

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

BULLETIN JANUARY 2016



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.



JANUARY SERVICE DETAILS

9.00am **HOLY COMMUNION—Second Order**

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| 3 January: | Celebrant and Preacher:
Canon Gill Varcoe |
| 10 January: | Celebrant and Preacher:
The Revd Anne Dudzinski |
| 17 January: | Celebrant and Preacher:
The Revd Eric Burton |
| 24 January: | Celebrant and Preacher:
The Revd Connie Gerrity |
| 31 January: | Celebrant : The Revd Connie Gerrity
Preacher: Tracey Matthews |



PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA AFTER THE SERVICES

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 Craft 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) Late January
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***

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR

Lord,
 Help me to live this year
quietly, easily:
 To lean upon your great strength
trustfully, restfully:
 To wait for the unfolding of your will
patiently, serenely:
 To meet others
peacefully, joyously:
 To face tomorrow
confidently, courageously:
 And in all things to do your bidding,
willingly, obediently.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

THE GATE OF THE YEAR

*And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown!"
And he replied:
"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."*

Minnie Louise Haskins

These words quoted by King George 6th in his Christmas Day's speech in 1939 featured in a little book bequeathed me by my mother called *The King Who Walked With God*. Of course we know that to walk with God is not an insurance policy protecting us against life's expected and unexpected challenges. But we can be open to God's presence in the midst of them.

New Year's resolutions are notoriously short-lived. The Ignatian practice of *examen* (intentional reflection) is a viable alternative. A simple version runs something like this. Take a few moments to still yourself and then reflect on the following: When I reflect back over the past year, what am I grateful for? Where did I sense God's (Love's) presence in my life? Take time to think of, and savour, as many events, encounters etc. as you can. You might like to write these down. Then when you are ready, you might think of those events and encounters that you feel less comfortable about – things that really challenged you. See if you can allow yourself to look on these and your reaction to them with some compassion. Where are you with that situation now? What might be the invitation to you to enlarge your sense of who you are and, perhaps, who God is? Are we open to allowing these situations to address us? (By the way, some people do this practice daily; they don't wait for New Year!)

In thinking about this practice this week I was struck by Jesus' words after the Feeding of the Five Thousand: 'Now gather the leftovers so nothing is wasted' (Jn 6:12). I also love the words attributed to Dame Edith Sitwell: 'Love is not changed by death/ and nothing is lost, / and all in the end is harvest.' We may not have sustained a literal bereavement this year (although some of us have) but we may have suffered deep disappointment, dashed hopes, relationship difficulties, employment difficulties, illness etc.

What are your hopes for the world in 2016 (having reflected on 2015)? For yourself, family and friends, our community at Holy Covenant, and the global village to which we belong?

- Frances MacKay



WITHIN THE PARISH

Unexpected changes at Holy Covenant in 2016:

Following Paul's announcement last Sunday and his email to the parish announcing that he will be moving on from Holy Covenant in January, there will be an opportunity to meet for prayer each Tuesday evening in the worship centre from 5:30pm-6:30pm to be led by Glenys Wimmer and Anne Dudzinski. Come and go as you are able.

Services for January have all been arranged prior to Paul taking leave in January, and we are thankful to Anne Dudzinski, Anne Ranse and Connie Gerrity and visiting clergy for assisting us at this time. Russell Rollason as Chair of Parish Council will convene a meeting with Archdeacon *Erica Mathieson* on behalf of the parish to discuss interim arrangements for the parish and will keep the parish informed. Copies of Paul's announcement are available at the back of the church for those who did not receive it by email last Sunday.

If anyone would like the opportunity to talk about the changed circumstances in the parish, Anne Dudzinski and Anne Ranse are available in January and Russell and the wardens are also available to answer any questions.

Please keep the parish in your prayers and the Wallis family as they make preparations for a change in ministry in 2016.

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.

Mark
Your
Calendar



WORDS FROM OUR YOUTH LEADER ...

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).

In 2016 I will be undertaking a PhD in theology through Charles Sturt University. I will be based at the St Mark's campus. I look forward to sharing some of my findings with you along the way. My project involves inter-textual readings between 3 Australian films, *Ten Canoes*, *The Tracker* and *Charlie's Country* and 3 scripture passages (to be confirmed!). I'm using the work of German theologian Franz Rosenzweig (1886-1929) as the overall framework. To kickstart the PhD process I'm heading to Berlin for a 3 week language school. I'm then going to Salt Lake City in Utah to attend the Sundance Film Festival as part of an immersion course in film and theology with a group from Fuller Theological Seminary. I return early February ready to commence my role as children's worker and hopefully run some film and theology nights. Watch this space!

Blessings,
Katherine Rainger



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

Prayer

Loving God,

We thank you for school holidays.

For the chance to rest, have fun and just be.

We also thank you for our schools. We pray for our teachers and our classmates.

May our classrooms be places of learning, encouragement and laughter in 2016.

Lord of all,

we thank you for the youth and children of Holy Covenant.

We pray for them in their walk with you.

Inspire them to get to know you more.

Build up friendships amongst people of all ages in this place.

Our God, we ask that you give wisdom and creativity to all parents; Bless the teachers and helpers in Godly Play, Children's Church and Youth Group so that they can nurture the spiritual lives of our precious young people.

We thank you Jesus that you knew what it was to grow up in a family and a community of faith.

We pray your blessing upon us.

In Jesus' name **Amen.**

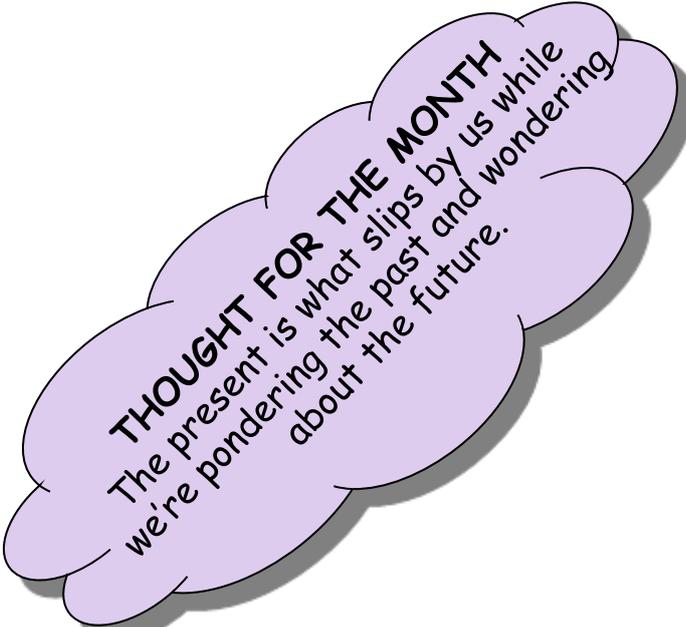
KEEPING IN TOUCH

The Weekly Bulletin arrives at the website on Fridays, if you would like it to arrive in your Inbox on Fridays, let the office know.

You can also 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>

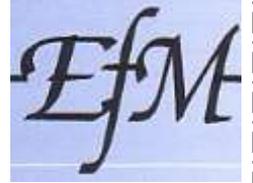


THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH
The present is what slips by us while
we're pondering the past and wondering
about the future.

AND

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



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE
REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Phone Merri Bacon on 6251 1110 or
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- 6 January Ron Grant (died 2011)
- 7 January Pierre Willem Elkhuisen (died 2007)
- 19 January Andre Ronald Eric D’Cruz (died 2000)



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