

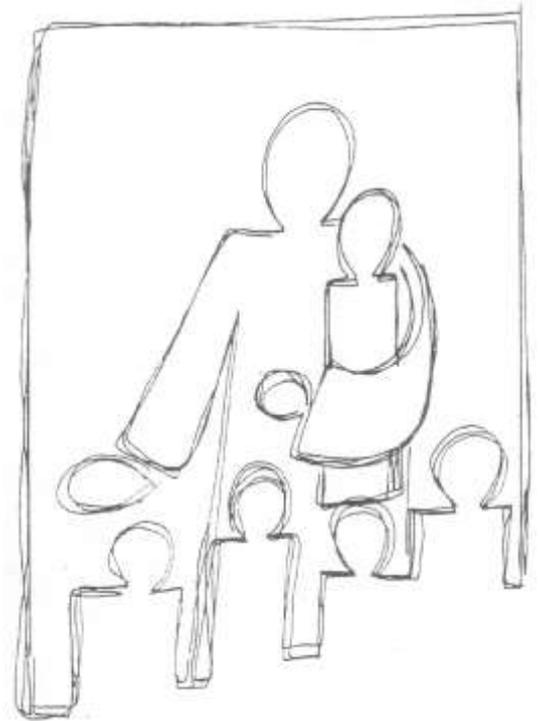
HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

20 SEPTEMBER 2015

*Seventeenth 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:: The Revd Richard Browning
Preacher: Archdeacon Anne Ranse

10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and Youth Group

Celebrant:: The Revd Richard Browning
Preacher: Archdeacon Anne Ranse



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 21.09.15	9.30 am 10.00 am	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Crafty Crew Covenant Day Care
Tuesday 22.09.15	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch
Wednesday 23.09.15	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 24.09.15	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Friday 25.09.15	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 26.09.15	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Service

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

WEEK BEGINNING 27 SEPTEMBER 2015

Monday 28.09.15	10.00 am 10.00 am 1.30 pm	Covenant Day Care Kangara Waters Ret. Vill Calvary Ret. Village	Worship Centre Communion Service Communion Service
Tuesday 29.09.15	12.30 pm 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm	Worship Centre 30 Northmore Cres. Higgins	Meditation and BYO lunch Refugee Action Team
Wednesday 30.09.15	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 01.10.15	9.30 am 2.00 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Bookclub
Friday 02.10.15	10.30 am	Rainbow Centre	MOTH
Saturday 03.10.15	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Service

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

So what is the big idea? (Wisdom and the imagination)

a reflection on the Sunday readings: Mark 8.27-38; Mark 9.30-37



Everything everything everything (about our engagement in the world) is an idea.

You might say a tree isn't, but a garden is.

You might say food isn't, but a recipe, menu, is.

You might say landscape isn't, nor mountain or ocean, but direction, purpose, journey, beauty – they are all ideas. Policy, curriculum, agenda, paradigm, concept, mindset, philosophy, values, wisdom, fashion, music, ethics, architecture, language, family, nation, sovereignty, humour, they are all ideas.

What are the best, most important ideas?

Imagine is the first verb of Radford's values in action (coupled with listen and respect). This verb calls the community into:

- a consciousness around the ideas that rule the days
- a culture of engaging only the best ideas, biggest, most life giving ideas.

Could it be that rather than this great (idea) endeavour, we entertain only the strongest person's ideas, or the ideas that puff up our own interests? Or the ideas that are left after a risk management plan is applied; or the ideas that fear creates? Or maybe it is the ideas we have bought, or worse, been sold?

Jesus is the living walking breathing presence of God's imagination who constantly turns our ideas upside down and inside out. Whatever ideas we might have of *Messiah*, it will be a distortion of who God is and how God works.

- The Son of Man will suffer, be rejected, killed. Peter sternly objects to this 'paradigm' and is rebuked brutally by Jesus: 'get behind me Satan'.
- Job suffers unbearably and relentlessly asks God why. God's answer is poetic, not rational, personal not reasonable (Job 38ff). Despite ourselves, suffering is beyond explanation.
- In fulfilling the law, Jesus points past religious leaders and identifies the outcast foreigner, the Samaritan as the one to copy.
- To aspiring greatness, Jesus says copy the young child!

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St John's Care continues to serve a significant number of people in the Canberra area. In support of this, it is my plan to share our client statistics in one of my pew sheets per month. Accordingly, I present to you our client statistics for August.

St John's Care Emergency Relief Clients

- Number of clients: 273
- Female: 136 (50%) Male: 137 (50%)
- Returning clients: 230 (84%)
- Clients with a Centrelink Reference Number: 233 (85% of clients)
- Clients on a Disability Support Pension: 110 (47% of clients receiving a benefit)
- Clients that identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander: 39 (14% of clients)
- Clients born overseas: 78 (29% of clients)
- Clients identifying as being homeless: 12 (5% of clients)
- Average Age: 43 years

Services Provided

- Food: 333 adults and 215 children assisted
- Clothes: 34 adults and 5 children assisted
- Blankets: 10 people assisted
- Concession bus tickets: 23 people assisted
- Prescriptions paid for: 5 people assisted
- Telstra Vouchers: 8 people assisted
- Registration, water, electricity or gas paid: 9 people assisted

Youth Care Canberra

- New referrals: 13
- Active clients: 17 (including new referrals)
- Male: 9 Female: 8
- Clients experiencing homelessness: 13 (76% of clients)

Breakfast Club – Ainslie Primary School

- We fed breakfast to 434 students throughout August
- On average we fed 36 students per day

Community Lunch

- Approximately 100 people attended our monthly community lunch

Marriage Education Course

- 5 couples participated in our August course

As you can see, many people continue to rely on the services provided by St John's Care, services that more often than not, are not provided by anyone else in the ACT.

Wish list: powdered milk, small tins of fruit, vegemite and Sao biscuits.

Stuart Davis-Meehan
Director



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We pray for the refugees at the Hungarian border desperately pleading for resettlement.

IN AUSTRALIA

- We pray for our new Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, and that he can facilitate stable government.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church in Southern Brazil, The Philippines and Canterbury England.
- 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 Junee, Holbrook and Gundagai.
- We pray for the staff, residents and chaplain at the Junee Correctional Centre and all who work in the justice system.

MISSION

- We pray for the work of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge throughout the world.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY.

- We pray for the 23 people on the parish retreat this weekend and for Sarah Bachelard the Leader.
- We pray for the activities in the parish this week and for all those who use our buildings.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family: Therese and Herbert Jokisch; Isobel and Taisz Jokisch; Russell Judd, Jayne Murray, Aidan and Emma; David and Rosemary Kennemore and Kate King.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Portia Lloyd, Beryl Daniels and any known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Today: **Thomas Gould (died 1997)**

Monday: **Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist and Martyr**



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE
REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

**DEAR GOD,
I WANNA TAKE A
MINUTE, NOT TO ASK
FOR ANYTHING FROM
YOU, BUT SIMPLY TO
SAY THANK YOU,
FOR ALL I HAVE.**

IN THE PARISH

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Jesus over heard his disciples arguing over ... ideas, this time, who was the most important. He took a powerless, dependent commodity, a child and said here is your model, the exemplar idea. Become like THIS.

Anyone can be like a child and so Jesus makes a statement of grace – become the one whose imagination is free and whose identity comes from the one to whom they belong. May our imagination and belonging be found in Christ. Jesus is the incarnate **wisdom** and **imagination** of God (both words are about seeing).

So you want to be great? Then desire what EVERYONE can have, not just a few. You want to be first? Then serve the best interests of others. You want to possess it all? Then empty yourself of yourself. If you want to be powerful, then practice forgiveness and stand with the victim. (Nigel Brennan spoke at Dirrum 2015 of how suffering had transformed the ideas that now possess him. “Now? I am grateful to my captors (for treating me worse than an animal and caging me). I have learnt how to come from a place of love not fear.”)

So what are the ideas we live by?

What are the ideas that rule our days?

Are they life affirming? Are we aware of them, in control of them?

What are the ideas worth living? (Worth our conscious, mindful, passionate, enthusiastic whole bodied attention?)

Image of child on train headed for Munich.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-09-13/germany-warns-at-limit-of-capacity-as-migrant-numbers-surge/6772288>

- **Richard Browning**

CRAFTY CREW have returned from their winter break and meet **tomorrow** in the Rainbow Centre from 9.30am. Newcomers welcome. All you need to bring is a pair of scissors. Christmas cards and gift cards will be the project.



**THE OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED FROM**

**22nd to the 24th
September.**

Messages left on the
answering machine will be
attended to.

IN THE PARISH



FROM THIS WEEK'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- Congratulations to Katherine Rainger, Tracey Matthews and Anthony Frost who have all been given the seal of approval by the Ordination Advisory Panel and as a result the Bishop has advised that he will ordain them in February. Chris Lewis goes through a

different process but he too will be ordained in February. Book your tickets early, looks like it will be a full house/ Cathedral. Well done to all four!

- The PC discussed the Government's decision to grant settlement to an extra 12,000 refugees from Syria. The PC asked the Refugee Action Group to find out how the resettlement will be organised and advise the PC if and how the Parish might be able to assist the refugees settle should any come to Canberra. Consideration will also be given to writing to the Minister for Immigration offering our assistance with refugee settlement after we have learnt how the process might operate.

- The PC endorsed the Strategic Plan and after nominating leads for each of the new initiatives proposed and asked each to prepare a submission to Council outlining steps to implementation and any funding that may be needed to implement the proposal. A copy of the Strategic Plan will be placed on the back wall of the Church and copies are available from the Office.

I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL YOU . . .

. . . how blessed we are yet again by a generous gift we have received of life support equipment that will be a wonderful blessing to a client who will benefit greatly by it. It never ceases to amaze me how God provides through this ministry. Thank you so much to the family who donated it, you have helped to change another person's life through your generosity and thoughtfulness.



I had a meeting last Monday with the Development Officer for the National Health Co-op and have come out of it with a great help for our clients who need specialist treatment but are unable to afford it. Through the health co-op our clients can now access the co-op doctors, with a special referral from the Holistic Care Nursing that will enable them to have this service. I know for at least two of our clients at the moment that this will mean they can receive much needed treatment. It's been a good week!

Blessings
Archdeacon Anne Holistic Care Nursing Coordinator.

IN THE PARISH

FROM PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING DAY

It was a great pleasure to spend a Saturday with Parish Council, staff and parish leaders in a conversation to review and refresh our strategic direction. The day was expertly facilitated by John Body who led us through a journey of reflection, insight and application. We are very grateful to him for his wisdom and skill in leading us through the process.



We began with the letter to the Philippians in which the Apostle Paul informs our attitudes and aspirations, calling us to servanthood and to acknowledge the God who works in us "to desire and act according to his good purposes." In his labours for the Gospel Paul taps a deep well of motivation when he says "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection...to be found in Christ and...to share in his sufferings." He says, "[Sisters and] brothers I do not believe I have yet taken hold of it...or been made perfect...I strive...I press on...to take hold..." In this we heard the importance of unfulfilled desires and divine dissatisfaction in identifying God's call upon us.

We moved then into a process surveying the many societal forces that are creating the landscape in which churches minister today. The re-shaping of the landscape sometimes requires us to reshape our own pathways and this was reflected in the conversations that flowed on.

In the course of our conversations we refined the wording of parish's vision, exploring and identifying five objectives for our attention in the months and years ahead. The spirit of collaboration and level of agreement in this process were wonderful and a positive and affirming experience in itself. Objectives were expressed to develop and enhance our pathways to faith and a living spirituality, pathways to intentional community (with the particular needs of our young adults in mind), pathways for pastoral care with the emergency shelter needs of homeless women in mind, the development of a pastoral care coordinator role, and the further resourcing of our holistic care nursing program. We identified the resources available and those who can carry these explorations to the next step.

It is perhaps easy for a church leadership to identify goals that are motivating and aspirational. A greater challenge is to identify next steps that are true to the character, call and resources of a church - in other words to agree upon goals that are relevant, achievable and appropriate.

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It was our shared reflection at the end of the day that this is exactly what John had enabled us to do together, through a thorough, engaging and enjoyable process. PC and staff are all, I believe, looking forward to unpacking the day's work, communicating the elements of it more widely, envisioning, including, planning and doing. In the weeks ahead PC will be doing those things in our Sunday services, in the bulletin, on our notice boards and in ongoing conversations.

It is exciting to share the journey of faith and the journey of ministry together and to reach for "all that for which Christ Jesus took hold of us."

Every Blessing,
Paul



Open Gardens by Holy Covenant Parishioners - first of three or four this year

Sunday 11 October
10.30am - 4.30pm,
12 Juwin Street, Aranda

Come and see what can happen when your garden is on the side of a hill - and relax over tea/coffee.

- ♦ Kath (and Robert) Arthur's garden is a random collection of native and exotic plants which has been evolving over 45 years!

NB Please note that this garden is moderately steep, contains many steps and a steep driveway - not suitable for prams or other wheeled aids.

Youth Group, Children's Church and Godly Play finish today for the holidays and return on Sunday 11 October.



AND . . .

There are many **plates, containers etc.** in the kitchen—please collect them **ASAP** before they are disposed of thoughtfully!

FAREWELL. Today we say farewell to **Rob and Kathy Lake** who are moving to Brisbane. They have been actively involved in the parish for about 3 years and Kathy was our Parish Administrator for 12 months. We will miss them and look forward to seeing them when they visit. We wish them well with the move and settling into their new lifestyle and our prayers and blessings go with them.

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- **Floral Display and Art Show 26—28 Sept, All Saints' Church Ainslie.**
- **3 October *Mass for Peace* RMC Duntroon**
- **12 October. *Voices for Justice, Prayer Vigil***
- **Thank you card from Audrey Kennett**

There is some printed material from Synod on the table near the Font about same-sex unions. Feel free to take a copy.

**Heaven comes to Earth
when forgiveness happens**

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



**Joyce Cole,
John Painter (ending in a 'O')
Rebecca
Elkhuizen**

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

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2015

8.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant and Preacher: The Venerable Paul Wallis

10.00 am

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TODAY

SENTENCE:

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.

Mark 9:35

READINGS:

Proverbs 31:10-31
 Psalm 1
 James 3: 1-12
 Mark 9: 30 - 37

8 am HYMNS

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PRAYER

God and father of all,
 you have taught us through your Son
 that the last shall be first,
 and have a little child the measure of
 your kingdom;
 give us the wisdom from above,
 so that we may understand that in your sight
 the one who serves is the greatest of all.
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 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	Ann and Peter Bazeos	Gareth James and Reg Holmes
Readers	Chris Lewis Des Pain Anne Ranse	Leslie Chumak Chris Olsson Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Anne McDowell	Joh Sheehan
Organist	Kath Arthur	Pam Lane
Word and Prayer	Steve Daniels	James Ellis
Deacon	- —	-
Cup	Steve Daniels	James Ellis, Neville Hurst, Doreen Matters, Phyl Holmes Extra Bread: Anne Ranse
Morning Tea	Mary Lyn Mather Jocelyn Kirkland	Helen Boulton, Dorothy Hurst
Children's Church		Christine Mitchell, Russell Judd, Rika Amos. M. Tea: Phyl Holmes