

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

**WEEKLY
BULLETIN**

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**Fifth
Sunday
In
Lent**

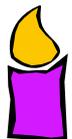
extravagant ... generosity ... acceptance



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 : Revd Rob Miners
- 10.00 am** **HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and Youth Group**
Celebrant and Preacher : Revd Rob Miners
- 10.30 am** **Calvary Chapel Service**



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday 13.3.16	10.30 am 3.00 pm	Calvary Chapel Rainbow Centre	Service Lenten Studies
Monday 14.3.16		Public Holiday	
Tuesday 15.3.16	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Parish Consultation
Wednesday 16.3.16	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 17.3.16	9.30 am 2.30 pm 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre R.C. (red room) R.C. (purple room)	Scrabble Rainbow Centre EFM Lenten Bible Study
Friday 18.3.16	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 20 March 2016

Sunday 20.3.16 Palm Sunday	3.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	Lenten Studies
Monday 21.3.16	10.00am	Worship Centre	Covenant Day Care
Tuesday 22.3.16	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch
Wednesday 23.3.16	12 noon 2.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class
Thursday 24.3.16	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre R.C. (red room)	Scrabble EFM
Friday 25.3.16	GOOD	FRIDAY	

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT. JOHN 12.1-8

Lazarus is alive again and both his sisters carry out their accustomed roles, Martha serving and Mary at Jesus feet and the home is filled with an expensive perfume that wafts its fragrance throughout their home. Of course it's extravagant, outrageous, over the top. That's the point. Brothers don't get raised from the dead every day! But whenever people worship Jesus with everything they've got, there's always someone in the background muttering that there's no such thing as a free jar of ointment (Tom Wright).

I think about the words 'Brothers don't get raised from the dead every day.' And reflect on the resurrection of Christ. That doesn't happen every day either but has it become an everyday event in our thoughts and actions? Is it something we think about and 'catch the fire' of the event so much so that we want to throw everything we have to serve Christ? Or is it an event that over our years has 'lost its punch?'

In this Gospel story we see Judas on a downward spiral into self-destruction because of his greed for money, his loss of devotion and loyalty to Jesus. We don't want to go there because Judas symbolises the way to self-destruction and Mary stands for self-giving. Both are costly but in such different ways.

In order to obey the 'crazy gospel of the crucified Messiah' we need to give much away, things of our life that are not rich in goodness, filled with fragrance, in order to discover that following the Messiah means continual self-giving, pouring out of your energy, devotion and life at the feet of Jesus, the one who has made you his own. Can your ministry in the world, during the week be outrageous, over the top because you are devoted to your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who you know has risen from the dead, who is alive again? Can you ignore those in the background who mutter there is nothing in what you are giving your life for?

Let's dedicate our lives anew this Lent to serve Christ with all we have and to fill the world with the fragrance of his Gospel.

Blessings
Archdeacon Anne





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International Women's Day

I hope you took the opportunity on Tuesday this past week to reflect on International Women's Day. The aim of the global day is to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. I have been just so lucky in my life to be surrounded by amazing women and in particular – my mother Verelle, my wife Ellen, my mother-in-law Edna, my sister Julie and my daughter Michaela.

I am so proud of Michaela. She is living her dream. She has just arrived in Nendaz Switzerland where she will compete in her first snowboard competition for the year, after spending the first month or so of this year working in Japan, on snow of course. After winning the World Rookie Fest in 2010, then breaking her back in 2011, she made a comeback onto the Australian Team, competing on the World Tour and making the shadow Olympic Team. She has just become a Global Ambassador for Sisu Girls (check them out on Facebook) – Sisu is a Finish word meaning determination, bravery and resilience.

I also want to pay tribute to and give thanks for all the women involved in St John's Care. To Glenda, our Chairperson; to Beth, Judy and Grace, members of our management committee; to Rhonda and Angie, members of staff and to all our volunteers who so regularly give of their time and talents in our Emergency Relief Centre, Breakfast Club and Friday lunches. It is my honour to work so closely on a daily basis with so many strong, faithful and compassionate women. Without them of course St John's Care would not continue. They are all amazing.

If you know a girl or young woman aged 12 years or older who has initiative and passion and is committed to achieving a dream in their field of choice and looking for financial assistance, may I suggest you encourage them to apply for a Layne Beachley Foundation – Aim for the Stars Scholarship (applications open in July).

In response to International Women's Day, I encourage us all to pledge to take a concrete step to help achieve gender parity more quickly - whether to help women and girls achieve their ambitions, call for gender-balanced leadership, respect and value difference, develop more inclusive and flexible cultures or root out workplace bias. Each of us can be a leader within our own spheres of influence and commit to take pragmatic action to accelerate gender parity in this country and internationally.

Wish list: vegemite, toilet rolls, tinned meat.

Stuart Davis-Meehan, Director



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ◆ We continue to pray for the people of Fiji trying to rebuild their communities after the recent cyclone. That international aid will continue.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ Pray for the CSIRO and the wider scientific community facing the challenge of climate change, food security and environmental degradation.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ◆ We pray for the churches in Bethlehem, Bhopal North India, and Hong Kong Island
- ◆ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the Diocese of Tasmania

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ◆ We pray for the clergy and congregation of Queanbeyan and District Anglican Church.
- ◆ We pray for the Alexander Maconochie Correctional Centre and for the chaplains who minister there.

MISSION

- ◆ We pray for the work of the Australian Board of Missions in China and the Philippines.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY.

- We pray for the Youth Group members assisting at the Calvary Chapel Service this morning.
- ◆ We pray for the Parish Consultation this week.
- ◆ We 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: Richard, Melinda, Samuel, Zachary and Matthew Browning; Eric and Lynda Burton and Steph and Alexander and Audrey; Barry and Sandra Button; Alison Campbell and Michael Allen.
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Glenys Wimmer, Dawn Hardman, Tanya Boulton and those known to us personally

COMMEMORATIONS

Friday: Annie (Nancy) Lee (died 1995)



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE
REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

IN THE PARISH

PARISH CONSULTATION THIS 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.

FROM THIS WEEK'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:



- The appointment of Youth Workers has been put in train: for six months, to be shared between Eleanor and Jeremy Platt, with oversight by Rev Connie Gerrity and Karina Harris.
- The position of Pastoral Care Coordinator is being advertised in the Parish; the position description is available from the Office (Libby Warren); applications close 30 March. Nic Platt has kindly offered to act as Pastoral Care Coordinator for now.
- The Workplace Health and Safety Committee of George Gerrity, Joh Sheehan and Mel Browning was thanked for its work and these members were re-appointed.
- A proposal was endorsed to continue to offer four Community lunches during the year, in a modified form.
- Reports were received as usual from parish groups.
- Work is in progress on updating the Parish Profile, for use in the process to be followed by the Clergy Appointment Board; it will be finalised from input at the Parish Consultation on 15 March 7.30pm.

In God's tomorrow...

... community values will rest around understanding, accommodating and supporting difference. Men and women will work together in relationships of trust, flexibility and generosity. In God's tomorrow, the work of women will be revered, honoured and respected; economically and socially valued.

Reflections for Lent
TEARAUSTRALIA

I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL YOU...



. . . That this year we have increased the outings for our clients in the Holistic Care Nursing Ministry and Cathy has plans to take them to some lovely venues such as Autumn Colours and coffee at the National Arboretum, 'Carlotta' at the Q theatre Queanbeyan, 'Flora Explorer Tour and coffee at the Australian National Botanical Gardens, Tulip Tops, Floriade, Melbourne Cup Day outing and the Holy Covenant Community Lunches.

The clients we offer to take on these outings are socially isolated, don't have their own transport and often miss out on such lovely outings and the delight and appreciation they express when going on an outing is a real blessing for us BUT we have one problem that perhaps you might be able to assist us with. We don't have enough transport/drivers to get 5 or 6 people to these events. Do you have a car and would you be willing to spend some of your day, usually the mornings out with us? If so please contact the Holistic Care Nursing team by emailing nurse@holycovenant.org.au or phoning me on 0439139209 or Cathy on 0418450520. These outings happen about every two months.

Blessings.

Archdeacon Anne Holistic Care Nursing Coordinator.

Too hot to go walking?

—why not try our Ever Active Exercise Class on Wednesday afternoons.

Concentrating on stretching and strengthening.

2 -3pm in our cooled Worship Centre. \$6.50 per session or \$65 for 10 sessions.





NEXT SATURDAY—20TH
From 9am.
Let's get the grounds looking great for our Easter Celebrations!
Your reward—a great morning tea!!

IN THE PARISH

WHO ARE OUR COUNCILLORS?

Today we start a series on Parish Councillor Profiles. Our first Councillor to share with us is Kathryn Body. Kathryn and John have been part of Holy Covenant church since 2009 and this is Kathryn's 6th year on parish Council. This year Kathryn has the role of Rector's Warden.



We asked Kathryn three questions:

WHAT NOURISHES YOU?

Contributing to the wellbeing of others, both inside and outside the church; sharing meaningful conversations of a spiritual nature with fellow Christians and participating in regular worship services

WHAT ARE YOUR PASSIONS?

My family and my garden

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS YOUR ROLE ON PARISH COUNCIL?

To assist in the management of the parish and supporting locum clergy in the absence of a rector this year.

Good Friday Contemplative Walk
for Justice and Peace
Friday 25 March 5pm—7pm

Meet at the front of the National
Library just before 5pm.
Taking Christian biblical stories of
Good Friday alongside
contemporary reflections and our
National institutions.

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Orders are being taken for
Entertainment book 2016/17
now. Order before 31st March and
receive 6 bonus vouchers to be
used before June.

Books will be available early April
and can be used straight away. The
price is \$60 and \$12 will go to the
Parish. Cash would be great or use
www.entbook.com.au/247m23

Please chat with Hilary, check last
year's book at back of church or call
62518166 for more details.

Holy Week



SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Sunday 20 March – Palm Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Holy Communion

Monday 21 March – 6.00 pm Holy Communion

Tuesday 22 March – 6.00 pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 23 March

12 noon Holy Communion
6.00 pm Holy Communion

Thursday 24 March – Maundy Thursday

6.00 pm Footwashing, Holy Communion,
and Stripping of the Altar



Friday 25 March – Good Friday

8.00 am Good Friday Service
10.00 am Good Friday Service

Saturday 26 March

4.00 pm Children's Easter Service

Sunday 27 March – EASTER DAY

6.00 am Lighting of the New Fire and Holy Communion
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Holy Communion



POSITION VACANT

We are looking for someone to coordinate our Community Lunches, which we would like to hold again this year.

We are simplifying the format, having ready made sandwiches and asking for donations of slices from our very generous community. The task would involve recruiting a small team to help set up the tables, plate up sandwiches and slices, make tea and coffee at the end, and then clean up.



We are anticipating having four lunches this year, the first one mid-April.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in doing, please contact Libby in the Parish Office, phone: 6251 6100 or office@holycovenant.org.au.

- **Lost Property** basket (behind the sound system) is full again: drink bottles, towel, plates, fleecy tops. If not claimed by 20 March will go to charity.

- **Roster unavailability**
For those of you normally on roster, please indicate for April on the Unavailability Roster on the Roster Board



AFRICAN FAMILY SUPPORT

Thank you for the support you have given to the family in Africa that our parish has been supporting for over 10 years. The clothes hamper will be removed **next Sunday, 20th March.**



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Yesterday: **Phil Trigge;**
Trish Barnes
Today: **Mandy Squair;**
Tuesday: **Margaret Martin,**
Rob Maron.

If you want your name in the Birthday Book, tell Phyl :

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

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 20 March 2016

Palm Sunday

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant : Revd Connie Gerrity
Preacher: Revd Rob Miners



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

SENTENCE:

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. **Psalm 126:6**

8 am HYMNS

READINGS:

Isaiah 43:16-21
 Psalm 126
 Philippians 3:3-14
 John 12:1-8



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PRAYER

Giver of the most expensive gift of all,
 help us to learn from you.
 May we who are so adept at catering for our own
 wants,
 make ourselves more vulnerable to the needs of
 others.
 Let us live unselfishly and more sensitively,
 that we may spread love's fragrance
 wherever the odour of cynicism and despair hangs
 in the air.
 Through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Amen.



	8.00am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Kerin and Brian Cox	Prue and Ken Wedgwood
Readers	Kerin Cox Jennifer Collier Anne Ranse	Reg Holmes Phyl Holmes Kate King
Intercessor	Merrie Hepworth	Joan Williams
Organist	Kath Arthur	Pam Lane
Word & Prayer	Steve Daniels	Jon Sheehan
Deacon	Anne Ranse	
Cup	Anne Ranse, Steve Daniels	Phyl Holmes, Rob Maron Doreen Matters, George Gerrity Extra Bread Revd Connie Gerrity
Morning Tea	Ann Menzies and Carol Sherman	Alison Campbell and Michael Allen
Children's Church		Katherine, Catherine, Richard and Mel. M/T Laurie Ferguson