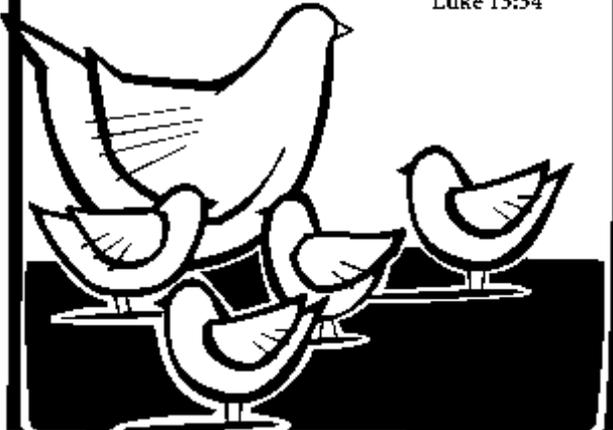


HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

I desire to gather your
children as a hen
gathers her children

Luke 13:34



WEEKLY BULLETIN

28 FEBRUARY 2016

THIRD 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: 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



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Belonging and Caring meeting
Wednesday 2.3.16	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 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

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

WEEK BEGINNING 6 March 2016

Sunday 6.3.16	3.00 pm 3.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Lenten Studies Rainbow Fellowship
Monday 7.3.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Day Care
Tuesday 8.3.16	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Parish Council
Wednesday 9.3.16	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 10.3.16	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 11.3.16	10.00 am 10.30 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre—purple room	Playgroup Lenten Book Series. BYO lunch

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Luke 13:31-35

Building bridges or erecting walls?

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it. How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing. See your house is left to you desolate. (Lk 13:34-5a)

Jesus responds to the warning that Herod is seeking to harm him by saying in effect: 'Tell that old fox that I must finish the work that is mine to do, and that includes proceeding to Jerusalem where I know what awaits me.' Jesus' sense of destiny provides an inner strength but it does not protect him from a grief that is so much more than any sense of personal rejection. Barbara Taylor Brown, American Episcopalian priest, unpacks the verses used in the epigraph:

If you have ever loved someone you could not protect, then you understand the depth of Jesus' lament. All you can do is open your arms. You cannot make anyone walk into them..

... Jesus won't be king of the jungle in this or any other story. What he will be is a mother hen, who stands between the chicks and those who mean to do them harm. She has no fangs, no claws, no rippling muscles. All she has is her willingness to shield her babies with her own body. If the fox wants them, he will have to kill her first; which he does, as it turns out.

I have always felt the poignancy of v. 31 – the image of the hen wanting to gather her chicks, but I had somehow not noticed v. 35a, 'Your house is left to you desolate'. Desolation is a powerful word.

Today, we might still lament the divisions in Jerusalem, reflecting the dark side of religion that is more about protecting borders rather than building bridges – and all in the name of God! And Jerusalem is not alone in this. Violence is happening throughout the world in the name of religion. We might well ask where we as individuals, or as a community or a nation are keeping people out, rather than gathering them in.

In contrast there is that sublime unitive vision in Revelation 21 and 22 of the New Jerusalem descending from heaven in a sort of ultimate homecoming that reconciles polarities of heaven and earth, night and day, sacred and profane because all is filled with divine presence. I love the symbolism of the River of Life flowing from the heart of the city, presumably beyond the walls, sustaining trees whose leaves are 'for the healing of the nations'. It is never just about us, or our patch!

Where might we be invited to build bridges, rather than erect walls, gather in, rather than keep at bay? Perhaps we need to first allow Jesus our Mother (Julian of Norwich's phrase) to gather us in, to bring us home.

- Frances Mackay



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Most People are Grateful for our Help

The vast majority of people that we see are just so thankful and grateful for the help we give and it is one of the great joys of service, but occasionally, I am reminded that not all are so appreciative.

During our pre-Christmas Present Room, we had a person who came into the office to complain that we didn't have enough variety in the presents available and that his children had all the presents that we had in the room.

I recently organised to pay for a night's accommodation on the South Coast for someone, as they had to attend a Court hearing and needed somewhere to stay. Imagine my surprise when the motel rang me the following day to tell me that the guests had taken their dog with them, made a mess, ransacked the room and stolen items from it.

Last week we had someone who came in seeking overnight accommodation down on the coast so she could attend a funeral. It is not uncommon that we assist people with travel or accommodation to attend funerals, so there was nothing unusual about that. However, while one of our staff was assisting them by paying for the accommodation over the phone, her purse was stolen. We cannot say for sure who took the purse but that person proceeded very quickly to make 3 purchases with a credit card from the purse before it was noticed that it was gone and the cards were cancelled. To add insult to injury, the client seeking accommodation at the coast didn't show up at the motel to take up the booking, which we had paid for.

At St John's Care we come across a wide range of people with often complex and desperate circumstances and it is always our pleasure to help. In a community where there is significant disadvantage, we recognise that there will always be some people who abuse the system or take advantage of us, but in my experience to date, these are the exception rather than the rule.

Last week there were several clients who had never been to us before and were in dire circumstances for a variety of reasons such as domestic violence, relationship breakdown and severe illness. We were able to provide financial help to each one as well as food supplies, Telstra vouchers and scripts. They were amazed and buoyed by what they received. They left SJC in a much better state than when they arrived. This is what makes it all worthwhile when we can see that what we do with your generous support enables us to change lives.

Wish list: peanut butter, vegemite, tinned tomatoes, shampoo

Stuart Davis-Meehan, Director



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ◆ We pray for the Government and people of Fiji as they come to terms with the devastation following Cyclone Winston. We give thanks for the International Aid that is arriving and pray that it will continue.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ We pray for all women and children in danger of exploitation and abuse in Australia, for women brought here from overseas and forced into prostitution, for those in abusive relationships, for those trapped by poverty, and for those dependent on welfare. Pray for individuals and agencies working to bring release and hope to such women.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ◆ We pray for the church in Central and Southern Africa.
- ◆ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of Willochra and Wangaratta

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ◆ We pray for the clergy and congregations of St. Saviour's Cathedral Goulburn, North Goulburn and the Wollondilly Gardens self-care units.
- ◆ We pray for spouses and families of clergy and lay ministers.

MISSION

- ◆ We pray for the work of Amnesty International in Syria and China..

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY.

- ◆ We pray for Connie Gerrity and Rob Miners starting work this week as Joint Locums leading us through the transition period.
- ◆ 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: Bruce and Bev Barnes, Trish Barnes, Tamara Batterham, Peter and Ann Bazeos, and Chris and Clare Bleijs.
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Bishop Alan Ewing and those known to us personally

COMMEMORATIONS



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE
REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Phone Merri Bacon on 6251 1110 or
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IN THE PARISH

TODAY

We welcome the **REVEREND** Katherine Rainger as our preacher this morning. To celebrate Katherine's Ordination yesterday, there is a special morning tea after both Services. Congratulations Katherine!

FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Sixty five parishioners attended our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 16th Feb.. 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.

From the Treasurer's Annual Report Wider Work Distribution

Southern Cross Ministries	\$1000
St John's Care	\$2000
Nungalinya 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

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

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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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

In God's tomorrow...

... young girls will no longer sit at home looking after their younger siblings—they will be sitting in classrooms in school with proper toilets. Their mothers will no longer sacrifice their own food to feed their family—it will be a tomorrow where all will have enough.

Reflections for Lent
TEARAUSTRALIA



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.



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.



PARISH CONSULTATION TUESDAY 15 MARCH—7.30pm

To prepare for the nomination of a new rector there will be a consultation to discern where the parish has been over the last few years, where we are headed and who we would like to lead us.

This will take place in the Worship Centre and will be facilitated by Archdeacon Erica Mathieson.

Please keep the time free as we would like to hear from as many parishioners as possible.



CAN YOU HELP?

The group I volunteer with, Safe Shelter who offer emergency accommodation over winter at St Columba's in Braddon, are assisting St Benedict's in Queanbeyan to set up a safe shelter for homeless people there. They need volunteers willing to stay overnight with guests (sleep in a sleeping bag like the guests) and pack / lock up in the morning. It's not difficult and people only need to volunteer about once a month. The morning finishes in time to still get to work. Excellent training is provided and it also provides a great overview of the homeless situation in the ACT and Queanbeyan.

Enquiries to stbenedicts@lizzy.com.au

Thank you—Naomi Cole.

BITS AND PIECES:

- **Missing from the office** Stapler (green and yellow) The pencils have been returned. Anyone seen the stapler?
- **Need prayer on Sunday?** Did you know that you can request prayers that will be included in the Service on Sundays? 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.
- **Name tags.** A reminder to please wear your name tag so that our Locum Clergy can get to know you.
- **Parish Pics board**—on the back wall. Some interesting pics from Children’s Church.

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.

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

Tuesday: **Ursula Conan-Davies**, Thursday: **Richard Taylor**,
 Saturday: **Gillian Painter**.

*If you want your name in the Birthday Book, tell Phyl :
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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 6 March 2016

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant and Preacher : Revd Rob Miners

10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and Youth Group
Celebrant and Preacher : Revd Rob Miners

3.30 pm Rainbow Fellowship



SENTENCE:

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

Isaiah 55.6

8 am HYMNS



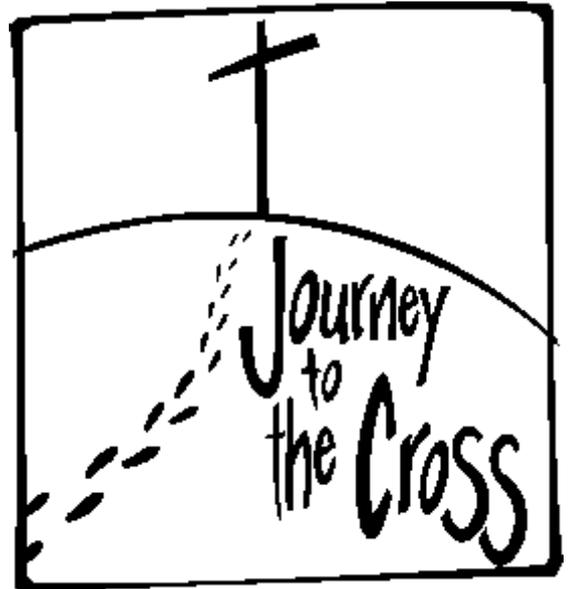
Isaiah 55: 1-9
 Psalm 63: 1-9
 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
 Luke 13: 31-35

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PRAYER

Lord God our Redeemer,
 who heard the cry of your people
 and sent your servant Moses to lead them out
 of slavery:
 free us from the tyranny of sin and death
 and, by the leading of your Spirit,
 bring us to our promised land;
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



	8.00am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Elizabeth Grant and Sandra Ross	Merri Bacon and Reg Holmes
Readers	Sandra Ross Mandy Squair Anne Ranse	Christine Mitchell Andrew Hill Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Robert Arthur	Bruce Barnes
Organist	Kath Arthur	Pam Lane
Word & Prayer	Anne Ranse	Tobias Nevile
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
Cup	Anne Ranse, Katherine Rainger	Tobias Nevile, Katherine Rainger, Anne Ranse, George Gerrity. Extra Bread Rev Anne Dudzinski
Morning Tea	Mary Lynn Mather and Jocelyn Kirkland	Gwen Hallows and Dorothy Hurst
Children's Church		Christine, Prue, Susan-Joy and Ruth M/T Jodie Petrov