

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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



WEEKLY BULLETIN

14 FEBRUARY 2016

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Away with you Satan!



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: Reverend Connie Gerrity

10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and Youth Group
Celebrant and Preacher: Reverend Connie Gerrity



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Today	11.30 am 3.00 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Children's church volunteers meet'g Lenten Studies—Invitation of Wilderness
Monday 15.2.16	9.30 am 10.00 am	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Crafty Crew 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 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre R.C. (main room)	Scrabble Book Club EFM
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 11.00 am	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Working Bee Baptism—Zoe Jane Elliott

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

WEEK BEGINNING 21 FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday 21.2.16	11.30 am 3.00 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Godly Play volunteers meeting Lenten Studies—Invitation of Wilderness
Monday 22.2.16	10.00 am 10.00 am 1.30 pm	Worship Centre Kangara Waters Calvary Retirement	Covenant Day Care Communion Service Communion Service
Tuesday 23.2.16	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch
Wednesday 24.2.16	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 25.2.16	9.30 am 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre R.C. (main room) R.C. (purple room)	Scrabble EFM Lenten Bible Study
Friday 26.2.16	10.00 am 10.30 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre—purple room	Playgroup Lenten Book Series. BYO lunch
Saturday 27.2.16	11 am	Goulburn	Ordination

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Luke 4:1-13 Facing our Demons

*God help us to find our confession;
The truth within us which is hidden from our mind;
The beauty or the ugliness we see elsewhere
But never in ourselves.* (Michael Leunig)

The profound question love poses is, 'Can you face your life as it is; can you look at all the pain and darkness as well as the power and light in the human soul, and still say yes?' (John Welwood)

Lent is an invitation to face reality. The question is: How much reality do we want to face? According to TS Eliot, not much: 'Human kind cannot bear very much reality'. Daniel O'Leary (*Already Within: Divining the Hidden Spring*) doesn't pull any punches when he suggests:

The question that Lent, the season of truth, asks is: 'How much reality about yourself can you bear? Are you aware of your ambiguous motives, your rampant ego, your inner envy, your urge to power? Most of us try to live the Christian life without ever entering those raw and searing cellars of our own unbearable darkness.

If all this sounds very unappealing and too much like hard work, John Welwood reminds us that it is Love (the capitalisation is mine!) that issues the invitation, and Leunig suggests that we will find beauty as well as ugliness. At the end of the prayer whose opening lines are quoted in the epigraph, Leunig also reminds us why we need to do this:

That we may carry our cross wisely
And bring harmony into our life and our world.

We do it for ourselves and for others. Richard Rohr reminds us that if we don't face our own pain we pass it on.

In today's gospel we hear how 'Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness' where he was tempted by the devil and ministered to by angels (Matthew and Mark refer to the angels). It is in the wilderness that Jesus' sense of who he is – the identity conferred at his recent baptism as 'the beloved son' – and what this might mean, is tested. Notice how each of the temptations is prefaced by 'If you are the Son of God, ...' – the implication seemingly is to prove it by different stunts. But Jesus realizes that God is to be trusted not put to the test. (That raises another fascinating question, but there is alas no room for that today.)

Are we willing to join Jesus in that liminal space of testing and (trans)formation? And what might that mean for us, individually and as a community?

Frances MacKay



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“For those who’ve come across the seas, we’ve boundless plains to share, with courage let us all combine, to Advance Australia fair”

On Sunday just gone I was formally commissioned and welcomed by the Parish into the role of Director of St John’s Care. In the notices I was described as having a “strong commitment to social justice and as part of the commissioning I agreed to “undertake my tasks wholeheartedly, faithfully and alive to the joy that Christian service brings”. In the Ash Wednesday service this morning we prayed for strength to oppose oppression, injustice and wrong.

This week this brings me to the issue of how we treat asylum seekers in this country and in this city.

Imagine my interest and excitement last week when my high school mate, Peter Catt, the Dean of the Anglican Cathedral in Brisbane, took a stand on the issue by offering the Cathedral as a place of sanctuary, following the High Court ruling which paved the way for 267 people to be returned to Nauru.

On Friday I met a young man who had suffered prolonged torture in Iran. As a result, he suffers from a range of conditions, including an inability to sleep, which require regular medication and is currently, along with his partner, essentially homeless in the Canberra area. He had just been advised that his application for refugee status had been refused. You will remember that I wrote some time ago that this generally means that they need to leave the country within 90 days during which time they are not allowed to work and receive no benefits. I have no information about why this decision was made, but what I did have was a person sitting in front of me asking for compassion and help, which I gladly gave.

As you may know St John’s Care has a formal memorandum of understanding with Companion House to assist their clients, most of whom are asylum seekers and refugees. We are also a member of a committee that meets regularly to discuss the plight of Asylum Seekers without Income.

On Monday this week I attended the peaceful rally organized by Get Up in the grounds here at St John’s to support a growing “Let them Stay” campaign.

I cannot remain silent in the face of oppression, injustice and wrong. I recently swore an oath to oppose and speak out against domestic violence and I now commit to opposing the status quo in how we treat asylum seekers.

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

Stuart Davis-Meehan, Director



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We pray for those both in Australia and overseas affected by the Zika outbreak and that medical science can find an answer to the terrible affects and spread of these insects.

IN AUSTRALIA

- We pray for students, workers, families and others who live in rural communities and feel disadvantaged by the significant disparity in resources compared with those living in cities.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the church in York, England and Tanzania.
- ♦ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the Dioceses of North Queensland and North West Australia.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ♦ We pray for the clergy and congregations of Queanbeyan, Yass and Boorowa.
- ♦ We pray for the work of Christian education in schools.

MISSION

- ♦ We pray for the work of Christian Blind Mission in Nigeria and Malawi.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY.

- We pray the new parish council who take over responsibility for the administration of our church from Tuesday night
- We pray for solid attendance at our AGM on Tuesday night, acceptance of reports and that retiring committee members can walk away knowing they have done a good job.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family: Glenys and Leo Wimmer; Lexie Winders; Sue and Jeremy, Sally, Jack and Elijah Witchalls; and Alison Campbell and Michael, Imogen, Darcy and Xanthe Allen.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Bishop Alan Ewing and those known to us personally.
- We pray for Lou and Steve Daniels who are grieving the loss of their mother.

COMMEMORATIONS

Today: Julie Ann Shelley (died 1978)

Saturday: Baden Clarence Powell (died 1991)



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 ...

Children's church volunteers meeting in Rainbow Centre today from 11.30am Godly Play volunteers meeting next Sunday—same time and place.

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



TODAY

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY



- ♦ 14th Lenten Study: The Invitation of Wilderness
- 16th AGM— 7.30 pm All welcome
- 18th Lenten Study: The Book of Acts
- 19th Lenten Study: Walking Humbly with God
- 21st Lenten Study: The Invitation of Wilderness
- 21st Kaleidoscope

Help for family remaining in Africa

Over the past 10 years, Holy Covenant's '*Community Support for Refugees*' group has been supporting an extended family from Africa. The family of five brothers and sisters have all married and now have young families of their own. They have settled into Canberra well. However, like all refugees, they carry a burden. That is, the knowledge that there are family members left behind in Africa still living in poverty, uncertainty and some in outright danger. We have exhausted all avenues for family reunion and so our friends are coming to terms with how best they can support their family from afar. Each month they send back as much money as they can spare. This is a significant burden for them but seems necessary to ease the guilt they carry for being the fortunate ones to have found a peaceful and safe life.

One of the ways our friends support their families remaining in Africa is to send them clothing, mobile phones, spectacles. Periodically, they are able to buy space on a shipping container. They have asked if we at Holy Covenant could support them in collecting **clothing, shoes and socks**. The clothing can be **any size** from baby to child to adult, male and female. The clothing should have **reasonable life left and be clean**. For the next month, there will be a clothes basket left at the back of the church (behind the multi-media control table). **Furniture and tools** are also gratefully received but would need to be delivered to the collection point in Scullin. This is another small way we can show our love and support for our friends. We thank you for your help.

Marg and John Christensen 0401 667 777



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.

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.

The Daniels family is most grateful to all those whose friendship and prayers supported Beryl through her illness and who assisted at the Service of Thanksgiving for her last Tuesday in any way. **Thank you.**



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
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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—Clergy Appointment Board vote—nominations close today. Voting will be held at the AGM on Tuesday night as there are more nominations than vacancies.

WEEKLY BULLETIN and WEBSITE

Entries for the Weekly Bulletin are to be sent by the Wednesday afternoon to weeklybulletin@holycovenant.org.au We cannot guarantee all items will be included that week as it depends on space.

The finished 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 <http://holycovenant.org.au>—you might be surprised at what you find!



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.

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

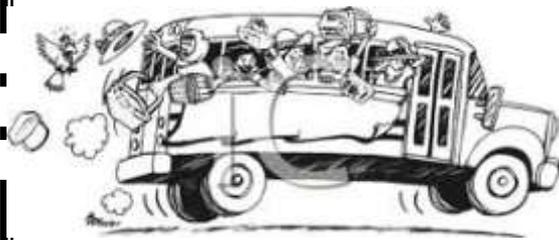
ORDINATION IN GOULBURN CATHEDRAL

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



STOP PRESS: 10 more people required to sign up for bus or we have to cancel bus group. Sign up and pay \$20 in marked envelope to office by TODAY. Otherwise all need to self drive.

Assuming bus group goes ahead, 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

In God's tomorrow...

all women will be released to flourish. The voices that cry, "change is too costly, change is too inconvenient" will be silent and the yoke of poverty and oppression will be no more.

Reflections for Lent
TEAR AUSTRALIA



Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture
WISDOM WORKING FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture events

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

- Exhibition: —a group exhibition by artists seeking asylum in Australia. Open hours 10.30am to 4pm (M-F) until 4 March—in Chapel
- 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: Thurs 1pm to 1.30pm in the Chapel. All Welcome.

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- Youth Mental Health First Aid Course—FREE—15 & 16 March—Wesley Lifeforce will be conducting it at Queanbeyan Kangaroo Rugby League Football Club rooms. The training is open to Youth Workers aged over 18 years . Register using this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wl-3142-youth-mental-health-first-aid-2-day-course-queanbeyan-nsw-tickets-19736288771>

Christians for an Ethical Society

Public Forum and book launch:
Speaker: Bishop George Browning.
Topic: **Post Paris: Psychology of a New World Order.**
Chair: Paul Bongiorno.
Bishop Browning's book: "Sabbath and a Common Good: Prospects of a New Humanity" to be launched.
Location: Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture
When: 7.30 pm **Wed 24 February.**
Donation: \$5. Supper provided. Contact: Robyn Coghlan 6254 0487

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Monday: **Ken Wedgwood, Jean Main**
Tuesday: **Jenny Lange**

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

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2016

8.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Katherine Rainger
Preacher: The Reverend Connie Gerrity

10.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and Youth Group

Celebrant: Katherine Rainger
Preacher: The Reverend Connie Gerrity

3.00 pm

LENTEN STUDIES - The Invitation of Wilderness



SENTENCE:

Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.

Luke 4:3

READINGS:

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
 Psalm 91 ; 1-2, 9-16
 Romans 10: 4-13
 Luke 4: 1-15



8 am HYMNS

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PRAYER

Almighty God,
 your Son Jesus Christ
 fasted forty days in the wilderness;
 give us grace to direct our lives
 in obedience to your Spirit;
 and as you know our weaknesses
 so may we know your power to save
 through Jesus Christ our Redeemer
 who lives and reigns with you
 and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

AMEN



	8.00am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Kerin and Brian Cox	Jo and Gareth James
Readers	Rosemary Kennemore Kerin Cox Anne Ranse	Chris Olson Leslie Chumak Harris Boulton
Intercessor	Robert Arthur	Joan Williams
Organist	Mandy Squair	Pam Lane
Word & Prayer	Anne Ranse	Tobias Nevile
Deacon	Anne Ranse	
Cup	Anne Ranse Rosemary Kennemore	Tobias Nevile, Neville Hurst, Phyl Holmes, Rob Maron Extra bread: Anne Dudzinski
Morning Tea	Margaret and David Meggs	Youth Group
Children's Church		Katherine, Anne, Rika, Katy M/T: Deranie Jackson