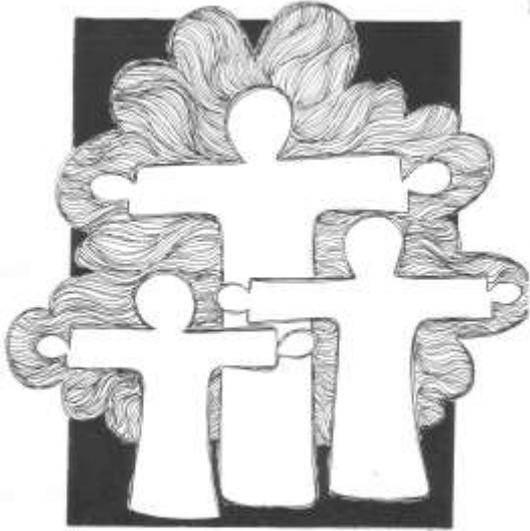


HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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



WEEKLY BULLETIN

7 FEBRUARY 2016

TRANSFIGURATION



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: Bishop Matt Brain

10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and Youth Group

Celebrant and Preacher: Bishop Matt Brain

10.15 am SERVICE AT CALVARY

4.30 pm RAINBOW FELLOWSHIP



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 8.2.16	10.00 am 10.00 am 1.30 pm	Worship Centre Kangara Waters Retirement Calvary Retirement	Covenant Day Care Communion Service Communion Service
Shrove Tuesday 9.2.16	10.30 am 12.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Beryl Daniels funeral Meditation and BYO lunch
Ash Wednesday 10.2.16	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
Thursday 11.2.16	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
Friday 12.2.16	10.00 am 10.30 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre—in the Mushroom	Playgroup Lenten Book Series—Walking Humbly with God. BYO lunch

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

WEEK BEGINNING 14 FEBRUARY 2016

Monday 15.2.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Day Care
Tuesday 16.2.16	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 17.2.16	12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Morning Prayer and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation
Thursday 18.2.16	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
Friday 19.2.16	10.00 am 10.30 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre—purple room	Playgroup Lenten Book Series—Walking Humbly with God. BYO lunch
Saturday 20.2.16	9.00 am	Worship Centre	Working Bee

"The sun hears the fields talking about effort and the sun smiles and whispers to me, 'Why don't the fields just rest, for I am willing to do everything to help them grow?' Rest, my dears, in prayer."

- **St Catherine of Siena**

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Luke 9:28-36 The Transfiguration as Liminal Space

Each year at this time we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration and again listen to the story of how Jesus took Peter, James and John up the mountain to pray, and of how he was transfigured before them. We can only imagine their disorientation and amazement when everyday barriers of space and time are dissolved and Moses and Elijah appear alongside Jesus and seem to be discussing with him his 'departure'. This last detail is missing from Mark's parallel account (Mk 9:2-9) but it does link this event with those occasions when Jesus tries to warn the disciples of his impending suffering, death and resurrection.

While in Israel last year I was frequently struck by the distances Jesus and the disciples travelled, mostly on foot, and often through inhospitable terrain. For example, when reading the transfiguration story I had imagined that Jesus and the disciples might have set out early in the morning and reached the top of the mountain in time for lunch. Having been there, I imagine that it could have taken them two to three days of serious climbing – not to conquer the mountain, but so that they might pray and be shown something!

So what might we, as individuals and as a community at Holy Covenant, be being 'shown' right now? It is probably the place of prayer to ask the question rather than feel we have definitive answers.

Last week Anne McDowell took up the image of liminal or threshold space in her prayers. Liminal experiences, we are told by writers like Richard Rohr, may occur when the structures of ordinary life are disrupted. Something happens – we lose a relationship, a job, our health (you can add to the list). Depending on the significance of the loss, we might feel the bottom has fallen out of our world. Like Humpty Dumpty we might be in pieces waiting to be put back together again. These are liminal experiences that we haven't chosen. But they do have the potential to transform us.

The Transfiguration belongs to another category of liminal space where we *choose* to withdraw for prayer or meditation, make a retreat or go on pilgrimage. Typically there are three stages to the process: the separation from daily life or business-as-usual as Rohr likes to put it; the middle phase; and finally the return to everyday responsibilities. Hopefully we return with renewed energy and sense of purpose, having a better idea of what God is asking of us.

In practice of course there is an overlap between the two. Sometimes life's challenges thrust us into one space and we choose to transform it into the other more intentional space where we draw apart to pray and try to make sense of (wait to be shown the way through) what is happening to us and to others in our world. And we don't have to do it alone.

- Frances MacKay



Children Removed from their Parents by Forced Adoption or Removal

This week I met a man who came to St John's Care for assistance with paying the fee for a form he needed to lodge with NSW Birth Deaths and Marriages. This was the final step in what has been for him a very long and difficult process to gain access to a daughter who was forcibly removed from him at birth.

John seemed to me to be a lovely gentle Aboriginal man in his mid 50s. He recounted a story whereby his daughter was removed from him at birth and his name never included on her birth certificate. At the time he was asked to sign a document which he thought was to acknowledge him as the father, but was actually an adoption consent form. It has taken him some considerable time and a great deal of paperwork and a DNA test, to find his daughter in the hope of being reunited, some 30 years later. While they haven't met yet, his daughter has been made aware that he exists and that he is in the process of gaining approval to see her.

This week he will post off the application to have him included on her birth certificate and to officially recognize him as her father for the very first time, which will open the way for a reunion. To say that he was excited about the prospect is a huge understatement. It was my great privilege to meet John and to be able to assist him in a small way in being reunited with his daughter. I asked him to keep in touch and he said he would bring her in to see us. It brings a tear to my eye as I write this. It will be my very great honour should he decide to bring her in.

No doubt we would all be aware of "The Stolen Generations", the generations of Aboriginal children taken away from their families by governments, churches and welfare bodies to be brought up in institutions or fostered out to white families. This ceased to be official government policy in Australia in 1969. However, still into the 80's we find a person who seems to have been the victim of a forced adoption and I can see that John has suffered in the same way that so many Indigenous Australians have suffered in the past.

I pray that his reunion with his daughter is swift and that it brings all the joy that a father and daughter relationship can bring.

Wish list: pasta, biscuits, milk (long life), pasta sauce

Stuart Davis-Meehan, Director



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We pray for Germany where in the last year, more than a million asylum seekers have entered their borders, challenging the country's capacity to manage so many people and the EU's policy of open borders. .

IN AUSTRALIA

- We pray for the asylum seekers who are under threat of being returned to Nauru. We pray that politicians and others of influence can be guided towards humane solutions to minimise reoccurrence of trauma and abuse by these victims.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the church in in Burundi and Melanesia.
- In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of Gippsland and Grafton.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- We pray for the clergy and congregations of St. Simon's Kaleen-Giralang and St. Paul's Ginninderra.
- We pray for the work Christian education in schools.

MISSION

- We pray for the work of the TEAR Australia in Nepal and Kenya.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY.

- We give thanks for the life of Beryl Daniels who passed away on Thursday. We also pray for her sons Lou, Steve, Dale and Andrew for the various emotions they are feeling and working through.
- We pray for Revd Anne Dudzinski taking services at Kangara Waters and Calvary Retirement Villages tomorrow.
- We pray for our Children and Youth Groups starting today.
- We pray for Archdeacon Erica Mathieson who is leading the search to find us a locum until our new minister is appointed.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family: Audrey and Stuart Wells; Virginia and Angus West; Janet Williams; Joan Williams; and Tony Willis.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Bishop Alan Ewing and any known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Saturday: Phyllis Elizabeth (Teddy) Oldfield (died 1994)



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE
REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

WORDS FROM OUR CHILDREN'S LEADER ...

Just a quick reminder that children and youth programs start today.

Godly Play (2 year olds + with parents, preschool - year 2),
Children's Church (years 3-6) and
Youth Group (Years 7-12)

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.

Late note: Children's church volunteers meeting 14 Feb from 11.30am



TODAY

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— **Cancelled** until further notice
 - 16th AGM— 7.30 pm All welcome

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 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



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

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.

WALKING HUMBLY WITH GOD LENTEN STUDY BEGINS THIS FRIDAY 12TH. STUDY BOOKS AVAILABLE NOW AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR FROM GLENYS @ \$10. HOMEWORK BEGINS FROM NOW TO BE READY FOR FRIDAY

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

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.

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 at both Services
- Intercessions at both Services and
- help with Communion at 10am.

Expressions of interest to Kath Arthur
kjandrha@netspeed.com.au 6251 2383, or Phyl
Holmes phylandreg@optusnet.com.au 6251 2007.



AGM 2016 Reports are available from the back of the church. Please collect, read and bring with you on 16 February—Worship Centre—from 7.30pm.

AGM

AGM 2016—nominations are being sought to fill 2 vacancies on the Holy Covenant **Clergy Appointment Board**. These positions will be held until AGM 2017. Nomination forms with statutory declarations are to be completed and are located at the back of the church.



SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY

From 9am till 12 noon

Come and help keep our buildings and grounds clean and tidy. Delicious morning tea provided.

Working bees are held throughout the year on the third Saturday of every month.

Help wanted

To bring slices, sandwiches etc and help serve refreshments at **Beryl Daniel's funeral** next Tuesday 9 February. Service begins at 10.30 am.



WANTED!

Are you a keyboard player? Would you like to play at our services? New recruits are needed to play at our 8 am and 10 am services on an occasional or rostered monthly basis. On the job training given. Come and join our talented team of regular players and enjoy the adventure! Please contact Jodie on 0423 512 744 or Connie on 0429 423 725.



IN THE PARISH

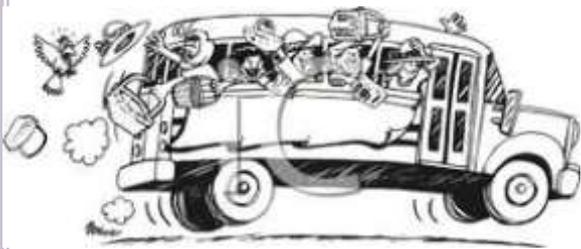
ORDINATION IN GOULBURN CATHEDRAL

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, self drive or by bus 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

2 sign up sheets—sign up for bus

- sign up for refreshments at the RSL (self drive or bus)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Choose to make a difference instead of choosing to be indifferent.

—Caroline Naoroji



Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture events

15 Blackall Street, Barton
(see poster on notice board)

- 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
- 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 mobile: [+61 0418637469](tel:+610418637469) website: 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

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

Monday Meditation—St Alban's Anglican Church, Woden each Monday from 1.00-1.30pm. All are most welcome.

Another Chance Op Shop, Ross Smith Crescent, Scullin. Open weekdays 10am – 4:30pm and Saturday 10am – 1pm. Another Chance is a project of Mosaic Baptist Church.

World Day of Prayer—Cuba—Friday 4 March—St Peters Channels Yarralumla

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.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Friday: **Richard Browning**
Saturday: **Bea Duncan**

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

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2016

- 8.00 am** **HOLY COMMUNION**
Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Connie Gerrity
- 10.00 am** **HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and Youth Group**
Celebrant: and Preacher: The Reverend Connie Gerrity
- 3.00 pm** **LENTEN STUDIES - The Invitation of Wilderness**



TODAY

SENTENCE:

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John 1: 14

READINGS:

Exodus 34:29-35
 Psalm 99
 2 Corinthians 3:12 to 4::2
 Luke 9:28-36



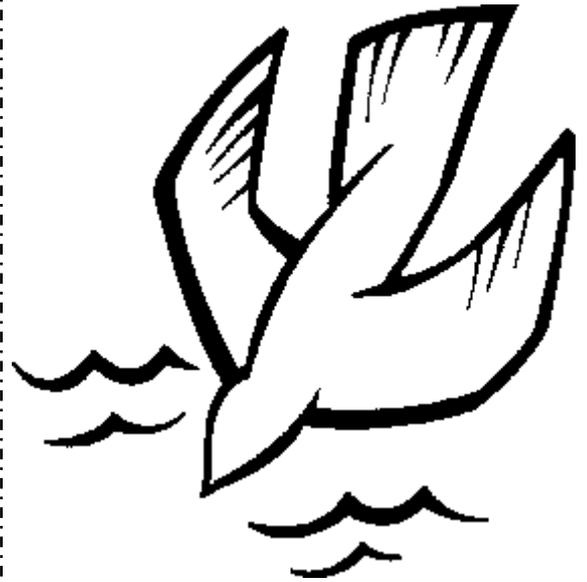
8 am HYMNS

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PRAYER

Christ, our only true light,
 before whose bright cloud
 your friends fell to the ground;
 we bow before your cross
 that we may refuse to be prostrated
 before the false brightness
 of any other light,
 looking to your power alone
 for hope of resurrection from the dead,

AMEN



	8.00am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Libby Warren, Tony Willis	Jo and Gareth James
Readers	Bob Arthur Tony Willis Anne Ranse	Doreen Matters Bruce Barnes Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Jennifer Collier	George Gerrity
Organist	Kath Arthur	Rhys Thorpe
Word & Prayer	Luc Rose	Joh Sheehan
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
Cup	Anne Ranse Luc Rose	Anne Ranse, George Gerrity, Doreen Matters, Leo Wimmer Extra bread: Anne Dudzinski
Morning Tea	Jenny Hall, Jennifer Collier, Megan Mackay	Rika Amos, Ken Wedgwood
Children's Church		Katherine, Anne, Mary, Jenny M/T: Phyl Holmes