

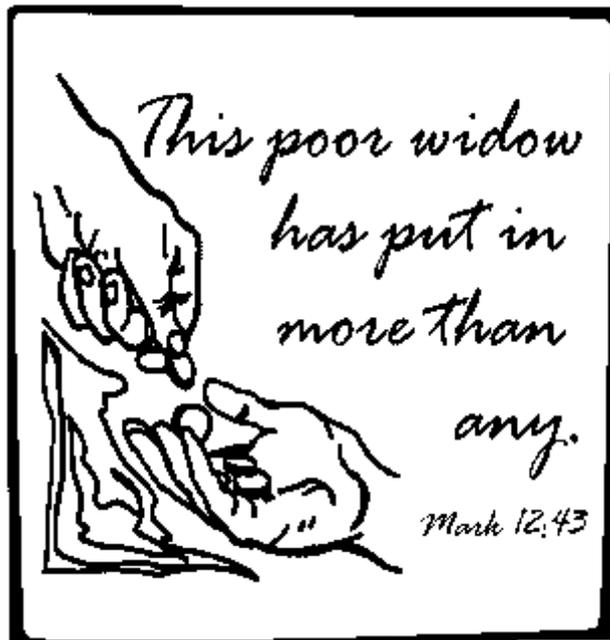
# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

8 NOVEMBER 2015

**Twenty Fourth 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.



### SERVICES TODAY

- 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
- 6.00 pm**      **TAIZE SERVICE**



*Please join us for morning tea after the Services*

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

<b>Monday</b> <b>09.11.15</b>	10.00 am 10.00 am 1.30 pm	Worship Centre Kangara Waters Ret. Villa Calvary Ret. Village	Covenant Day Care Communion Service Communion Service
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>10.11.15</b>	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>11.11.15</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</b> <b>12.11.15</b>	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Scrabble EFM
<b>Friday</b> <b>13.11.15</b>	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
<b>Saturday</b> <b>14.11.15</b>	6.00 pm	Worship Centre	Benedictus Contemplative Church

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

## WEEK BEGINNING 15 NOVEMBER 2015

<b>Monday</b> <b>16.10.15</b>	9.30 am 10.00 am	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Crafty Crew Covenant Day Care
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>17.10.15</b>	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Parish Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>18.10.15</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</b> <b>19.10.15</b>	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
<b>Friday</b> <b>20.10.15</b>	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
<b>Saturday</b> <b>21.10.15</b>	9.00 am 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Working Bee Benedictus Contemplative Church

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

### Mark 12:41-44

I have for some time been a collector of old presentations of the Book of Common Prayer and often will browse a second hand book shop looking for these. On one occasion I picked up a small leather bound Book of Common Prayer and on the back encompassed in the leather backing was a small purse. I opened the purse up and my breath was taken away as a tiny silver threepence fell out. I thought to myself, was this a widow's offering for the Sunday collection? Was this all she had? Was this her regular faithful giving? I treasure this Book of Common Prayer with its little purse and contents for what it says to me and how it reminds me of the widow's mite.

In the court of the women there were thirteen collecting boxes called 'The Trumpets' because they were trumpet shaped. Each of them was for a special purpose such as for the purchase of corn, wine or oil for sacrifices and contributions to the Temple. Many people threw in considerable contributions. Then there came a widow who threw in two mites. These mites were called a lepton which literally means a thin one. It was the smallest of all coins and was worth one sixteenth of a penny. And yet Jesus said that this tiny contribution was greater than all the others for the others had thrown in **what they could spare** easily enough and still had plenty left, while the widow had flung in **everything that she had**.

Barclay says that for giving to be real it must be sacrificial. It's not the size but the sacrifice. Real generosity gives until it hurts. Giving which is real giving has a certain recklessness to it. The widow could have kept one of the coins even though that was not much but no, she gave everything she had. There is something quite symbolic here, a message for us all because there is so often some parts of our lives, some part of our activities, some part of ourselves which we do not give to Christ. Somehow there is always something which we hold back. Barclay goes on to say: 'It is a strange and lovely thing that the person whom the New Testament and Jesus hand down to history as a pattern of generosity was a person who gave a gift of half a farthing. We may feel that we don't have much in the way of material gifts or personal gifts to give Christ but if we put all that we have and are at his disposal He can do many things with it and with us that are beyond our imaginings.'

- ***Archdeacon Anne***



I want to follow up on last week's edition on domestic violence.

A returning client, Jane (not her real name) came in this week with her 3 children aged 4, 2 and 1. She was very distressed and in tears as the result of ongoing intimate partner violence from a partner whom she had finally parted company with this past week, in difficult circumstances and unfortunately on her birthday. When her ex-partner left he also took a lot of things from the house including her phone and the microwave.

Jane came in seeking assistance with food as she doesn't get paid for another week and a half and had no money.

I mostly only see clients if they have more difficult or complex needs and the volunteers called me in to see Jane. I had met Jane and her eldest daughter before. We chatted for a bit and identified food, a phone and a microwave as her highest needs at this time.

I had been speaking with Telstra recently and they advised me of a program where they provide phones for women impacted by domestic violence. I rang the local Domestic Violence Service who is the local distributor of the program and they came to the office within half an hour. They spent some time with Jane while I kept the children busy in the back yard. They gave her a new phone and the offer of ongoing support. Today one of my jobs is to find a suitable microwave for her.

I am very interested to know if any male readers of last week's pew sheet registered to be a White Ribbon Advocate ? Don't forget that November 25<sup>th</sup> is White Ribbon Day. I am not particularly a horse racing fan, but wasn't it great that a female jockey won this year. Congratulations to Michelle Payne - one small but very public step towards gender equality in this country.

I end this week's edition to tell you about Oz Harvest. As you are maybe aware, Oz Harvest delivers a weekly supply of much needed rescued perishable food to us. Indeed, across Canberra, they are currently rescuing over 5000 kilos of food every week. The level of involvement in rescuing food continues to grow here and as a result they need to buy a second van to keep up with the demand. If you are interested in knowing more or donating please contact [www.ozharvest.org](http://www.ozharvest.org).

**Wish list: tinned meat, egg cartons, shampoo, conditioner and sweet biscuits.**



**Stuart Davis-Meehan, Director**

# PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

## IN THE WORLD

- We continue to pray for the refugees fleeing from Syria and give thanks that Germany and other countries are now re-settling families.

## IN AUSTRALIA

- On this Defence Sunday we pray for members of the Australian Defence Force and for the Chaplains who minister to them.

## WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church Central Africa and South Carolina USA.
- In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people in the Dioceses of Brisbane, Bunbury and Gippsland.

## IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Gunning, Crookwell, Binda and Taralga.
- We pray for the growth of the Pelican Foundation and the Anglican Investment Development Fund.

## MISSION

- We pray for the work of the Australian Board of Missions in Hong Kong and South Sudan.

## IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY.

- We give thanks for the wonderful response to our mini-fete yesterday.
- We pray for Anne Dudzinski taking the Services at the Retirement Villages tomorrow.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family: Val Newton; Chris Olsson and Lesley Chumak; Sue Paice; Des Pain; and John and Gillian Painter.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Beryl Daniels and any known to us personally.

## COMMEMORATIONS

**Monday: Margit Alice Halsey (died 2010)  
Alma Featherstone (died 2013)**



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE  
REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

Hear our Prayer.  
O God.†



SERVICE 6 PM TONIGHT

A GENTLE SERVICE OF  
PRAYER, PRAISE AND SILENCE WAITING  
ON GOD.

Dear Parishioners

A survey has been designed by the Communications Ministry Team of the Parish to find out the preferred modes of communication members of the parish and groups associated with the parish would like to see used at Holy Covenant. The team also wants to know whether there are new modes of communication that people would like to receive information by that might be particularly relevant for your age group or interest area.

- ♦ This survey of 18 questions will take less than 5 minutes. Each question is optional.
- ♦ Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLLPKL2> and follow instructions. **You can also access it from the parish's website.**
- ♦ *A printed version is available from the table near the Font for those who cannot complete this electronic version. But it will be easy for data collation if you can do the electronic version,*

Thanks for your input. The Communications Team



**What a great day we had yesterday!**

**Congratulations to all who worked so hard to make it happen—it was a great connection with the local community. If you are a bit weary today—don't worry—it will pass! And you've got 12 months to get ready for the next one!**

## IN THE PARISH

### ST JOHN'S CARE COLLECTION AND CAKE STALL AT JAMISON PLAZA 28 NOVEMBER 9am—1pm



Our Christmas collection of groceries for St John's Care at Jamison Plaza details above - provides a major contribution of food and groceries to St John's Care.

**Volunteers are needed** to provide shoppers with a list of products as they enter Coles and Aldi and also to stock and operate our stall. If you can help with either or both of these activities, please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the notice board.

**Any enquiries, contact Harris Boulton (6251 2078 or [hhboulton@gmail.com](mailto:hhboulton@gmail.com))**

The Parish Council also sees this as an opportunity to connect with the local community by having a **CAKE STALL, JAMS etc.** and providing leaflets about the parish with invitations to our Christmas Services. **So we will need lots of goodies to sell.** **There is a sign-up sheet for this as well, both for providing goods and staffing the stall.**



### ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDARS

There will be a sign up sheet on the noticeboard for orders for the Anglican Church Calendar. We will charge \$15 a calendar and the more calendars sold the more funds will go back into parish fundraising. This is a great way to support the parish in a small way and to enjoy the beautiful calendar for the rest of the next year. **There is a sign-up sheet on the board for orders.**

### READERS WORKSHOP

Would you like to be part of the roster to read the Bible during our worship services?

We will be running a short workshop for current and potential readers on Sunday **29 November at 11.45 am.**

If you are interested in being involved in this ministry, please come along and find out what's involved. If you are already on the roster, please take advantage of this opportunity to refresh your skills and re-acquaint yourself with the guidelines that are in the process of being updated.

Enquiries to Paul Shelley 6251 1568  
[epshma@grapevine.com.au](mailto:epshma@grapevine.com.au)

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



... how special Holy Covenant is, and that means all of you. I went to a new clients place to meet her and a representative from ACT Government Housing Tenancy Support to see if the Holistic Care Nursing Ministry could help this lady with her hoarding. I was introduced to the client as being from Holy Covenant, 'that wonderful church that has a nursing program that nurse's people back into life.' She went onto say what a wonderful community service it is and how enormously helpful this program is to Housing ACT who have trouble finding people to help those in Government houses with hoarding issues. So a special thank you to the Outreach Committee that was functioning at the start of the HCN ministry, to the parish council for supporting this ministry and for all the volunteers who assist us. Not only are we recognised in the community for this ministry but we are changing lives through it and truly 'nursing people back into life.' If you have seen the hoarding shows on the TV you will have some idea about what we are up against with our 4 hoarding clients and that is only a portion of what we get up to!!

**On another note** I am looking for someone, probably a man, but not necessarily, to do some one off small maintenance and yard jobs for two of our clients who are also parishioners and also someone to mow a small lawn for a client in Dunlop. None of the task are time consuming, around an hour or so each place. If you think you could assist us in this way please contact me at [nurse@holycovenant.org.au](mailto:nurse@holycovenant.org.au) or phone me on 0439139209 or tap me on the shoulder at church.

**Many thanks.**

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

#### Holy Covenant Year 12's

Isobel D'Cruz, Natalie Pogson, Louisa Trigge, Jenny Lange, Sam Browning and Jonathon Wedgwood are in Year 12 this year. We pray for them as they finish off their final year of school and transition into the next stage of their life's journey.

**CES Public Forum with Catholic Social Justice Commission.** Topic: "For Those Who've Come Across the Seas: Justice for Refugees and Asylum Seekers?" Speakers will be Jon Stanhope; Sr Jane Keogh; Felix Macharidza. The forum will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 11 November at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. Details are at [www.ces.org.au](http://www.ces.org.au)  
**More details on noticeboard**

# IN THE PARISH

## HOLY COVENANT'S OPEN GARDENS

(Sponsored by the Eco Footprint Group)



There were many visitors last Sunday to the lovely gardens of Ruth Durie (morning) and Eileen and Ian Sykes (afternoon) - it seems that everyone enjoyed looking at the plants and garden designs, and chatting over refreshments. Same can be said for the earlier visitors to the garden of Kath and Bob Arthur. The weather was quite kind too. All the garden hosts had worked hard to bring their gardens up to their best for their respective opening times. Three very different gardens, and all delightful.

**Now, we haven't finished yet** - there is one more open garden, Joh Sheehan's, on Sunday 22 November (18 Dexter Street, Cook, 10.30am - 1.30pm). Hers is described as a 'Garden of love': The front garden is an eclectic mix of natives and ornamentals. The thoughtful placement of plants and the ongoing care and maintenance shows that this garden is really loved. Out the back, Joh has a very productive vegetable garden, built at an ideal height for someone with mobility difficulties. The vegetable garden uses organic principles and can feed a family during the warmer months. There is an extensive watering system fed by a 6,000 litre water bladder under the house.

- Come and see what you can do in a small space.

(A donation of \$5 is encouraged, for general parish revenue.)

## SAFE SHELTER

Holy Covenant is looking to keep some of our most vulnerable people warm and safe next winter. At our Parish Council planning day we agreed to offer a space at the Rainbow Centre for the homeless some nights over winter. You may know of the St Columbas' Safe Shelter program and they can help us make it happen. But we need to prepare and look into set up activity between now and April/May when our first night would be offered.

I am stretched and can't do it alone so need a band of willing helpers. I would send you some info to read, we would meet a couple of hours a month or so, likely email each other, and work out what needs to happen and who could help. I am hoping we will be able to tap into St Columbas' volunteer training and network as well as using all the solutions they have worked out over years of successfully running a safe shelter in Braddon.

Deranie Jackson—6254 4769. [deranie@hotmail.com](mailto:deranie@hotmail.com)

**NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM  
AT ST. JAMES KIPPAX**

**5—6pm Sundays**

Today: The hidden Epidemic—  
Anxiety and Depression.

22nd November: refugees—Act Local

6 December: Too much too young—  
raising kids today.

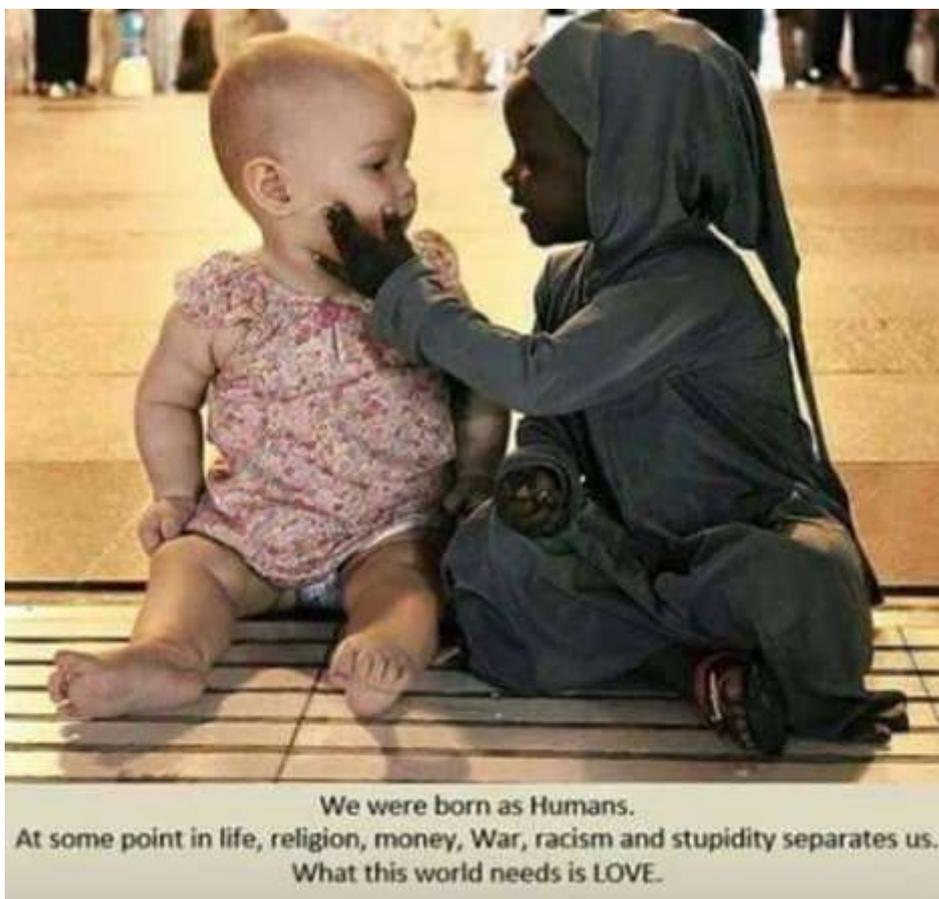
Details on noticeboard.



**ON THE NOTICE BOARD**

- *Opening to Mystery,*  
Quiet day, 21 Nov. ACC&C  
chapel.

There will be a retiring  
offering today to support  
the work of the Australian  
Defence Force chaplains.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Monday: **Wendy Elkhuzen** Tuesday: **Katherine Rainger**  
 Wednesday: **Jane Trigge**; Friday: **Joh Sheehan**  
 Saturday: **Matthew Browning** and **Leo Wimmer**.

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

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## DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2015

**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

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



# TODAY

**SENTENCE:** Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.  
*Luke 6:38*

## READINGS:

Ruth 3: 1-5, 13-17  
 Psalm 127  
 Hebrews 9: 22-28  
 Mark 12: 38-44



## 8 am HYMNS

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## PRAYER

O God,  
 whose blessed Son came into the world  
 that he might destroy the works of evil  
 and make us your children and heirs of eternal life:  
 grant that, having this hope,  
 we may purify ourselves as he is pure;  
 that, when he comes again with power and great glory,  
 we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious  
 kingdom;  
 where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, for ever and ever.

**AMEN**



	8.00 am	10.00 am
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Ann and Peter Bazeos	Helen and Harris Boulton
<b>Readers</b>	Jennifer Collier Peter Bazeos Anne Ranse	Chris Olsson Lesley Chumak Harris Boulton
<b>Intercessor</b>	Jennifer Collier	Joan Williams
<b>Organist</b>	Kath Arthur	Heather Shelley
<b>Ministry of the Word</b>	Paul Shelley	James Ellis
<b>Deacon</b>	Anne Ranse	-
<b>Cup</b>	Paul Shelley, Anne Ranse	James Ellis, Phyl Holmes, George Gerrity, Doreen Matters Extra bread: Connie Gerrity
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Ann Menzies, Carol Sherman	Alison Campbell, Michael Allen
<b>Children's Church</b>		All Together—Katherine m. Tea: Jodie Petrov