie Gerrity  
 Preacher: Archdeacon Anne Ranse

**10.00 am**      **HOLY COMMUNION**  
 Celebrant: The Revd Connie Gerrity  
 Preacher: Archdeacon Anne Ranse



# TODAY

## SENTENCE:

Jesus said, 'It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.' John 6.63

## READINGS:

1 Kings 8: 1-6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 6: 10-20  
John 6: 56-59

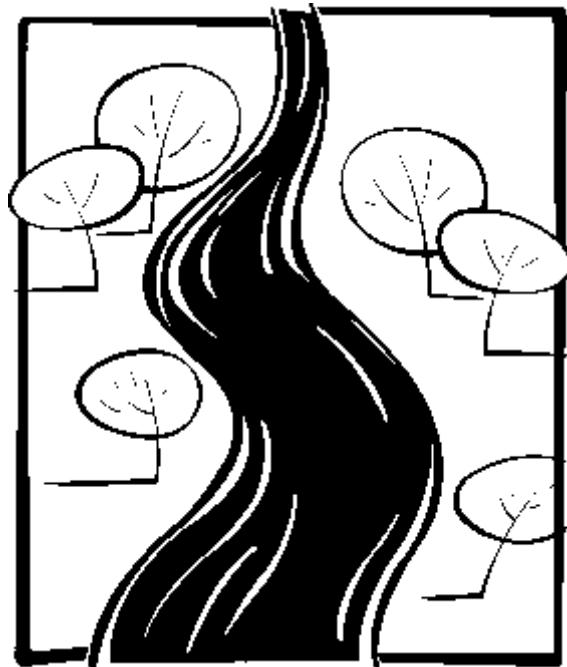
## 8 am HYMNS

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## PRAYER

Everliving God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that, in the ministry to which you have called them, each may serve you in holiness and truth; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

AMEN.



	8.00 am	10.00 am
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Anne McDowell, Tony Willis	Neville Hurst, Reg Holmes
<b>Readers</b>	Anne McDowell Peter Hall Anne Ranse	Kate King Frances Mackay Neville Hurst
<b>Intercessor</b>	Paul Shelley	Anne Dudzinski
<b>Organist</b>	Shirley Campbell	Rhys Thorpe
<b>Word and Prayer</b>	Chris Lewis	Tobias Nevile
<b>Deacon</b>	Anne Ranse	-
<b>Cup</b>	Chris Lewis, Anne Ranse	Tobias Nevile, James Ellis, George Gerrity, Doreen Matters. Extra bread: Connie Gerrity
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Margaret and David Meggs	Russell Rollason, Merri Bacon
<b>Children's Church</b>		Karen Bisley, Prue Wedgwood, Mary Sargeson. M. Tea: Jodie Petrov