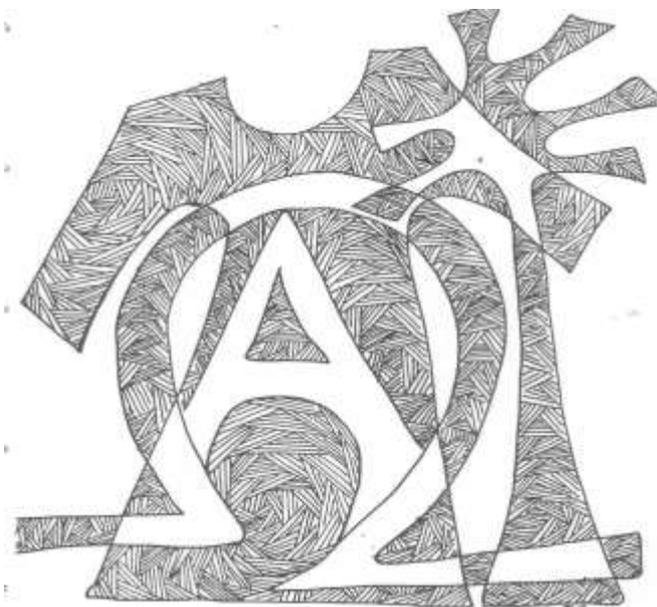


HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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



24 April 2016

**Fifth 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 Rob Miners

Preacher: Revd Connie Gerrity

10.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and Youth Group

Celebrant: Revd Rob Miners

Preacher: Revd Connie Gerrity



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 25.4.16			Public holiday
Tuesday 26.4.16	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch
Wednesday 27.4.16	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 28.4.16	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Friday 29.4.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup

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

WEEK BEGINNING 1 May 2016

Sunday 1.5.16	11.45 am 3.30 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Deep Dive - New Wineskins for a Vintage Gospel Rainbow Fellowship
Monday 2.5.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 3.5.16	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch
Wednesday 4.5.16	12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation
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Friday 6.5.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup

A stylized, hand-drawn graphic of the word 'Welcome' in a bubbly, outlined font. The letters are white with black outlines and are set against a background of horizontal lines.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Love one another and you will be happy. It's as simple and as difficult as that.

Michael Leunig

Our world is full of contradictions, ambiguities, paradox and unresolved tensions. Joy, delight, wonder, suffering and sadness make up our lived experience. The diverse library of Scriptures which we read from each Sunday captures much of this as the authors express a huge range of emotions and experiences which they relate to their understanding of God. This week is no exception. Psalm 148 is worth sitting with for a moment, perhaps in the spirit of “dadarri” which I mentioned last week. Deep listening and quiet still awareness are the essence of the dadirri – a way of listening which Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann describes as “the gift that Australia is searching for.” Psalm 148 is a hymn of praise which is far-reaching. Angels and heavenly host praise the LORD and so do the sea creatures, the fruit trees, the wild animals and all cattle, the small creatures, rulers of the earth and all people. The sacred is all around us, infusing everything if we have eyes to see and ears to hear. Ponder for a moment what you would include in a Psalm of all-encompassing praise.

The vision in the reading from Revelation (21:1-16) is a grand one. Complete restoration is promised and powerful imagery is used to describe the relationship between God and God's people, “Now the dwelling of God is with people, and he will live with them...He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away...To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.” The book of Revelation requires reading within its own historic literary genre (rather like Jane Austen and Ken Follett each require reading in a different way!) in order to come to terms with the heavenly vision and the view of reality presented. For me its gift is in the viewpoint of ultimate liberation for those who are oppressed and long for a new order of things.

The reading from Acts (11:18) contains a heavenly vision with a very earthly application. Peter's vision is a call from God to no longer classify people as clean or unclean or insiders and outsiders. God has brought both Jew and Gentile into “repentance unto life”. As we reflect on the eve of Anzac Day this vision is ever more relevant. How I long for a world where human diversity is celebrated and honoured and yet our common humanity triumphs over disputes between who is an insider and who is an outsider. Jesus vision in John (13:31-35) is a good place to start, “Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another”. It is as simple and difficult as that.

Katherine Rainger





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Serendipity

Last week I was at the front door of the Centre one morning and I noticed someone unloading a car full of bags, which I later found out were clothes and bedding, nicely folded, that this person wanted to donate to St John's Care.

I opened the door to welcome her and as she walked towards me she introduced herself as a "hoarder" and that she wanted to donate some things to us.

Having had some experience with hoarding in my previous job, I was aware just how difficult it must have been for her to get to this point, of actually giving things away.

As it happened, Woden Community Services were about to hold their first "Buried in Treasures" workshop in Wild Honey next door. Buried in Treasures is a 20-week self-help program for hoarders. I spoke to Sophie, the organiser and asked if it would be OK to tell this person about the program and introduce her. She said Yes.

The person moved her car and came back and started chatting with Sophie. At this point I returned to my office. Later in the morning I had to walk back past Wild Honey and to my great excitement, I looked in and saw that the person was sitting with the group.

I know that for many hoarders, acknowledging that there is a problem is often the first and most significant barrier to getting help. I know nothing else about this person, not even her name, but given that she acknowledged being a hoarder, that she had actually been able to collect some items together and give them away and that she was now sitting with other hoarders in a safe workshop environment, it gives me great cause for hope.

How serendipitous that she arrived just when the workshop was about to start!

For those that might be interested, the 2016 National Hoarding and Squalor Conference, organised by Catholic Community Services NSW/ACT is being held at Rydges World Square in Sydney on 29 and 30 June.

Wish list: pasta sauce, toothbrushes, vegemite, sanitary items, baby wipes



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

All Donations to St John's Care are Tax Deductible

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ◆ We continue to pray for the people of Japan and Ecuador who were affected by the severe earthquakes. We pray for the families and friends of those who died, were injured or became homeless. We also pray for the rescue parties and other support persons who help bring hope to those who need it.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks for Anzac Day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ◆ We pray for the church in Kwara, Nigeria and Papua new Guinea.
- ◆ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the Dioceses of The Northern Territory and Wangaratta.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ◆ We pray for the parishes of Tumut, Adelong, Batlow, Tumbarumba and Cooma and The Snowy Mountains.
- ◆ We pray for the Chaplain and residents of the Mannus Correctional Centre.

MISSION

- ◆ We pray for the work of Anglican Board of Mission who stand in solidarity with the poor, challenge violence, injustice and oppression and witness to Christ's saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ We pray for staff and students returning to school this week.
- ◆ We pray for Children's Church, Youth Group and other parish groups resuming this week.
- ◆ 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: Wendy, Bec and Jono Elkhuisen, James, Danni and Amelia Ellis, Pat Ewing, Andrew Feitz and Jodie Petros and Oliver and Tobias, Karen Ferguson, Cameron, Jamie and Eamon Fraser and Laurie Hall.
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Glenys Wimmer, Dawn Hardman, Marjorie Pratt and those known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

- ◆ Today: **Gladys Williamson** (died 1994)
- ◆ Today: **Linda Sharpe** (died 2003)
- ◆ Monday: **Norma Alexander** (died 2001)
- ◆ Monday: **Lesley Hadzontonis** (died 2009)
- ◆ Monday: **Mark, Evangelist and Martyrs**

HOLY COVENANT PRAYER
VINE

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Phone Merri Bacon on 62511110
or email

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PARISH COUNCILLOR PROFILE

This week we interviewed Beth Heyde, our Council Madam Chair. We asked her the following questions:

What nourishes you?

Hearing really good and challenging sermons, and sharing in the genuine prayerfulness, friendships and work of Holy Covenant

What are your passions?

Caring for the environment and speaking up for its good stewardship; family, music, reading and gardens (my own and the Australian National Botanic Gardens!).

What do you see as your role on parish council?

I hope our meetings can be times of true service and ministry, as we deal with parish business clearly, supportively and promptly..



Parish Council News...

- Reports were received from Parish Groups - these, including the Youth Group under its new leadership, are functioning well
- An individual member of Parish Council will in future attend meetings of each of the Parish Groups that report to Council, to provide direct links between those groups and the Council
- Members of PC will give particular attention to welcoming newcomers at services, both generally and on a rostered basis
- Offerings are below budget, but so are expenditures during the present period without a long term Rector
- The list of persons holding Working With Vulnerable People cards is being updated to ensure status is current . Similarly for those persons requiring Safe Ministry training or to complete a refresher course (next training is 28/29 May at Holy Covenant)
- We are still seeking a Pastoral Care Coordinator (Nic Platt is acting in the role)
- Office arrangements are being explored to accommodate youth workers, other users, storage of equipment etc, and coordination of an asset register is to take place
- Experience was shared on offering shelter to the homeless, but this is not currently on the agenda of the parish
- A report from the Communications Committee was discussed; steps will be taken to update the hard copy parish roll that is available to members of the parish, and to ensure that people know where to make contact for support or a pastoral visit.
- **Traffic calming is being investigated for the (shared-use) car park**

IN THE PARISH

BREATHING SPACE EVENTS COMING UP:

May 1 at 11.45 in the Worship Centre—Deep Dive with Rev Tracey Matthews

Come and join us for the first Deep Dive seminar for 2016 when Rev Tracey Matthews will present on the topic: 'New Wineskins for a Vintage Gospel'. This presentation will explore how the Church here and overseas is responding to the growing secularisation in Western societies that is reflected in dwindling church attendance – what has sometimes been called 'The Great Religious Recession'. Tracey is completing her curacy at St Simon's Anglican Church in Kaleen, having been ordained as a deacon earlier this year. With postgraduate qualifications in Management and Theology, she is particularly interested in spiritual formation and discipleship for the contemporary context. **Signup sheets on the wall!**

Wednesday 11 May - Meditation series postponed until later in the year

Sunday 12 June - Deep Dive - Revd Richard Browning

Story Beings and the reimagining of humanity

Breathing Space programmes are available from the leaflet rack on the back wall.

Prayer for choosing an incumbent

Bountiful God,
give to this parish a faithful pastor
who will faithfully speak your word
and minister your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry
and enable us to fulfil our calling.
Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience,
and to us give warm and generous hearts,
for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**



(A Prayer Book for Australia page 212, No. 36)

*Women's
Afternoon Tea at Tilleys* **3 pm, Saturday 7 May**
Tilley's Cafe
Corner Brigalow & Wattle St Lyneham



Seems like a while since we've got together for one of these informal and fun catch-ups. It's very casual - just come for a little or a longer while, whatever suits you. If you could let Justine or Prue know if you are coming, that would help us to book the right size table - there's a sign-up sheet in the worship centre, or just contact one of us:

Justine McNamara 0427 863 155 or justine_mcnamara@hotmail.com

IN THE PARISH

ST JOHN'S CARE COLLECTION AT JAMISON, 21 May

- St John's Care are running low on their supplies. We are having our mid-year collection at Jamison Plaza on Saturday 21 May. We will again have a cake stall for Holy Covenant. This event provides a major contribution of food and groceries to St John's Care. It also raises valuable funds and community awareness for us.
- **Volunteers are needed** to provide shoppers with a list of products as they enter Coles and Aldi, and to stock and operate our stall. If you can help with any of these activities, please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the notice board. Assistance is also needed to take groceries back to the church several times during the morning – speak to Harris about this.
- Any enquiries, contact **Harris Boulton (6251 2078 or hhboulton@gmail.com)**



Safe Ministry Training

Information about **2016** workshops and refresher training is on the noticeboard. If it is more than 4 years since attending either refresher or workshop, you are required to attend the workshop.

Holy Covenant will conduct both at the **end of May**. Please check your records as to whether you are due for a refresher course (within 3 years since previous training).

Check with your ministry coordinator or Libby in the office or Celia/Alison in the diocesan office if you have any questions.

Registration needs to be made through the diocesan office or your coordinator. Visit <http://www.anglicancg.org.au/pages/safe-communities.html>

Welcome Wheels

Drivers are needed at different times to bring people to and from church.

It is only local running and is not onerous.

Please lodge Expressions of Interest to **Nicholas Platt**

our Pastoral Care Coordinator on **0428 179 169**

or to Libby in the office.



Working With Vulnerable People for the parish?

Please check that your WWVP card is still current. Many will expire in the next few months. **Access Canberra** will start issuing a series of renewal reminders through the post in the lead-up to the expiry of your registration. You may be able to renew online .

Does the office/ministry coordinator have a copy of your card regarding your work within the parish?

IN THE PARISH

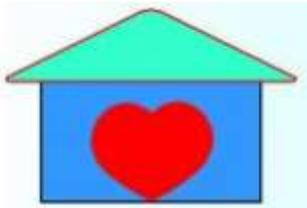
I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL YOU ...

.... how much I want to thank you for your support of the Epilepsy Society in our awareness campaign two weeks ago. We raised just short of \$200 for this very worthy cause and supported some in the congregation who found the information helpful. Thank you so much.

Archdeacon Anne
Holistic Care Nursing Coordinator.



Safe Shelter volunteering information



Richard Griffiths, Safe Shelter Coordinator, will speak during notices at the end of the **10am Service on 1 May**. He will speak briefly about what the Shelter offers for homeless men sleeping rough in Canberra, how to volunteer and what that involves.

For further information you can contact Naomi Cole on 040 8833 839 or at Naomi.cole@hotmail.com

Holy Covenant Limerick Competition

Richard Scutter (8am parishioner) is conducting a limerick competition. There are 2 sections:

- * Open
- * Under 15 years

\$2 entry fee (tin in Office).

Any topic acceptable but it must be your own work.

Entries to richardscutter@bigpond.com

Entries close 31 May

Awards & Prizes in June

Here is an example:

*you may think it a little sinister
to have a church without a minister
but never fear
God's ever near
to help us all add minister*

Have some fun activating those brain cells.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Today: Simon de Vere

Wednesday: Judith Ann Daniells

Thursday: Michael Troy, James Ellis

If you want your name in the Birthday Book, email : weeklybulletin@holycovenant.org.au

The Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding a **Mother's Day Cake and Craft Stall** in the foyer of the Hospital on Thursday and Friday 28th and 29th April. Please come along and buy your mother a unique gift and support the work of this organisation in providing items that contribute to patient care such as a gift for all women in hospital on Mother's Day. This year the Auxiliary is raising money for a Family Recreation Area in the Hospital grounds. For further information please contact Mary Cruickshank



ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- **Anglican Historic Society** newsletter and Journal (March/April 2016)
- **ANZAC Eve Peace Vigil** on Mt Ainslie from 5.30pm 24 April.
- **Book launch** at ACCC **Kaleidoscope of Pieces** Thursday 28 April.
- **Simply Alive**, weekend retreat, 29 April-1 May. Led by Susanna Pain
- **Praying with the Earth**, a quiet day Sat, 7 May led by Susanna Pain
- **Suicide Prevention Workshop** 25 May. Wesley Lifeforce.

ANZAC Eve Peace Vigil (see noticeboard)

At 5.30pm - meet on top of Mt Ainslie and each get a handmade lantern
Walking into darkness – departing 6.15 pm from on top of Mt Ainslie
Voices for Peace – About 7.15 pm Forecourt, Australian War Memorial
 Around 8.15pm the lantern lit procession continues down Anzac Parade towards the Lake to a campfire outside West Block for stories, poetry, singing and conversation all through night
Night Watch - From about 8.30 pm outside West Block, cnr of Anzac Parade and Constitution Avenue, Reid. Remember to BYO mug, rug and chair.

Chasing Asylum

Refugee Action Committee will be supporting a documentary screening (plus Q&A with director) of 'Chasing Asylum' at Palace Electric on Tuesday May 10, 6.30pm

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocgNZRIEyyY>

Website: <http://www.chasingasylum.com.au/screenings>

Tickets can be purchased via Palace Electric:

<http://www.palacecinemas.com.au/events/chasingasylumelectric/>

Synopsis:

Chasing Asylum exposes the real impact of Australia's offshore detention policies and explores how 'The Lucky Country' became a country where leaders choose detention over compassion and governments deprive the desperate of their basic human rights. The film features never before seen footage from inside Australia's offshore detention camps, revealing the personal impact of sending those in search of a safe home to languish in limbo. Chasing Asylum explores the mental, physical and fiscal consequences of Australia's decision to lock away families in unsanitary conditions hidden from media scrutiny, destroying their lives under the pretext of saving them.

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 1 May 2016

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| 8.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant and Preacher: Connie Gerrity |
| 10.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and Youth Group
Celebrant and Preacher: Connie Gerrity |
| 3.30 pm | Rainbow Fellowship |



SENTENCE:

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.
John 4: 16b

READINGS:

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35



8 am HYMNS

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PRAYER

Wonderful Creator, Friend of the earth, you have shown your healing love to the people of every land, and you have filled the long centuries with new songs of happiness.

By the gift of faith, may the invigorating Spirit of the risen Jesus live within us and serve the world through us. Join our songs to all those who have gone before us and let memories of our joy and love inspire those who come after us.

In Christ's name.. **AMEN**



	8.00am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Ann and Peter Bazeos	Prue and Ken Wedgwood
Readers	Mandy Squair Peter Bazeos Katherine Rainger	Doreen Matters Andrew Hill Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Katherine Rainger	Joan Williams
Organist	Mandy Squair	Ruth Dunnicliff-Hagan
Word & Prayer	Steve Daniels	Joh Sheehan
Deacon	Katherine Rainger	Anne Ranse
Cup	Steve Daniels Katherine Rainger	Anne Ranse, Tobias Nevile, James Ellis, Doreen Matters Extra bread: Katherine Rainger
Morning Tea	Mandy Squair and Jennifer Collier	Rika Amos and Ken Wedgwood
Children's Church		Katherine, Anne L M/T: Katherine Rainger