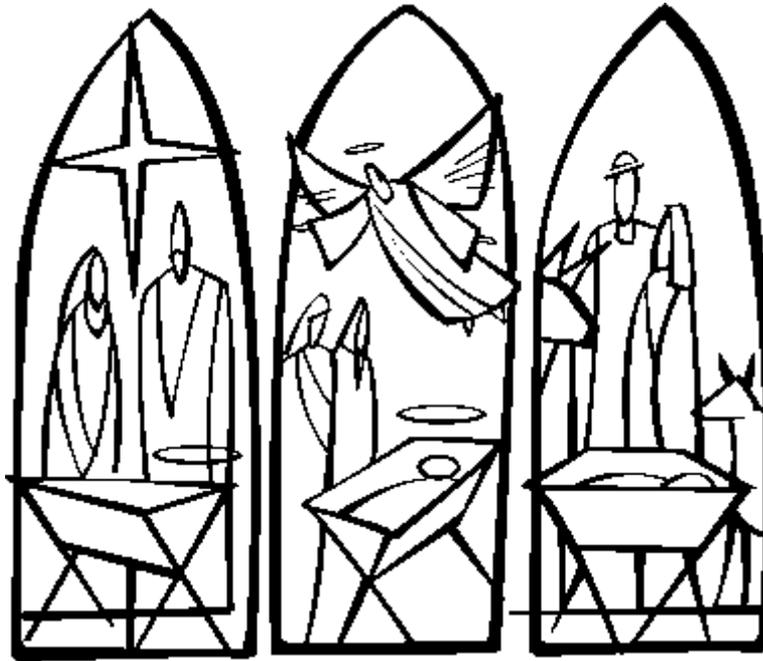


HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

BULLETIN CHRISTMAS DAY 2015



Welcome to our worship and fellowship today! 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE

4.30 pm

FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Celebrant: Katherine Rainger

11.00 pm

MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST

Celebrant and Preacher:
The Reverend Paul Wallis

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION

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10.00 am

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ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY IN RECESS		RETURNING
Sunday	Children's Church & Youth Group Rainbow Fellowship Taize Style Service	7 February 2016 7 February 7 February
Monday	Covenant Care Crafty Crew	1 February (10 am) 15 February (9.30 am)
Tuesday	Meditation & BYO lunch	5 January (12.30 pm)
Wednesday	Service and lunch Ever Active Class Meditation	3 February (12 noon) 18 January (2 pm) 29 January (6 pm)
Thursday	Scrabble Book Club EFM	7 January (9.30 am) 18 February (2 pm) 28 January (7.30 pm)
Friday	Play Group	5 February (10 am)



***From Sunday 27 December to Sunday 31 January
One Service only: 9.00 am Holy Communion***

Sunday 7 February: 8 am and 10 am Holy Communion

The Parish Office will be closed
from 25 December to 5 January
inclusive.

Christmas gift suggestions:

To your enemy, forgiveness.
To an opponent, tolerance.
To a friend, your heart.
To a customer, service.
To all, charity.
To every child, a good example.
To yourself, respect.

- Oren Arnold

**Have a
Blessed
Christmas
Season**

From the Staff

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Christmas Day Luke 2:1-14

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
(John 1:5)

Today we light the last of the candles in the barbed wire Advent wreath that reminds us that Christmas (and life generally) is not easy for many people. Below are two poems from two Australian poets and theologians who dare to proclaim a message of hope for an often troubled and broken world:

*Love is born
With a dark and troubled face
When hope is dead
And in the most unlikely place
Love is born:
Love is always born.*
Michael Leunig: *When I Talk to You*



Love Irrepressible
*Come Christmas in a barn,
a shed, a basement, a box,
a cell, a tunnel, a trench,
behind a razor wire fence,
on a deck, a backwater,
a bench, a church step,
amidst the ruins of terror, the
cries of anguish,
in a hospital tent,
beneath a star,
round a tree,
outside the expected,
from the debris of a shattered dream
we witness our divinity,
Love Irrepressible
Wellspring of Surprise
being born of our humanity
time and time again.*

Noël Davis: *From the Wilds of the Heart*

- Frances MacKay



WITHIN THE PARISH



WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK our many members who help to keep our parish community functioning. All those on rosters: sidespeople, bible readers, intercessors, sanctuary assistants, our musicians and choir, morning tea, children's church, counting the offertory, flowers, youth group, lawn mowing, office helpers, cleaners, sound system techs and the many committees and our pastoral visitors, those who take the Services at BUPA Nursing Home, Calvary and Kangarra Waters Retirement Villages, and all who contribute to our spiritual health and wellbeing. A special thank you to our hard working staff.

May 2016 see us all refreshed and ready to continue working towards bringing God's kingdom to our corner of God's world.

AND FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL.

- A heartfelt thank you to Community Lunch Team. Merrie, Gwen and Helen have decided that they need to leave the organisation of lunches to others. The December lunch was their last.
- Thank you to the 'heavy lifters' Harris Boulton, Reg Holmes, Paul Shelley and Steve Daniels whose efforts in organising the delivery of collections to St John's Care.
- Thank you to fixer of 'names board' Warren Baker.

CUPPA AND CONVERSATION

At a loose end in January? The Belonging and Caring Team are providing an opportunity to catch up with friends or make new ones.

When: 10am— 12 noon every Wednesday in January.

Where: In the Worship Centre



ADVANCE NOTICE!!

LENTEN STUDY

Friday mornings - 10.30 to 12 noon
Beginning 12 February.
BYO lunch if able to stay on.

Watch this space for the details!

Enquiries to Glenys Wimmer,
Facilitator, on 6258 5958 or 0418 677 903.





FROM OUR YOUTH LEADER ...

Children's Church, Godly Play and Youth Group

Last week was our final week for our children and youth ministry programs during the 10am service. I'd like to thank the volunteers who have prayerfully, creatively and diligently supported this ministry throughout 2015. You have been a gift and an inspiration each week. If you would like to be part of this ministry in 2016 please let me know. We require helpers to support the teachers and a commitment once or twice a term shares the load. It is a blessing to minister alongside the children and youth of the parish. Children and Youth Programs will begin again at 10am on Sunday 7th February. A welcome back BBQ will follow the service (please note this is week later than previous years).

Playgroup

I would like to thank Christine Mitchell, Doreen Matters and the other occasional helpers for the wonderful job they do in offering this ministry of hospitality each week to the play group families.

Looking ahead

In 2016 my role will be changing from oversight of youth and children to a focus on the children's ministry. The past 5 years as youth worker in this Parish have been an absolute blessing. I am so thankful to God for calling me here and sustaining me in a very special ministry. Highlights have been getting to know the youth, our camps at Silverwattle, Blackstump and Beyond, Lenten Bible studies and working with the youth leaders. Thank you Holy Covenant for your support, encouragement and enthusiasm.

Camp Pelican 2016

Please keep the Diocesan summer camping program "Camp Pelican" held in Tathra in your prayers. Holy Covenant has youth going as campers and as leaders. Karina Harris is the chaplain on the 5/6 camp. Pray for fun, safety, spiritual nourishment and friendships. January 10th-15th (Yr 10,11,12); January 17th-22nd (Yr 7,8,9 and Year 5/6).

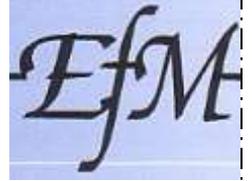
blessings,
Katherine Rainger



WITHIN THE PARISH

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY IN 2016

Education for Ministry is both theological discussion and theological reflection in a group learning community. It has been running in the parish for over ten years and we are coming into our second year in the revised EFM format and the second year of our new parish group. If you are interested in learning more about EFM and thinking you would like to join us next year there will be an information and registration evening on **Thursday 28 January at 7:30pm** in the Worship Centre. We would also welcome back those who have already done a year or more of EFM. For more details please speak to Merri Bacon 6251 1110 or Nic Platt 6251 6170 or come along on the 28th.



REFUGEE ACTION GROUP

This year members of our congregation gathered to write messages of hope or give towards postage for Christmas cards for asylum seekers on Nauru. We have also teamed with the recyclery at ANU to start a 'Bikes for Refugees' program in Canberra.

We meet monthly to pray, share stories and news of refugees and take small actions to show refugees are welcome. Everyone is always welcome at meetings, but no need to attend: you can just join our email mailing list, or help out with particular tasks. Contact deranie@hotmail.com for information. Meetings are the last Monday of the month at 6.30pm



REMINDER TO STAFF AND MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

We would like to have your Annual Reports for 2015 by **Thursday 28 January 2016** so they can be made available to parishioners before the **AGM which is on 16 February**

KEEPING IN TOUCH

The Weekly Bulletin arrives at the website on Fridays and you can listen to the sermons again—or if you missed one, usually by the end of Sunday.

Check out the website—you might be surprised at what you find!

<http://holycovenant.org.au>

Anglican News for December is available on the Diocesan website



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

New Year's Eve Labyrinth Walk for Peace

31 December 2015 4pm - 7pm
Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture Labyrinth
15 Blackall Street Barton

Come and create Come and walk
Come and pray Come and reflect
Stand up for peace. Come
whatever your age, creed, race,
gender, religion Come for a short
while or the whole time. Come, for
peace.

For information and to register
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The Christmas Bowl appeal

ACT FOR PEACE

Leaflets and envelopes are available
from the back table



How beautiful upon the mountains,
and among the coastal cities and towns,
and across the red outback plains,
are the feet of those who bring good tidings,
who publish the coming of peace,
who bring good tidings of great joy,
who publish salvation,
who says to God's people:
Your God certainly reigns!
To you is born this day in the city of David
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. this day
Christ is born indeed! Hallelujah!



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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER 2015

9.00 am

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