

# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

**31 JANUARY 2016**

**FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY**

What is this wisdom that has been given to him?



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

**9.00 am**

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Celebrant: The Reverend Anne Dudzinski

Preacher: Tracey Matthews

*Please note that 8am and 10am services resume next week*



*Please join us for morning tea after the Services*

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 1.2.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Day Care
Tuesday 2.2.16	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Parish Council meeting
Wednesday 3.2.16	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 4.2.16	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
Friday 5.2.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup

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

## WEEK BEGINNING 7 FEBRUARY 2016

<b>Monday</b> <b>8.2.16</b>	10.00 am 10.00 am 1.30 pm	Worship Centre Kangara Waters Retirement Calvary Retirement	Covenant Day Care Communion Service Communion Service
<b>Shrove</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <b>9.2.16</b>	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch
<b>Ash</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>10.2.16</b>	12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre	Holy Communion with ashes. BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Holy Communion with ashes
<b>Thursday</b> <b>11.2.16</b>	9.30 am 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre R.C. (main room) R.C. (purple room)	Scrabble EFM Lenten Bible Study—Book of Acts
<b>Friday</b> <b>12.2.16</b>	10.00 am 10.30 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Playgroup Lenten Book Series—Walking Humbly with God. BYO lunch

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## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

### Luke 4:21-30. Who does he think he is?

It seems we need heroes – people who inspire and challenge us by the impact they make on their world through their altruism, bravery, or creativity; people who walk the talk. Perhaps that is why I found the recent program announcing the Australians of the Year so encouraging. What stood out for me was their commitment to some cause that would make a difference. In some cases, life had chosen the cause for them, and giving back was a way of making meaning of their suffering. David Morrison said his commitment to the cause of inclusion and respect for diversity stemmed from hearing others' stories of exclusion and abuse.

Speaking of heroes – in today's gospel we witness the sequel to Jesus' 'mission statement' that we heard last week (Luke 4:14-21). You will remember that Jesus had returned to his hometown Nazareth after his baptism in the River Jordan and the temptation in the wilderness, and had stood up in the local synagogue to read from the prophet Isaiah: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me...* (Lk 4:18-19). In saying, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing' he is publically aligning himself with God's ongoing agenda of healing, liberation, and concern for the poor and oppressed.

At first the people are impressed, not only by his words, but also the news that had preceded him of the healings in Capernaum. I also think his audience would have picked up his authenticity and authority. But then the mood changes. Perhaps it takes a while for them to realise the significance of what he has said about himself and his mission. The question, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' takes on a distinct ring of 'Who does he think he is?'

But does this account for the escalating rage that makes former neighbours drive him out of the town and try to kill him by hurling him over a cliff? Admittedly his words were challenging rather than conciliatory when he reminds them of times when the prophets were 'sent' to heal and minister outside of Israel. What is more offensive to them: his claim that he too has been chosen and 'sent', or that they don't have exclusive rights to God's favour? Whatever the immediate reason, this episode anticipates the overall theme in the gospels of violent rejection by his own people.

- Frances MacKay

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Faith is the 'yes' of the heart, a conviction on which one stakes one's life.

—Martin Luther

## FROM ST JOHN'S CARE



Today, I celebrate 6 months at St John's Care and will be officially commissioned at the 9.30am service at St John's on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February (to which you are all welcome). Thanks to everyone that I have had dealings with and who have helped me to make a smooth transition into the job.

The longer I am here, the more clients with complex needs I am seeing. In recent times I have been reminded how close we might all be to experiencing difficult times, especially when our employment circumstances change unexpectedly. Here are some brief case studies.

The first is a family of 7. The father lost his job in Canberra and the only place he could find work was in a country town some 4 hours away, where he resides during the week and barely able to afford to travel back at weekends to visit the family. From the money he earns he needs to pay for his accommodation and meals in the new town in addition to supporting the family. The mother is very stressed, having to look after the 5 children on her own, with very little income to pay the bills and with her tenancy currently at risk.

The second is a middle aged woman who suffered a number of nervous breakdowns, as a result of which, she lost her job. She has a mortgage to pay on her house and going from a full time income to New Start has made it very difficult for her to afford the payments, let alone other bills, while her house continues to fall into serious disrepair around her.

The third is a small business owner who had a few promising contracts fall over and with no new business opportunities in December and January, when business is usually quiet. All the while there are bills to pay with no income coming in and a delay in receiving any government benefits. Having been a small business owner relying on regular contracts myself, I understand the financial pressure this brings.

The fourth is a reasonably senior bureaucrat with a government department who was on extended sick leave and had used all his entitlements. He had gone from an \$85,000 a year job to pretty much nil income, as a result of which he had become homeless.

The fifth is a single mother who as a result of being embezzled, had lost her very successful business and in the short term locked out from access to any of her assets.

We have been able to provide food, financial support and some case work support for each of these people, helping them through a very difficult time. Interestingly, 3 of these clients have offered to give back to St John's Care as soon as they are back on their feet and I am confident that each of them will do so.

**Wish list: jam, powdered milk, vegemite, peanut butter.**

**Stuart Davis-Meehan, Director**



# PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

## IN THE WORLD

- We pray that the law enforcement agencies around the world step up their intelligence exchanges and grow in vigilance at a time when Islamic State militants expand their training networks and camps throughout Europe.

## IN AUSTRALIA

- We pray that our 2016 Australian of Year, General David Morrison, may achieve to put gender equality and diversity at the top of the national agenda. We also pray that progress made during the last 12 months about attitudes towards domestic violence can somehow crack the epidemic levels experienced.

## WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the church in the Sudan and Northern India.
- ♦ In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of Adelaide and Armidale.
- ♦ We pray for The Defence Force Archdeacons and the Chief of the Defence Force.

## IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and people of the Parishes of St. Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn and North Goulburn.
- We pray for Area and Functional Deans and the Professional Standards Boards and Committees.

## MISSION

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

## IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY.

- We pray for the teachers and students preparing for the new year.
- We pray for our parish groups beginning this week.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family: Rhonda Ustick; Hugo Walker; Peter and Wendy Ward; Libby Warren; Mark Webb and Janet Hartmann; and Prue, Ken, Jono and Ellie Wedgwood.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Beryl Daniels, Bishop Alan Ewing and any known to us personally.

## COMMEMORATIONS

**Friday:** Colin Buxton (died 1985)

**Thursday:** Anskar, missionary bishop in Sweden (d865))

**Friday:** Martyrs of Japan, crucified at Nagasaki (d1597)



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE  
REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

TODAY

### WE SAY FAREWELL TO TRACEY MATTHEWS

Please join us for morning tea after the Service to thank Tracey for her contribution to the parish during her two years with us. And to wish her and Russell and Bella God's blessing as Tracey takes up her new appointment at St Simon's Kaleen/Giralang next month.

If you'd like to contribute to a gift for Tracey please put it in an envelope marked "Tracey's Gift" and place in the offertory plate or leave it at the office or make an online transfer.



### COMING UP IN FEBRUARY

- ◆ 10th Ash Wednesday Services - 12 noon and 6pm
  - ◆ 11th Lenten Bible Study: The Book of Acts
  - ◆ 11th EFM commences—7.30pm
  - ◆ 12th Lenten Book Series: Walking Humbly with God
  - ◆ 14th Lenten Study: The Invitation of Wilderness
- Lenten Study Sign up sheets on the sign-up board**
- 14th Taize— 6 pm followed by shared supper

### CASSEROLE BANK.

Some of you will know that we have a casserole bank from which we deliver casseroles to people in a time of crisis or need. It is coordinated by the Holistic Care Nursing Ministry and at the moment we have 24 cooks on the books. If you'd like to join the team, please contact the HCNM on [nurse@holycovenant.org.au](mailto:nurse@holycovenant.org.au) or phone Anne Ranse 0439 139209 HCNM can provide you with suitable disposable containers .

Storage of the casseroles in the freezer at church is limited and we need to be as efficient with the available space as possible. To achieve this it would be helpful (if you don't currently do this) to provide the meals in flat, takeaway type, food containers, unless it is soup. HCNM has a supply of clear plastic disposable food containers including some round ones for soups and can provide up to six at any one time for you to use and will resupply when required. These can be picked up from the HCN office on Monday mornings or at church. Your initial supply will be ready to be picked up at church on the first and second Sundays in February.

With thanks, Archdeacon Anne Ranse

### WORDS FROM OUR CHILDREN'S LEADER ...

Just a quick note to let you know about the start of children and youth programs in 2016.



Godly Play (2 year olds + with parents, preschool - year 2),  
Children's Church (years 3-6) and  
Youth Group (Years 7-12)  
will recommence on Sunday 7th February at 10am

Instead of a start-up breakfast we'll have a start-up BBQ lunch after the service.

All welcome for the BBQ (8am and 10am) which will begin at 11:30am.

#### Playgroup

I would like to thank Doreen Matters and Christine Mitchell for cleaning and preparing the toys and equipment ready the new year.

blessings,  
Katherine Rainger



**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 please speak to Merri Bacon 6251 1110 or Nic Platt 6251 6170

#### **Prayer before the first day of School – adapted from Prayer after Nine Rainy Days and Other Family Prayers**

Loving Father,  
as we go out into your world  
we aren't sure  
we feel like celebrating today,  
because this week school goes back.

Some kids like school;  
some kids don't.  
some days we like school;  
some days we don't.

There's a strange feeling inside  
because we don't know what's coming

There'll be uniforms, lunches, bags  
and quiet, empty homes.  
There'll be new schools, new classes,  
new teachers, new friends, new routines.

**We give you this feeling, Lord,  
and this year of school.**

**Please be with us  
so we'll look for what's good  
in each day  
and then do our very best.**

## 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 (purple room). Facilitator: Rev. Dr John Painter.

### The Invitation of Wilderness check!!!!

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 Rainbow Centre. Facilitator: Frances MacKay.

### **Too hot for ironing or cleaning?**

Merri Bacon is offering cleaning and ironing services. Please call Merri on 6251 1110 to negotiate price.



### **LATE REMINDER TO STAFF AND MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS**

You are late if you have not sent your Annual Reports for 2015 to the office already. They need to be made available to parishioners next Sunday for AGM (16 February)



## IN THE PARISH

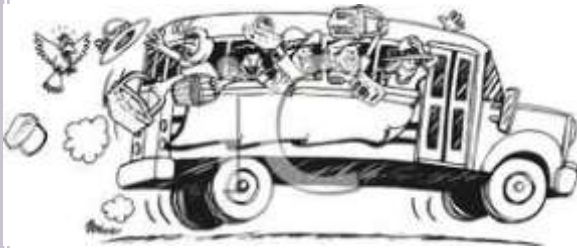
### ORDINATION IN GOULBURN CATHEDRAL

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 February Money to the office by 14th February.**



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.

Katherine Rainger has invited us to join her for refreshments afterwards at the RSL Club Goulburn. There will be a bar where people can buy a cool drink. Tea/coffee and

refreshments (sandwiches, sausage rolls, quiche etc) will be provided.

**Everyone who is going to the Ordination is invited to join Katherine at the RSL Club.**

**Where:** Chisholm Room at the RSL. 15 Market Street Goulburn (opposite Belmore Park and 5min walk from the Cathedral).

**When:** from 1pm

**RSVP:** by Sunday 14th February. Sign up sheet on the sign up board or email Katherine [youth@holycovenant.org.au](mailto:youth@holycovenant.org.au)

Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good together that overwhelm the world.

- Desmond Tutu

### SUNDAY ROSTER DUTY

With the departure of two of our students there are some vacancies on the Sunday Rosters. If you would like to be involved in our Worship, we need people to do the Ministry of the Word, and Intercessions at both Services and help with Communion at 10am. Expressions of interest to Kath Arthur [kjandrha@netspeed.com.au](mailto:kjandrha@netspeed.com.au) 6251 2383, or Phyl Holmes [phylandreg@optusnet.com.au](mailto:phylandreg@optusnet.com.au) 6251 2007.

**Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture events**  
15 Blackall Street, Barton  
(see poster on notice board)



- Exhibition titled 'Home: between here and there' - opening Friday 19 Feb 2016 from 6.00 pm. RSVP to opening by February 5, 2016 at [kcollins@csu.edu.au](mailto:kcollins@csu.edu.au)
- Home: between here and there - a contemplative quiet day with art Saturday 20 February 2016 9am to 4pm Cost \$30 bookings essential register: [susanna.pain@gmail.com](mailto:susanna.pain@gmail.com)
- Home: between here and there - A workshop of dance, movement, storytelling with art... Wednesday 2nd March 2016 7pm - 930pm Cost \$25 bookings essential register: [susanna.pain@gmail.com](mailto:susanna.pain@gmail.com) mobile: [+61 0418637469](tel:+610418637469) website: [www.susannapain.com](http://www.susannapain.com)
- Art: Boundaries and Beliefs. A lecture by The Rev'd Dr Rod Pattenden 3 March 7.30pm

**Meditation has started again in The Prayer Room of the Chapel at The ACCC, 15 Blackall Street, Barton. 1pm - 130pm Thursdays. All Welcome**

**Safe Ministry Training**  
Information about 2016 workshops and refresher training is on the noticeboard.

Holy Covenant will conduct both at the **end of May**. Please check your records as to whether you are due for a refresher course.



**"Yes, the disciples followed Jesus... but not on Twitter."**

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**



Today: Val Newton, Lu Lu de Vaal  
Monday: Dorothy Hurst (ending in a O!), Russell Judd  
Tuesday: Emma Judd.

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

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## DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2016

- 8.00 am            HOLY COMMUNION**  
Celebrant and Preacher: To be advised
- 10.00 am            HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and Youth Group**  
Celebrant: and Preacher: To be advised
- 10.15 am            SERVICE AT CALVARY**



# TODAY

## SENTENCE:

Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

1 Corinthians 13:14

## READINGS:

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
 Psalm 71:1-6  
 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
 Luke 4:16-30



## 8 am HYMNS

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## PRAYER

Righteous God,  
 you confound the world's wisdom  
 by giving your blessing to the lowly and pure in  
 heart:  
 give us such a hunger and thirst for justice  
 and perseverance in striving for peace,  
 that in our words and deeds  
 the world may see the promise of your kingdom,  
 which has been revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
 Holy Spirit,  
 one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**



	9.00 am
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Prue and Ken Wedgwood
<b>Readers</b>	Harris Boulton Steve Daniels Anne Ranse
<b>Intercessor</b>	Anne McDowell
<b>Organist</b>	Rhys Thorpe
<b>Ministry of the Word</b>	James Ellis
<b>Deacon</b>	Anne Ranse
<b>Cup</b>	James Ellis, Anne Ranse Steve Daniels, Leo Wimmer <b>Extra bread:</b> Connie Gerrity
<b>Morning Tea</b>	David Meggs, Wendy Elkhuisen, Phyl Holmes
<b>Children's Church</b>	In Recess