



# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

**20 MARCH 2016**

## PALM SUNDAY



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 : Revd Rob Miners

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



*Please join us for morning tea after the Services*

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>20.3.16</b>	3.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	Lenten Studies
<b>Monday</b> <b>21.3.16</b>	9.30 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre	Crafty Crew Covenant Care Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>22.3.16</b>	12.30 pm 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>23.3.16</b>	12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Holy Communion
<b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>24.3.16</b>	9.30 am 6.00 pm	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Scrabble Foot washing, Holy Communion and stripping of the Altar
<b>Good Friday</b> <b>25.3.16</b>	8.00 am 10.00 am	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Morning Prayer Good Friday Service
<b>Easter Saturday</b> <b>25.3.16</b>	4.00 pm	Worship Centre	Children's Easter Service

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

## WEEK BEGINNING 27 March 2016

<b>Monday</b> <b>28.3.16</b>		PUBLIC HOLIDAY	
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>29.3.16</b>	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>30.3.16</b>	12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation
<b>Thursday</b> <b>31.3.16</b>	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre R.C. (red room)	Scrabble EFM
<b>Friday</b> <b>01.4.16</b>	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

### PALM SUNDAY. PASSION SUNDAY.

I will never forget the feelings I had as I stood on the Mount of Olives and looked at the city of Jerusalem in front of me, the huge golden dome of the temple glowing in the heat of the day surrounded by the ancient buildings and walls of the old city. By my side was David the donkey and his owner, like something that had stepped out of the pages of a biblical picture book and before me was the steep winding walk down to the city which passed every station of the cross as I walked offering space for reflection, experience and prayer. In my mind's eye I relived the story, the events, the agony and the struggle of Jesus as he headed towards what he knew was his death and I could hear the shouts of the people, men, women and children as they waved their palm branches and shouted hosanna to their King. The magnitude of what Jesus has done for us hit home in a sombre and humble wave of gratitude and blessings. Holy week has taken on a different deeper dimension since my two trips to Israel.

My friends, today we begin our journey with the Lord up to Jerusalem. We begin our Holy Week, the week when we will walk with the Lord in his passion. We need to be part of this journey, this week in order to celebrate the Easter risen Christ, to feel its impact. We need to weep and lament with Jesus on Thursday in the Garden of Gethsemane. We need to be with him on Good Friday to deeply experience the cross, the sacrifice and the rewarding but hard liturgy and sing the words 'were you there when they crucified my Lord?.....sometimes it causes me to tremble' and you need to be in the Easter vigil to sing for the first time in 40 days the Easter Alleluia and if you are not here on Easter Sunday to shout as loud and strong as you can a passionate, heart felt 'He is risen. Indeed, he is truly risen!' then we will shout it for you.

Blessings  
Archdeacon Anne

**I Can't wait to tell you**..... How wonderful you are. We now have lots of people offering to take clients on our outings and for you to enjoy the outings as well.

**THANK YOU** so much to all who have volunteered, you are making a huge difference in the lives of those isolated at home and those clients are very excited at what we have planned for their outings. Cathy will be in touch with you to make the arrangements

**Blessings, Archdeacon Anne HCN coordinator.**

People say that walking on water is a miracle, but to me, walking peacefully on the earth is the real miracle.

*How will we walk this Holy Week?*

— Thich Nhat Hanh



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## My Vote for Housing

As some of you will already know, Stuart's father died last week after suffering a fall the previous week. Stuart is currently in Newcastle with his family. I am sure you will all join with me in offering him our sincere condolences.

We have been seeing an increase in the number of young people (under 25) seeking our help recently. Sometimes it is a concerned relative who rings us on behalf of the young person. Often they are couch surfing or living on the streets because they cannot live at home for a variety of reasons. As many of you know, there is an acute shortage of accommodation in Canberra for people who are homeless or on low incomes. It is much worse if you are a young person as well with crisis accommodation very limited and few longer term options.

We are very lucky to have our wonderful Youth Worker, Zack on staff. I refer our queries about young people to him and he follows up with each one. Sometimes he seemingly performs miracles in finding accommodation for them.

Nevertheless, homelessness across all age groups is a really important issue in Canberra especially with winter approaching. For each person that St John's Care can help to find accommodation (and that is very few since we need to use First Point which rarely has anything available), there are many more that we cannot help. Canberra has the second highest rate of homelessness in Australia with reports indicating that one in every 200 Canberrans is homeless. Another report also indicated that some 20,000 households are suffering some form of rental stress where they must spend in excess of 30 percent of their income just to keep a roof over their heads. Often it only takes one significant setback such as losing a job, illness or escaping domestic violence and they too can find themselves homeless.

You may have read about the My Vote for Housing campaign which was launched on Monday to coincide with Canberra Day and is being run by ACOSS and ACT Shelter. It is aiming to put the lack of affordable housing for homeless and low income people in Canberra on the political agenda as a priority for action in the lead up to the ACT election in October.

Can I encourage you to see homelessness for both young and older Canberrans as a priority issue for this year. The My Vote for Housing campaign has four short videos which highlight aspects of this issue that often remains hidden to most of us. You may also want to indicate to our politicians that you see this as an area of critical need, whoever forms government after October.

**Wish list: tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, large tins of tuna.**

**Rhonda Thorpe, Operations Manager**



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

# PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

## IN THE WORLD

- ◆ On this World Vision Syrian Sunday, we pray for the 13.5 million Syrians who have fled their homes because of the conflict.
- ◆ Pray for children affected by conflict, that they might be able to resume their studies in peace and safety. .

## IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ We give thanks for the Federal Government's initiative in tackling Domestic Violence.

## WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ◆ We pray for the churches in Kenya and Upper Nile, Sudan.
- ◆ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people in the Diocese of Wangaratta and Willochra.

## IN OUR DIOCESE

- ◆ We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Cootamundra, Temora and Junee.
- ◆ We pray for Vocational Deacons in their specialised ministries.

## MISSION

- ◆ We pray AngliCORD, seeking to respond to Jesus' gospel of love through works of compassion and justice throughout the world.

## IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY.

- We pray for those who will worship with us during Holy Week, as we reflect, pray, fast, repent and meditate on the agony and suffering of Christ on the cross.
- ◆ We pray for our Ministry Team and all those who worship here.
- ◆ 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: Shirley Campbell; Melanie Cantwell, Diane Mutch and Ella and Lily; Constance Chen and Tim Shao; John and Marg Christensen; and Lesley Chumak and Christopher Olsson.
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Glenys Wimmer, Dawn Hardman, Tanya Boulton, Marjorie Pratt and those known to us personally.

HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE	
REQUESTS	FOR PRAYER
Phone Merri Ba-	con on 6251 1110 or
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### Holy Week



### SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK AND EASTER

**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



### Film and Theology: 'Spear' @ the National Film and Sound Archive

I am currently undertaking a PhD in Australian film and theology. A few weeks ago I came across the magnificent film 'Spear' and wanted to share it with you. 'Spear' tells a powerful story from our wide and diverse land.

**What:** Bangarra's Stephen Page makes his feature film directorial debut with this vibrant dance film, depicting the journey of young Aboriginal man Djali (Hunter Page-Lochard) as he comes to understand what it means to be a man. Co-starring Aaron Pedersen and dancers from Bangarra Dance Theatre. Rated M, 84 minutes.

**Where:** the ARC theatre at the National Film and Sound Archive, 1 McCoy Circuit, Acton.

**When:** I'm going with a group at **4pm today (Sunday 20th March)**. You are welcome to join. If you can't make it today it is also running Sunday 20th 6pm, Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd at 12pm, 2pm, 4pm and 6pm.

**Tickets:** [www.nfsa.gov.au/what-son](http://www.nfsa.gov.au/what-son) or at the door. \$12/\$14

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### WORLD VISION SYRIA SUNDAY

**“Jesus was born into poverty; into oppression; into the margins. And soon after his birth, his family was threatened by violence and he became a refugee. We believe Jesus is calling his Church to rise up on behalf of the millions of child refugees fleeing violence in Syria.”**

**-Tim Costello**

***Today Holy Covenant joins with churches all over the globe in praying for, remembering and supporting the people of Syria.*** Conflict has devastated Syria. More than 250,000 people have been killed, including 12,000 children. About 1.5 million more have been wounded or permanently disabled. Neighbourhoods are levelled, entire towns uninhabitable. Refugees are literally running for their lives to neighbouring countries – particularly Lebanon, Turkey and Jordan – putting a strain on nations that already face high poverty and unemployment and struggle with limited resources like water. At the same time, funds to assist refugees in these host countries are critically low. This lack of assistance is increasingly pushing people to flee to Europe.

World Vision has helped more than three million people in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey, Iraq and Serbia. In Lebanon and Jordan, this includes distributing personal and household supplies and providing clean water and hygienic toilets. Programs for children include remedial and supplemental education so they can return to school, as well as safe places where they can play and recover from emotional scars.

**There is a retiring offering at the back of the church or donate at [www.worldvision.com.au/syria](http://www.worldvision.com.au/syria)**

**REFUGEE ACTION GROUP**  
**Remember: Rally for Refugees,**  
**1pm today, Garema Place. Holy**  
**Covenant people will meet at the**  
**merry-go-round.**



In God's tomorrow...

. . . all women will laugh with joy. No more will they experience oppression, no more will they be rendered invisible. In God's tomorrow, we will all live together in peace. In God's tomorrow, women's stories, women's wisdom will be equally vital for life.

Reflections for Lent  
TEARAUSTRALIA

### PARISH CONSULTATION (RE APPOINTMENT OF NEW RECTOR)

Archdeacon Dr Erica Mathieson conducted our parish consultation on Tuesday night, 15 March. Forty-four people attended, with seven apologies. As some people may not have been able to attend in the evening, the Clergy Appointment Board (CAB) - Bob Arthur, George Gerrity and Beth Heyde - will be offering to chat, with anyone who wished to come but couldn't, after services at some stage over the next few weeks.

Each person at the consultation 'voted' on about a dozen significant topics that Archdeacon Erica had extracted from the draft parish profile:

- \*once in relation to importance to the parish, and
- \*once more in relation to what we are seeking in our new Rector.

Topics were (in no significant order):

- Preaching and teaching, theologically enriched
- Pastoral care
- Working as a team
- Open to fresh ideas and inclusive
- Youth and children
- Community engagement/Creative worship
- Current programs - incl. rainbow groups, holistic care, meditation, Deep Dive, Breathing Space
- Enabling everyone's gifts
- Administration
- Building mutual support and trust
- Visionary leadership
- Anglican character

The relative weights of 'votes' will be calculated by Archdeacon Mathieson, and comments made during discussion will be reflected by the CAB members as appropriate in the updated parish profile. The next step will be to use the outcomes of the Consultation and the updated profile for a meeting of the Clergy Appointment Board with Archdeacon Mathieson, probably just after mid April, in preparation for identifying people with potential to become our next Rector.

**Meanwhile, please give any names you would like considered to one of the CAB members, as soon as possible.**

### **DRAMATISED READING FOR 10am GOOD FRIDAY**

**We need 8 more readers for the above reading!  
There is a sign-up sheet on the Roster Board or  
contact Revd Connie Gerrity: [connie@gerrity.id.au](mailto:connie@gerrity.id.au)  
0429 400 912**

## IN THE PARISH

### FROM THIS MONTH'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.



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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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](http://www.entbook.com.au/247m23)

Please chat with Hilary, check last  
years book at back of church or call  
6251 8166 for more details.

## AND . . .

- **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.
- **THANK YOU** to those who helped at the working bee yesterday.  
**Next one is 16 April.**



## 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 TODAY.**



**DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAMETAG!**

**Need one? Put your name on the list on the desk up the back.**

## 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](mailto:office@holycovenant.org.au).**



## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today: **Hannah James; Monday Hugo Walker;**  
Thursday **Andrew Feitz; Friday: Libby Warren, Rhonda Thorpe**

*If you want your name in the Birthday Book, tell Phyl :  
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## DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 27 March 2016

### Easter Day

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



**SENTENCE:**

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Philippians 2:10-11**

**PRAYER**

Delivering God,  
we enter into the story, awaiting your coming  
in a most surprising way – unrehearsed,  
without ceremony, on an unriden donkey.  
Receive each prayer  
which we have offered, O Christ,  
and touch our lives as you pass by. **Amen.**



**READINGS:**

Luke 19:28-40  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-18  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 23: 1-49



**8 am HYMNS**

333  
523  
339  
341

	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Elizabeth Grant and Hilary Harris	Helen and Harris Boulton
<b>Readers</b>	Rosemary Kennemore Des Pain Tony Willis Katherine Rainger Anne Ranse	Andrew Hill Bruce Barnes Frances Mackay Harris Boulton Reg Holmes
<b>Intercessor</b>	Bob Arthur	Anne Dudzinski
<b>Organist</b>	Mandy Squair	Ruth Dunnicliff-Hagan
<b>Word &amp; Prayer</b>	Paul Shelley	Tobias Nevile
<b>Deacon</b>	Anne Ranse	
<b>Cup</b>	Paul Shelley Anne Ranse	Tobias Nevile, Katherine Rainger, James Ellis, Phyl Holmes Extra Bread Revd Anne Dudzinski
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Pam Lane and Beth Heyde	Theresa Jokisch, Judith Ann Daniells
<b>Children's Church</b>		Revd Katherine, Karen, Rika M/T Jo James