

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

15 NOVEMBER 2015

Twenty Fifth 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

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Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 16.11.15	9.30 am 10.00 am	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Crafty Crew Covenant Day Care
Tuesday 17.11.15	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 18.11.15	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 19.11.15	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Friday 20.11.15	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 21.11.15	9.00 am 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Working Bee Benedictus Contemplative Church

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

WEEK BEGINNING 22 NOVEMBER 2015

Monday 23.11.15	10.00 am 10.00am 1.30pm	Worship Centre Kangara Waters Ret. Vill Calvary Retirement Vill	Covenant Day Care Communion Service Communion Service
Tuesday	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch
Wednesday 25.11.15	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 26.11.15	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Friday 27.11.15	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 28.11.15	9.00am 6.00 pm	Jamison Centre Worship Centre	Food collection and cake stall Benedictus Contemplative Church

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

HEBREWS 10:25

I have rejoiced in the gatherings of the community of believers all my life. I have loved the great sense of 'oneness' as we all meet on a Sunday for worship then during the week for other times of meeting. Then there have been times in my life, especially when I was in the remote outback where the closest church was many thousands of miles away and in those times the two of us running the hospital backed our 'church' on the words of Jesus in Matthew 18:20, 'When two or three are gathered together in my name, there *I am in the midst* of them.' I recall sitting in a sandy dry creek bed at the foot of the Musgrave Ranges with a small family of nomadic Aborigines singing in Pitjantjatjara 'As we gather at the river.'

It's sometimes hard for some people to 'gather' for fellowship and worship due to illness, isolation or pressures of this rushed life. When I was called to ordained ministry my calling as a deacon was on the older people of the community who had been regular faithful members of the local church until aging and illness stopped them and then they missed out on something that had been so precious to them for years. I had a strong sense of God's desire for me to take church to them in their home.

Many years later this passion and ministry is still a big part of my daily living. I really believe every Christian should desire and have the opportunity to be with God's people. The gatherings at 'church' are where the power of the Word is heard and settles in our hearts. It's where we experience the 'thin line' between us and Christ as we receive the sacrament. It's where we celebrate the rhythms of life and pray them through. It's where we love, support and serve one another. It's where our younger family members are set an example of Christian living that continues in the home and in their lives. Every Christian should have that great desire to want to be gathered where Christ is.....in our midst.

I remember singing the old hymn by William Bullock. 'I love the place Oh God, where in your honour dwells.' It must have really resonated with me because I still have that great love of the places of God.

There is a quirky saying: 'CH..CH means nothing unless UR in it!'

Blessings. Archdeacon Anne





Sometimes we get clients at SJC with really complex problems and it is always good when we can see them change in front of our eyes.

Rhonda recently had a call from a young woman who we will call Kate. She was escaping domestic violence, had been homeless but now had a unit in private rental but had recently lost her job as she was on leave for stress and anxiety and had been let go. She said she had already tried once to kill herself.

Rhonda got all the volunteers ready for when Kate came in which she did shortly after the phone call. Kate had not eaten for a while as she had a unit but no furniture, no cooking equipment and no food. The volunteers were able to provide immediate food to eat plus lots of food to take home as well as linen, crockery, cutlery and bedding.

She needed help with a major bill which had been delayed but was now due. SJC was able to make a significant contribution towards the bill. In addition, one of the other volunteers spoke with his wife (a clinical psychologist) who agreed to provide some pro bono counselling for Kate if she wanted it. She accepted the offer.

Kate was overwhelmed by the kindness and was completely transformed. She was off to visit her very ill mother who doesn't know of Kate's troubles and who Kate had avoided so she wouldn't find out. After that she was inviting friends over to share the cake we had given her.

The next day Kate came back in to pick up some more household goods which Rhonda and one of the volunteers brought in. Kate said she felt so much better having eaten well, was going to come to church regularly and would come on Christmas Day to volunteer at the lunch. Rhonda then referred her to St Vincent de Paul which has a warehouse with free household goods.

This is a wonderful example of how SJC uses the food, money and in-kind goods which our generous supporters donate. Most clients don't need all the services at once. However, Kate did and for her, receiving these items and the love that came with them was life-changing.

Wish list: e-life milk, small empty jars with lids, small laundry liquid, shampoo, conditioner

Stuart Davis-Meehan - Director



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We pray that the Paris conference on climate change will fulfil the hopes of all who long for wise leadership and effective policy.

IN AUSTRALIA

- As summer approaches we pray for the volunteers who put their lives at risk to protect the community from fire.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the Church in Kaduna (Nigeria) and Karachi (Pakistan).
- In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people in the Dioceses of Perth and the Riverina.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ♦ We pray for the clergy and people at Yass, Boorowa, and Murrumburrah-Harden.
- We pray for Licensed Lay Ministers in Parishes and Ministry Units throughout the Diocese.

MISSION

- We pray for relief organisations working among those affected by drought in Africa.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY.

- We pray for the Parish Council meeting this week.
- We pray that the gifts of this congregation might be recognized, encouraged and released for ministry.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family: Dorothy Parsonage; Martin, Geraldine, Lilly and Ned Paull; Peter and Paula Percival; Phil Perman and Jenny Grierson.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Beryl Daniels and any known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Wednesday: Bruce Pratt (died 2010)

Monday: Margaret of Scotland, queen, helper of the poor (d.1093)

Tuesday: Hilda of Whitby, abbess (d.680), Hugh bishop of Lincoln (d.1200)

Thursday: Elizabeth of Hungary, princess and philanthropist (d.1231)



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE
REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

Parish Elections 2016

Nominations are now being called for wardens and parish councillors for 2016. Nomination forms and some explanatory material are on the table near the font.



Nominations close on Sunday 6 December, and if required, an election will be held on Sunday 13 December.

Please note that a *Parish Leadership Statutory Declaration* must accompany each nomination.

Please note:

Katherine Rainger is on leave until 27 November. She is attending the Society of Biblical Literature Conference in Atlanta, USA.

What the Society of Biblical Literature website says:

Annual Meetings 2015 is the largest gathering of scholars interested in the study of religion in the world. Each meeting showcases the latest in related research, fosters collegial contacts, and focuses on issues of the profession. One of the world's largest exhibits of books and digital resources for biblical studies is on display at the congress. At this meeting, scholars benefit from sessions on religion, philosophy, ethics, and diverse religious traditions.

Safe travelling Katherine and we look forward to hearing about your experience.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**Work is love made visible.
—Kahlil Gibran**

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)

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
epshms@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 nurses 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 or phone me on 0439139209 or tap me on the shoulder at church.

Many thanks.

Archdeacon Anne. Holistic Care Nursing Coordinator.

Parish Mini Fete!

Congratulations to all who worked so hard to make it happen, especially Evelyn David-Hoole, Sandra Ross and Peter Sherman.

We raised over \$3000—well done.



NEXT SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER

From 9am

After all this rain the weeds will be very easy to pull out.

We're still trying to get the average age of volunteers below 70!

Come when you can and go when you must.

IN THE PARISH

HOLY COVENANT'S OPEN GARDENS

(Sponsored by the Eco Footprint Group)



We have one more open garden to wrap up the year.

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 Columba's 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 Columba's 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.

Please contact me at deranie@hotmail.com (6254-4769) if you would be willing to do a little (or a lot), or if you just want more info. I will also be available after 10am Sunday.

Blessings Deranie

**NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM
AT ST. JAMES KIPPAX
5—6pm Sundays**



ON THE NOTICE BOARD

22nd November: Refugees—Act Local

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

Details on noticeboard.

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

Campfire Reflections—Thursday
evenings in November— from 6pm—
ACCC.



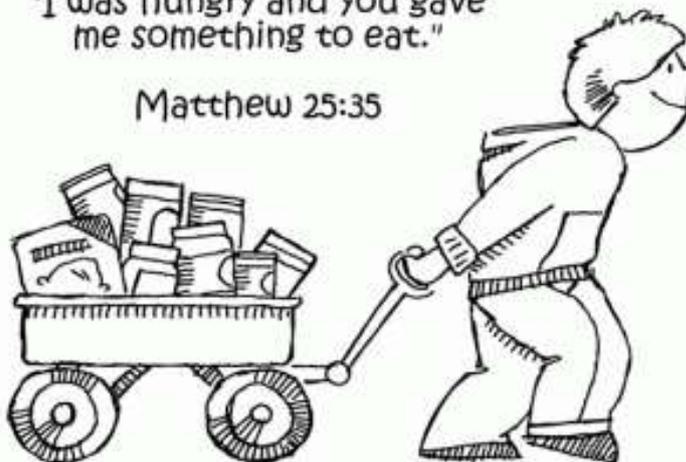
TO CHRIS LEWIS who has been awarded
the Laurence Murchison prize at St. Mark's
for being dux of 2015.

Well done Chris!

Chris has been appointed to All Saints'
Ainslie for 2016. We will be farewelling the
family on 20 December.

"I was hungry and you gave
me something to eat."

Matthew 25:35



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: **Tony Willis** and **Jonathon Wedgwood**
Wednesday: **Oliver Feitz**; Thursday: **Reg Holmes**
Saturday: **Katy Amos** and **Jemima Mordike**.

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



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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2015

8.00 am

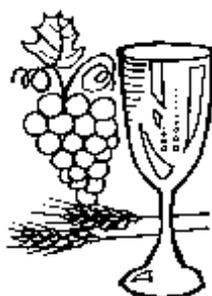
HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Richard Browning

10.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and youth Group

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SENTENCE: The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.

1 Samuel 2:10

READINGS:

1 Samuel 1:4-20
 Song of Hannah (p 429)
 Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25
 Mark 13:1-11



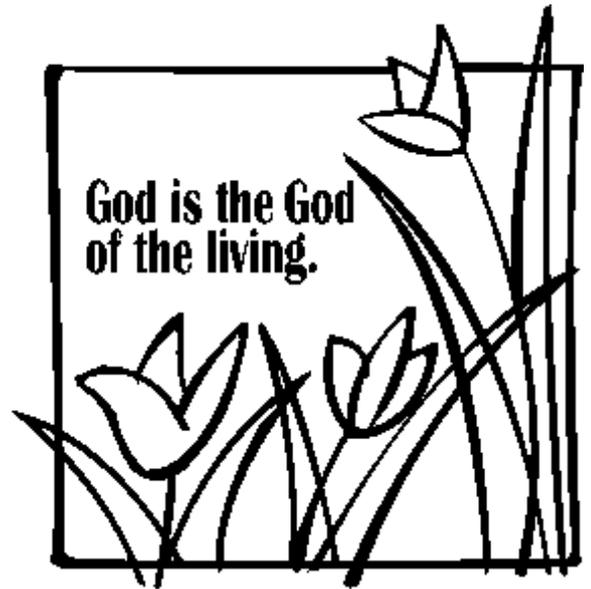
8 am HYMNS

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 430
 259
 573

PRAYER

O God,
 welcoming refuge for the outcast,
 and upholder of justice for the oppressed:
 maintain the hope of the poor,
 so that the time may soon come
 when no one need want for food and shelter, and
 all will learn to share freely
 following the example of your Son, who gave his
 very self; who now lives and reigns with you and
 the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

AMEN



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Carol & Peter Sherman	Anne Dudzinski, Reg Holmes
Readers	Sandra Ross Chris Lewis Anne Ranse	Phyl Holmes James Ellis Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Robert Arthur	Merri Bacon
Organist	Mandy Squair	Rhys Thorpe
Ministry of the Word	Chris Lewis	Joh Sheehan
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
Cup	Tracey Matthews Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse, George Gerrity, Phyl Holmes, Leo Wimmer Extra bread: Anne Dudzinski
Morning Tea	Pam Lane, Beth Heyde	Helen Boulton, Merri Bacon
Children's Church		Christine, Russell, Mary, Dougal M. Tea: Jodie Petrov