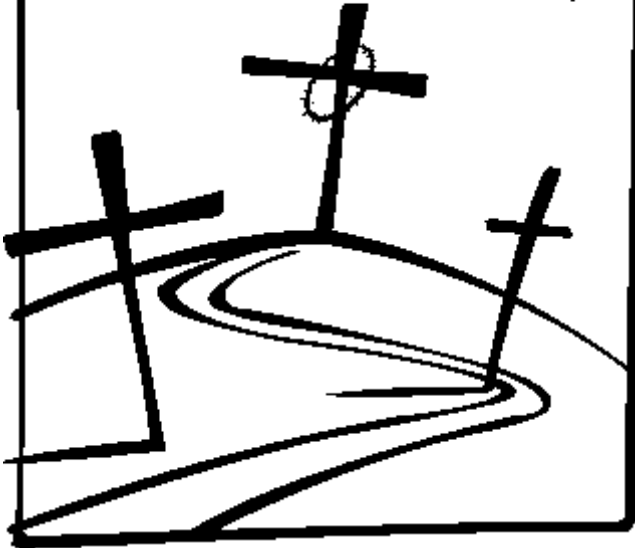


HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

Lenten Journey



WEEKLY BULLETIN

21 FEBRUARY 2016

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



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



SERVICES TODAY

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant and Preacher: Reverend Anne Dudzinski

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



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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. (red 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

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

WEEK BEGINNING 28 FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday 28.2.16	3.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	Lenten Studies—Invitation of Wilderness
Monday 29.2.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Day Care
Tuesday 1.3.16	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch
Wednesday 2.3.16	12 noon 2.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class
Thursday 3.3.16	9.30 am 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre R.C. (red room) R.C. (purple room)	Scrabble EFM Lenten Bible Study
Friday 4.3.16	10.00 am 10.30 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre—purple room	Playgroup Lenten Book Series. BYO lunch

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Luke 13:1-9. Repentance and Fruitfulness

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last ... (Jn 15:16)

*May they who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy (Psalm 126:5)*

The subheading for the first half of today's gospel passage in the RSV, 'Repent or Perish' is confronting to put it mildly. Repent to save your skins? Hardly the loftiest motivation! There must be more to it than this. It is important to put the passage in context. The crowds told Jesus about the group of Galileans 'whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices' (v.1). In reminding his hearers that they were no better and that they too needed to repent, was he responding to a sense of complacency or self-congratulation in those who were talking about the disaster that had befallen these Galileans? Were they secretly wondering if they had it coming to them – that somehow they had deserved God's judgment?

Repentance is an important focus of Lent and we are on a learning journey about what this might mean. Last week I referred to the invitation to let go of our illusions about ourselves, and our projections onto other people – or, as Michael Leunig puts it, to find 'the truth within us which is hidden from our mind'. This may well involve grief or tears as we see how we have hurt and betrayed others and ourselves – not to mention the one who created us. But repentance is not an invitation to self-hatred, nor is it an end in itself. The tears are meant to lead to fruitfulness. They are a stage in the journey towards manifesting the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace and so on), or doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with God (Micah 6:8).

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree (vv.6-9) is a cautionary tale to remind us that the reason we are here is to bear fruit. I was reminded of the 'True Vine' passage in John 15 where Jesus reminds his followers that they are to bear fruit that will last, and that this is not achieved by going solo – as he says, 'Apart from me you can do nothing'. Many of us have to learn this lesson the hard way. Fruitfulness may involve extensive pruning and tending of the soil in which we are planted.

The gardener in the parable asks for a stay of execution for one more year to see if the fig tree will respond to some TLC and bear fruit. We are not told what the result was. It is good to remember, though, that while Jesus is tough on the self-righteous and entitled, he welcomes those who turn to him for healing and forgiveness.

- Frances Mackay



A Normal Day at St John's Care

When I was interviewed for the position of Director I was asked what I thought a normal day might be like. I think I said something like, I suspect that each day will be different. Little did I know exactly how right I was. Actually, there is no such thing as a normal day in the life of St John's Care.

Last Wednesday began with the 8am Ash Wednesday service. When I arrived at the office at about 8.45am there was one of our clients waiting for me. At 9.30am we opened the Emergency Relief Centre. Next in line for me was a meeting with Mark Faulkner, the Minister at the Uniting Church in Gungahlin at 10am. However, one of my longer term and more complex clients arrived unannounced at 9.30am and I had to spend some time with him, making me late for my 10 o'clock meeting. This particular client stayed on after I left and settled in for a long conversation with one of our volunteers. Every time she tried to end the conversation, she was met with a somewhat aggressive "you're not listening to me" or "you're not respecting me". I understand the mostly one sided conversation went on for about an hour.

Also whilst I was out, one of our longer term and ageing regulars who only speaks Chinese, showed signs of having chest pains and so the Ambulance was called. Luckily, one of our volunteers is a trained nurse and was able to provide some added assistance. We were also able to contact one of our other volunteers at home who speaks Mandarin, to translate. The Ambulance took him home first to where his ailing wife, whom he cares for, was and then off to the hospital. I am glad to advise that he came back today. I couldn't of course ask him how he was, but he did look well.

In the afternoon, I had a meeting on site at 1pm with a local businessman who is interested in partnering with St John's Care. At about 1.45pm (we close at 2pm) whilst I was showing him around the Precinct, one of our volunteers called out to me that "we have a difficult client inside." When I entered I could see a man standing in the kitchen without a shirt on, sweating profusely and in an agitated and at times incoherent state. I had not met this person before, so I introduced myself to him and asked what was going on. I later found out that he was a regular client. He advised that he was high on Ice and Heroin and that he had just become homeless. Whilst he wasn't at any stage violent towards me, he certainly exhibited a wide range of extreme emotions including sadness while recalling his mother and recent violent events in his life and anger at himself for not being able to kick his habit and at some of the language that he was using in front of us, all the while asking for cold water and something to eat. In fact, he pretty much talked non stop the whole time he was here. We were able to settle him down to some degree, feed him and ensure he had some cold water. We also gave him a couple of bags of food and some water. Thankfully, not every day is like last Wednesday, but we certainly do have our fair share of interesting times. At the end of the day I realized that I still had an ash cross on my forehead from the morning service and was reminded of the wonderful work that we do at St John's Care in the name of Christ.



Wish list: pasta sauce, milk, spaghetti, rice, toiletries

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We pray for the multi-national companies that control the exploitation of the world's resources and the distribution of the world's wealth, that boards, CEOs and decision-makers might hold to an ethic that places human rights and needs above the demand for profit.

IN AUSTRALIA

- We give thanks for the progress in reconciliation between indigenous Australians and those who came later. Pray for all who strive to achieve those steps still needing to be taken, and give thanks for the contribution of so many indigenous Australians to our national and community life.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- We pray for the church in Maryland USA and Central Africa..
- ♦ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the Murray and the Northern Territory.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ♦ We pray for the clergy and congregations of Tumut, Adelong and South West Slopes.
- ♦ We pray for ministry to prisoners and prison officers.

MISSION

- ♦ We pray for the work of BCA in Winton and Lightning Ridge.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY.

- We pray for our 4 friends being ordained on Saturday: Katherine Rainger, Tracey Matthews, Chris Lewis and Anthony Frost.
- We give thanks for the appointment of our Locum clergy and pray for Rob and Connie as they guide us through this stage of our transition.
- We also pray for our new Clergy Appointment Board as they work to find us a new rector.
- We pray for the following members of our parish family: Roger, Rika, Katy and Sophie Amos; Robert and Kath Arthur; Gretel Ayre; Merri Bacon and Jenny Baines.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Bishop Alan Ewing and those known to us personally

COMMEMORATIONS

- Wednesday:** Michael Crawford (died 1989)
Thursday: Clifford Jack Daniels (died 2005)
Friday: Betty Joan Cooper (died 2008)



IN THE PARISH

WORDS FROM OUR CHILDREN'S LEADER ...

Godly Play volunteers meeting in Rainbow Centre today from 11.30am

TODAY

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

Retiring Offertory for Yarloop Parish

Thank you to all who contributed to the retiring offertory for Yarloop Parish, which lost property in the January 2016 bushfires in WA.

We raised \$505.00. The Bishop of Bunbury is very grateful for our prayers and financial support. See letter on notice board



Thank you for those who helped at the working bee yesterday.
Next working bee is
19 March.



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

IN THE PARISH

FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Sixty five parishioners attended our Annual General Meeting last Tuesday night. Apart from receiving reports on the activities of 12 Parish Ministry Teams and working groups over the past year, the AGM also adopted a budget for 2016.



Annual Meeting

The Meeting welcomed a report from Warden Kathryn Body that the Revd Rob Miners and the Revd Connie Gerrity will share responsibility as locum for Holy Covenant until we find a new Rector. Rob comes with substantial parish experience as Rector at Tuggeranong South, Tumut and Cootamundra. Connie brings similar experience as Rector at Murrumburrah and Boorowa. Interestingly Connie and Rob's path crossed in Young where Rob was Rural Dean 2003-06 and Connie followed as Area Dean 2006-08. They begin on 1 March.

Welcome to Rob and Connie!

The incoming Parish Council met just prior to the AGM and elected their office bearers. Beth Heyde was elected Chair and Ken Wedgewood was elected Treasurer. In a new twist to a necessary task, four members of Parish Council agreed to share the Secretary role.

Finding a new Rector for our Parish was a high priority at the AGM with a substantial discussion on the process that will be followed to find a new Rector. The process began on Tuesday night when the AGM elected our two Parish nominees to the Clergy Appointments Board (CAB). Beth Heyde and Bob Arthur were elected and will serve for one year to fill the two casual vacancies due to the resignations of Evelyn David-Hoole and Rhys Thorpe. The CAB serves for 3 years and there is only one year to go in the current term. George Gerrity is the third Parish nominee to the CAB. The next step in the process will be for the Parish Council (on 8 March) and then the Parish (possibly on 15 March, TBC) to review and update the Parish Profile that was prepared before Paul's selection.

The AGM also adopted a resolution moved by Jen Collier to request the incoming Parish Council to appoint a committee to develop appropriate wording for change to the Ordinance to allow for absentee voting in Parish elections.

Thanks were expressed to the outgoing Parish Council and the Chair, Russell Rollason.

In God's tomorrow...

every sister, every aunt, every wife, every mother, every woman will be known, and loved. In God's tomorrow daughters will bring a song to every parent's heart.

Reflections for Lent
TEARAUSTRALIA

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@gmail.com 6251 2383, or Phyl Holmes
phylandreg@optusnet.com.au 6251 2007.



From the Treasurer's Annual Report Wider Work Distribution

Southern Cross Ministries	\$1000
St John's Care	\$2000
Nungalinga College	\$1000
Anglican Board of Missions (ABM)	\$1300
Christian Education in Schools, ACT	\$ 800
Companion House	\$1000
Bush Church Aid Society	\$1000
National Council of Churches	\$1000
Anglican Overseas Aid	\$1200
Anglicare NSW South, NSW West &	\$1000
Church Missionary Society	\$ 700

This week some of our youth are leaving our tender loving care as they move into the next stage of their life. Sam Browning and Isobel D'Crux to Sydney and Jono Wedgwood to Melbourne - the rest are staying here. Between them all we'll end up having a doctor, two nurses, a teacher, a theatre producer a speech therapist and a lawyer. Well done to all of you and we hope we'll still see you now and again.

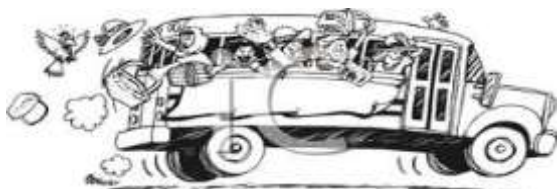
Memo to all staff, team leaders and group convenors...

If you need a room or space for a meeting, study group, activity etc, you must make a booking for the space with the administrator or with Paul Shelley. It is preferable if this is done before advertising the event. Our various facilities are used by a number of community groups every week both during the day and in the evenings – so checking availability will help to avoid conflicting (and embarrassing) bookings.

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.**



We now have a new arrangement for the bus. \$15 per person and there are still a few vacancies. The reason we're leaving at 8.15am is so we can get into the Cathedral rather than in the Hall.

LAST CHANCE TODAY TO SIGN UP!

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



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.

MISSING FROM THE OFFICE!

- ♦ Stapler (green and yellow)
- ♦ Box of pencils—all the same HB—long.

A very nice beige coloured cushion in a JB Hi Fi bag turned up in the vestry. If you know the story please contact the parish office.

Need prayer on Sunday?

Did you know that you can request prayers that will be included in the Service on Sundays if you write them in the Green book on the Font before the service. If you would like more private prayer please ask one of the clergy who can pray with you.

HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE
REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

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 25 February.**
 Donation: \$5. Supper provided.

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- **Q & A Refugee Forum.**
1 March, 7.30pm St. Mary in the Valley, Tuggeranong.
- **Who Are You? Who Am I?**
9 March, 1.30-4.00pm.
St. John's Church Reid.
- **Film and Theology: film as mirror— what do you see?**
Various dates., 6.30pm.
- **Your Mental Health First Aid Course—free.** 15 and 16 March.

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!

Roster unavailability

For those of you normally on roster., please indicate for




March on the Unavailability Roster on the Roster Board

Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank
 Branch: Jamison Centre, ACT
 BSB: 062 907
 A/C No: 802 588
 Name: Holy Covenant Anglican Church

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Wed: Christine Mitchell (ending with a 'O')
Saturday: Rika Kobayashi

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

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2016

8.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Reverend Connie Gerrity
Preacher: The Reverend Katherine Rainger

10.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and Youth Group

Celebrant: The Reverend Connie Gerrity
Preacher: The Reverend Katherine Rainger

**DEAR GOD,
I WANNA TAKE A
MINUTE, NOT TO ASK
FOR ANYTHING FROM
YOU, BUT SIMPLY TO
SAY THANK YOU,
FOR ALL I HAVE.**

SENTENCE:

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ..
Philippians 3:20

8 am HYMNS



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READINGS:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
 Psalm 27
 Philippians 3:17 to 4:1
 Luke 13: 1-9

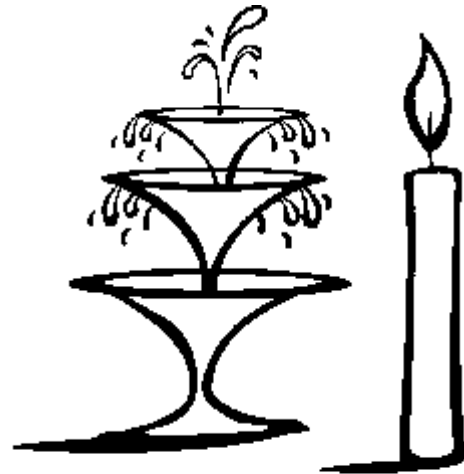
PRAYER

Invite us to the banquet of new life
 flowing from your generous heart, O God.

Help us to receive the love
 which is spread across the table of life
 and into which we are gathered this day.

Call to our hearts in invitation.
 Take our hands now, we pray,
 and lead us toward your gifts.

AMEN



Live as children of the light

	8.00am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Carol and Peter Sherman	Dorothy and Neville Hurst
Readers	Hilary Harris Des Pain Anne Ranse	Dorothy Hurst Frances Mackay Neville Hurst
Intercessor	Anne McDowell	Joh Sheehan
Organist	Heather Shelley	Ruth Dunncliffe-Hagan
Word & Prayer	Luc Rose	James Ellis
Deacon	Anne Ranse	
Cup	Luc Rose, Anne Ranse	James Ellis, Neville Hurst, Phyl Holmes, Doreen Matters Extra Bread (Rev Connie Gerrity) s
Morning Tea	Maureen and Richard Scutter	Theresa Jokisch and Judith Ann Daniells
Children's Church		Katherine, Christine, Mary, Jenny, M/T Jayne Murray