



# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

## JANUARY NO. 2

## BULLETIN

## 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**

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
<b>Sunday</b>	Children's Church & Youth Group Rainbow Fellowship Taize Style Service	7 February 2016 7 February 7 February
<b>Monday</b>	Covenant Care Crafty Crew	1 February (10 am) 15 February (9.30 am)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Meditation & BYO lunch ( <b>Recommended</b> )	5 January (12.30 pm)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Service and lunch Ever Active Class Meditation	3 February (12 noon) 18 January (2 pm) 29 January (6 pm)
<b>Thursday</b>	Scrabble ( <b>Recommended</b> ) Book Club EFM	7 January (9.30 am) 18 February (2 pm) Late January
<b>Friday</b>	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***

### Retiring Offertory for All Saints Anglican Church Yarloop

Today there is a retiring offertory for All Saints Anglican Church Yarloop WA. You may have heard of the devastating fires in WA last week. This parish has a special connection with the Bishop of Bunbury, Allan Ewing. Allan was a Curate and Assistant Priest at Holy Covenant in the late 1980's. **Allan was the assistant Bishop of this Diocese from 2004 to 2010.**

**Yarloop is in Bishop Allan's Diocese. As has been reported in the media, over 125 structures have been lost in the fire. Yarloop is a small town.**

On 7 January 2016 a massive bushfire destroyed 143 properties. Two people lost their lives. **The fire also destroyed much of the town's community facilities, including the timber framed, heritage listed Anglican Church, built in 1908.**

The retiring offertory is a practical way for Holy Covenant to express our solidarity with and care for our sisters and brothers in Yarloop as they begin to rebuild their community.

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

### UPDATE FROM PARISH CHAIR

Parish Council had been looking forward to announcing that David Schwienberg, who completed his theology training in 2015 as a Chaplain for the Defence Forces and will be ordained deacon in February, would be coming in February to serve for two years as a Curate. Unfortunately, following Paul's resignation, Bishop Ian Lambert recognised that Holy Covenant will not be in a position to provide training and supervision for David during his curacy and has started negotiations for placement with another Canberra parish. Our loss will be their gain!

On Monday last, I met with Archdeacon Erica Mathieson to discuss Paul's resignation and our need for a locum. We discussed the potential talent from within our parish and from outside and agreed on a possible short list. She said a key decision would be whether the Parish would look for a short term locum (6 or so months) or a longer term locum (12 months or more). I expressed the view that the Parish needs to find a new Rector as soon as possible (as there was a significant interregnum between Susanna and Paul and Paul has only been with us for 9 months so we need to re-establish stability as soon as possible). We agreed it may be best to aim for short term locum. Erica said that it would be a matter for Bishop Stuart to decide and she expected he would consult with our Parish Clergy Nomination Board members. Erica will now seek a meeting with Bishop Stuart before approaching possible candidates for a locum. I also expressed the view that HC is keen to include for consideration potential candidates for the position of Rector from outside the Diocese.

There has been much reflection in Parish on the paragraph in Paul's letter that mentioned "accumulation of feedback through the year - feedback from before and since my arrival in the parish". It is appropriate for us to think back on what we might learn from this experience and to weigh up what we have said and how we said it. However, it is also important to know that Paul received much support from parishioners. He has acknowledged this on his website saying 'Members of Holy Covenant, Jamison, wrote in appreciation of his: "magnificent expository preaching ... with wisdom, learning, intellect and humour ... enlivening, challenging, refreshing and engaging delivery; bringing Scripture into a modern context; [his] warm pastoral presence [and] ... a great ability to wrestle with the deep issues of faith .... and communicate the Spirit of Jesus".

If you wish to read more about Paul's "return to spiritual roots as I move to Vineyard Churches Australia", his website is <http://paulwallis.net/> Finally, the Holy Covenant Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 February 2016 at 7.30pm. All Parishioners are welcome to attend. For those who need to prepare a Report on 2015 activities, please send your reports to the Office at [office@holycovenant.org.au](mailto:office@holycovenant.org.au)

The AGM will adopt the budget for 2016 and hand over the baton to the new Parish Council and Wardens. Hope you can attend!

Russell Rollason  
Chair Parish Council

## WITHIN THE PARISH

### Unexpected changes at Holy Covenant in 2016:

Following Paul's announcement 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.

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

### Reminder: Youth/children matters

Children's Church and Youth Group  
resume on Sunday  
**7 February** followed by  
a barbeque at 11.30am.  
**All welcome**



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE  
REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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



## 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 17th-22nd (Yr 7,8,9 and Year 5/6).

### Youth Group Social event:

Thursday 28th January 5pm-7pm @ Dickson Aquatic Centre (152 Cowper Street, Dickson). \$4.50 pool entry, \$5 for BBQ. Contact person: Karina Harris mob: 0402 336 970; Dougal Mordike; Tobias Neville.

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 kick start 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

Tracey Matthews has recently been offered a part-time curacy at Kaleen Parish where she will work with the Rector and congregation to build up new ministries and strengthen existing ones.

Tracey will spend the rest of her week building a new ministry around young adult leadership as well as training in spiritual direction with Barnabas Ministries 'Listen into Life' program.

Tracey's final Sunday and farewell at Holy Covenant will be 31 January.

**Farewell for Tracey**   
**Sunday 31 January**, after the 9am service we will sadly  
be  
farewelling Tracey, Russell and Bella.

**Please bring a plate to share for morning tea. All are welcome.**

The parish will be giving Tracey a farewell gift. If you would like to contribute to this please place your offering in an envelope marked "Tracey's Gift:" and place in the offertory plate or leave at the office or make an online transfer.

### 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.

ADVANCE NOTICE!!

### LENTEN STUDY



#### **Lenten Book Series: The Rev'd Canon Dr Timothy Gaden's** *Walking Humbly with God*

To walk humbly with God, loving mercy and doing justice (Micah 6:8) has long been regarded as the heart of the Christian journey. This series explores different aspects of this theme in light of the lectionary readings for Lent.

When: Friday mornings 10.30- 12, 12 February – 18 March in Rainbow Centre, followed by an optional BYO lunch. Facilitator: Glenys Wimmer.

#### Lenten Bible Study: The Book of Acts

This series will explore the literary, historical, religious and theological roots of this foundational text, as well as its implications for our contemporary faith journeys.

When: Thursday evenings, 7.30-9pm, 11 February – 17 March in Rainbow Centre. Facilitator: Rev. Dr John Painter.

#### The Invitation of Wilderness

Wilderness is both a geographic space and a source of metaphor in the unfolding biblical narrative. It is also a key image in Lent. Through reflection on biblical and other writings and visual images, this series invites us to recognise those wilderness or liminal spaces in our lives – to see not only the challenge but also the gift of this space for us as individuals and as a community. There will be opportunity for quiet reflection and sharing.

When: Sunday afternoons. 3-5pm, 14 February – 20 March in the Worship Centre. Facilitator: Frances MacKay.

**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](mailto:deranie@hotmail.com) for information. Meetings are the last Monday of the month at 6.30pm

**ORDINATION IN  
GOULBURN CATHEDRAL  
Saturday 27 February, 11 am**

Four friends of Holy Covenant will be ordained to the Diaconate at this Service—Katherine Rainger, Tracey Matthews, Chris Lewis and Anthony Frost. If you are interested in joining a bus group from the parish, there is a sign-up sheet on the sign-up board with costs. RSVP by 7 Feb Money by 14th Feb.

Gather in Holy Covenant car park at 8.15 am . The Ordination will start at 11 am and the service will take approximately 2 hours. We will then leave Goulburn, to start our journey back to Canberra, but will stop at Lake George on the way home to have a BYO lunch. Return to Holy Covenant car park around 4 pm.

**Roster unavailability**

Please mark the Roster Unavailability for February on the Roster Board



**Too hot for ironing/cleaning?**  
Merri Bacon is offering cleaning and ironing services. Please call Merri on 6251 1110 to negotiate price.

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**COMMEMORATIONS**

- 19 January Andre Ronald Eric D’Cruz (died 2000)
- 30 January Juliette Bowie (died 2002)

## MINISTRY TEAM

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### 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**

### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Kindness is not an act,  
it's a way of life.