

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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



3 April 2016

**Second Sunday
of Easter**



We welcome you to our worship and fellowship today, and 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: Revd Connie Gerrity
Preacher: Revd Rob Miners
- 10.00 am** **HOLY COMMUNION**
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Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 4.4.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 5.4.16	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Belonging and Caring Meeting
Wednesday 6.4.16	12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation
Thursday 7.4.16	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Friday 8.4.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup

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

WEEK BEGINNING 10 April 2016

Monday 11.4.16	10.00 am 10.340 am 1.30 pm	Worship Centre Kangara Waters Ret. Vill. Calvary Ret. Village	Covenant Care Worship Service Worship Centre
Tuesday 12.4.16	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Communication Team meeting
Wednesday 13.4.16	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 14.4.16	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre R.C. (red room)	Scrabble EFM
Saturday 16.4.16	9.00 am	Worship Centre and grounds	Working Bee



CATERPILLAR-COCOON-
BUTTERFLY-
CAN ONE NOT BELIEVE
IN MIRACLES?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

John 20: 19-31

This week's gospel reading is a wonderful mixture of intrigue and revelation. Jesus greets his scared and disloyal friends not with retribution but with love and peace. In a beautiful display of the bodily senses Jesus breaths on his disciples and offers Thomas his scarred hands and pierced side. For Thomas, one way of knowing – being told by the other disciples - was not enough. He wanted his own sensory experience and thought to converge. Oliver O'Donovan calls this integrated intelligence. "Thought alone, undirected by the senses, cannot win us the knowledge of the presence of God." We are often left as Thomas was with questions of reality and the resurrection of Jesus. In a world that demands evidence for claims (and rightly so) sometimes a different way of knowing is required. O'Donovan writes, "If we try to run away from the question, it will chase us...But however we pursue the question, we shall find that the risen Jesus does indeed offer us, as it were, his hands and his side to touch. The evidences of his resurrection are stamped upon the world that we are familiar with, greeting us at every turn."

As I thought about Thomas and the disciples I remembered a film called *Agnus Dei* which tells the true story of group of nuns in a war-ravaged Polish convent. The nuns have been brutally attacked on a number of occasions by soldiers at the end of WW2. Their physical and spiritual suffering is immense and the fear of another attack is ever present. The existential crisis of faith heightens as babies begin to be born in the convent. The Mother Superior decides on a course of action but she is subverted by a novice who leaves the enclosed convent in search of help for her sisters. Help comes in the form of Mathilde, a French doctor who is working for the Red Cross. She is initially reluctant to get involved but her instinct to care for the vulnerable women overrides her objections and she takes considerable risks to be present at each of the births. Whilst the Mother Superior sees her as a necessary evil due to the extreme circumstances the other nuns see her as a gift from God. Mathilde, the atheist is drawn to the prayer and contemplation which the nuns maintain even as it appears that God has abandoned them. Sister Maria, in many ways the wisest and most stable figure in the convent, and Mathilde develop a friendship of necessity which leads to genuine respect and affection. At one point Sister Maria says to Mathilde, "faith is twenty four hours of doubt and one minute of hope."

For Thomas, the sisters, Mathilde and for us true faith cannot bypass the world's realities, but it can name a God who has entered this world, has owned it, has suffered it, and has reconciled it to himself. In our stories, in our worship of word and sacrament and in our human community which dares to imagine a peaceful and just way of being we glimpse his risen life "greeting us at every turn."

- Katherine Rainger



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Volunteers Needed

Volunteering at St John's Care provides a wonderful opportunity for people to give of their time and talents to help those less fortunate in our local community. As I have said on a number of occasions, in my opinion, it is at the cutting edge of what it is to be Church. Volunteering at St John's Care is a very practical expression of our faith and I continue to be amazed by the contribution our volunteers make on a very regular basis.

I know that I am a bit early, but Australia will celebrate National Volunteer Week from 9th – 15th May with the theme "Give Happy Live Happy" reflecting the research that shows volunteers live happier and healthier lives. We currently have some vacancies for people to become involved in both our Breakfast Club and our Emergency Relief Centre.

The Breakfast Club runs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during term time at Ainslie Public School from 8am – 9.20am and we are looking for people who can volunteer on 2 – 3 mornings per term. The work involves preparing and serving cereal, toast and milo to up to 40 students each morning and cleaning up afterwards.

We are also looking for a few extra reserves for our Emergency Relief Centre. Each weekday we have a regular roster of about 4 volunteers who assist clients with emergency relief. Whilst we don't currently need regular volunteers, we could do with some casuals who would be available from time to time to fill in for our regulars when they are unable to attend. For further information on volunteering opportunities, please contact Rhonda on 6248 7771 (Tuesdays to Thursdays) or email programs@stjohnscare.org.au

For those of you who can't get enough of the Director's Pew Sheets, I am pleased to advise that we have just posted a collection of Sue Jordan's Pew Sheets on our website. They are a collection of some 40 stories written by Sue over a period of 8 years and have been edited and published by Justine McNamara and called "Dignity and Respect – Stories from St John's Care".

Finally, I note that we have advertised to employ a 2nd youth outreach worker for the Youth Care Canberra program. Applications close 15th April and if you know anyone that would be interested in the position, please encourage them to contact me.

Wish list: Noodles, small tins of fruit, peanut butter, kid's school snacks

Stuart Davis-Meehan
Director



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ♦ We pray for the spread of education for girls throughout the world, and an end to the oppression of women and girls that keeps them in ignorance and submission. Pray for all who strive to change age-old social structures and so release the gifts with which we are all endowed for the greater good.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ♦ As we approach winter we pray for the homeless people looking for somewhere warm to lay their head. We give thanks for the many organisations who are providing Safe Shelter.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ♦ We pray for the churches in India and Uganda.
- ♦ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people in the Dioceses of Adelaide and Armidale.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ♦ We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of St. Saviour's Cathedral Goulburn, North Goulburn and Wagga Wagga.
- ♦ We pray for the Chaplains at Goulburn Gaol and Goulburn Mental Health Service.

MISSION

- ♦ We pray for the work of the Bush Church Aid Society in the Pilbara in Western Australia.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ♦ We pray for our members helping at the Service at Calvary Hospital today.
- ♦ We pray for the members of the parish who will be travelling overseas shortly, for safe travel and safe return.
- ♦ We continue to pray for our Clergy Appointment Board as they work to find us a new Rector.
- ♦ We pray for the following members of our parish family: Brian and Kerin Cox; Judith Ann Daniells; Lou Daniels; Steve Daniels; Audrey Dargan and John and Gail Dau.
- ♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Glenys Wimmer, Dawn Hardman, Marjorie Pratt and those known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Monday: The Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE
REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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



**Hear our Prayer,
O God.†**

IN THE PARISH

PARISH COUNCILLOR PROFILE

This week Tobias Nevile is sharing his thoughts with us in our series on getting to know our councillors. We asked him the following questions:

What nourishes you?

I find great nourishment in prayer, going for walks in nature and listening to, or making music.

What are your passions?

I am passionate about history, philosophy, and reading. I am also very passionate for social justice and working with young people.

What do you see as your role on parish council?

I see my role on parish council as being a voice for young people and the youth on the council, and to provide a different perspective on the decisions and problems the council looks into.



WATCH THIS SPACE

- # First Aid Course run by St. John Ambulance
- # Women's Afternoon Tea
- # Safe Ministries Courses

CLAIM THE DATE!

September 16 - 18 2016
Parish Retreat

at Galong Retreat Centre led by
a very experienced Spiritual
Director Alice-Anne MacNaught.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

All emails with information for inclusion in the Weekly Bulletin go to:

weeklybulletin@holycovenant.org.au

If you would like to be on the email list send your email details to the above address. It will arrive in your Inbox on Friday—a good opportunity to see if you are rostered for any duties!

IN THE PARISH

REGULAR GIVING

At Holy Covenant we encourage the use of

- direct deposit into the parish's bank account;
- the AIDF direct debit scheme; or
- weekly offering envelopes



as convenient and disciplined ways of setting aside regularly a proportion of our income for God's work both in this parish and elsewhere.

Sets of envelopes for the next twelve months are now available. If you would like to use EFT into the parish account, the account details are in the weekly bulletin. If you would like to use the direct debit scheme through the *Anglican Investment & Development Fund*, please ask for a form. Any enquiries to Bob Arthur 6251 2383; rbarthur@gmail.com or Paul Shelley 6251 1568; epshms@grapevine.com.au.



Entertainment Books are available now and you can call Hilary on (6251 8166) from 4 April or wait till next Sunday to collect books and bonus vouchers.

This is a good fund-raiser for the parish as \$12 from every \$60 goes to the parish. If you've never bought one before there is a sample copy up the back and they make great gifts as there are vouchers for all sorts amazing items, like food, travel, movies, car washes, books, picture framing, fast food



Safe Ministry Training

Information about **2016** workshops and refresher training is on the noticeboard.

Holy Covenant will conduct both at the **end of May**. Please check your records as to whether you are due for a refresher course.



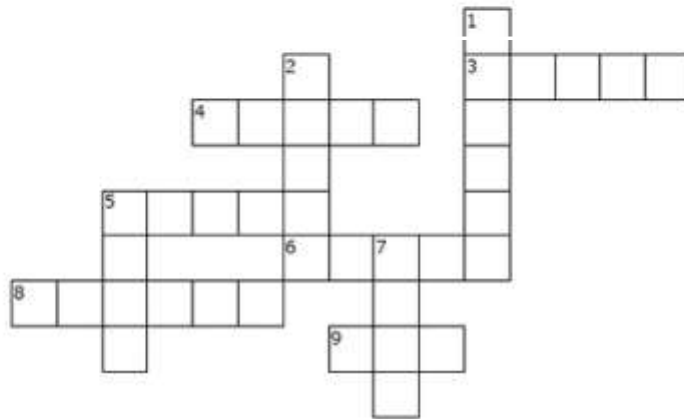
KALEIDOSCOPE — Sunday 10 April 2.00—4.30pm

Kaleidoscope offers primary age children the opportunity to step out of the busy worlds in which they too live, to spend time reflectively, restfully and creatively.

Children's lives are enriched by experiences that nurture their souls, open their hearts and minds to the presence of love and hope, and offer opportunities for creative expression, sharing stories and even some silence.

Please RSVP to Karina at karinajh43@gmail.com

Jesus appears to His disciples ... Thomas said "Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe". (Based on John 20:19-31)



ACROSS

- 3. To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
- 4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
- 5. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
- 6. The body parts at the end of the arms
- 8. Not open
- 9. To break God's law

DOWN

- 1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
- 2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
- 5. An entrance into a building or room
- 7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

Wordsearch

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AND . . .

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAMETAG!

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

Safe Shelter for homeless men seeks volunteers

Safe Shelter, which provides overnight shelter for homeless men during winter, is looking for volunteers to undergo training and to staff the shelters this coming winter.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, have completed the two night training course, hold a Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card, and be willing to spend a minimum of one night per month staffing a shelter between 26 April and 29 September. Training for potential volunteers will start on 29 March. **More details on the noticeboard.**

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- **Holiday Happenings** at Kippax Uniting Church, Thursday 21 April
- **Simply Alive**, weekend retreat, 29 April—1 May. Led by Susanna Pain
- **Suicide Prevention Workshop** 25 May. Wesley Lifeforce.

Book of Timothy



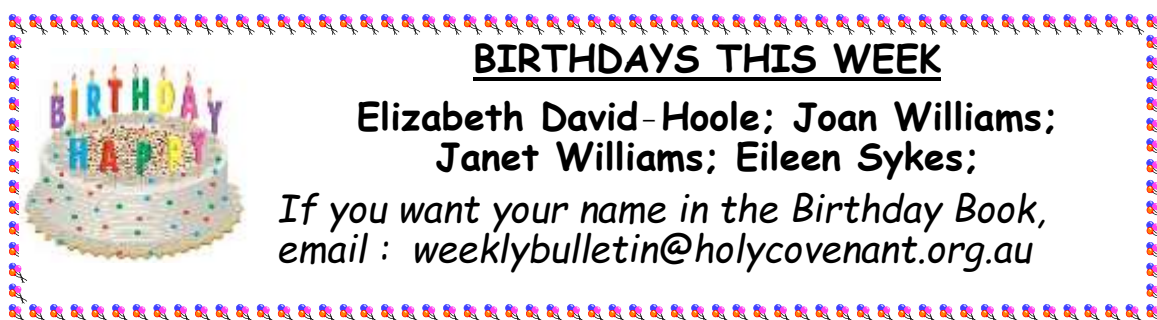
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Name: Holy Covenant Anglican Church

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**Elizabeth David-Hoole; Joan Williams;
Janet Williams; Eileen Sykes;**

*If you want your name in the Birthday Book,
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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 10 April 2016

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



SENTENCE: Jesus said to Thomas: 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'
John 20:27

READINGS:

Acts 5: 27-32
 Psalm 118: 14-29
 Revelation 1: 4-8
 John 20: 19-31



8 am HYMNS

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PRAYER

Living God,
 for whom no door is closed,
 no heart is locked:
 draw us beyond our doubts,
 till we see your Christ
 and touch his wounds
 where they bleed in others.
 This we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
 Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



	8.00am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Elizabeth Grant and Sandra Ross	Phyl and Reg Holmes
Readers	Sandra Ross Des Pain Katherine Rainger	Dorothy Hurst Phyl Holmes Neville Hurst
Intercessor	Paul Shelley	Anne Dudzinski
Organist	Heather Shelley	Pam Lane
Word & Prayer	Rhonda Thorpe	James Ellis
Deacon	Katherine Rainger	
Cup	Rhonda Thorpe Katherine Rainger	James Ellis, Katherine Rainger, Rob Maron, Neville Hurst Extra bread: Revd Anne Dudzinski
Morning Tea	Jenny Hall, Jen Collier, Megan Mackay	Michael Allen and Alison Campbell
Children's Church		Revd Katherine M.Tea: Jayne Murray