

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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



1 May 2016

**Sixth 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 & Preacher:	Revd Connie Gerrity
10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION, BAPTISM, Children and Youth Groups Celebrant:& Preacher:	Revd Connie Gerrity
11.45 am	Deep Dive	Revd Tracey Matthews
3.30 pm	Rainbow Fellowship	



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 2.5.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 3.5.16	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation and BYO lunch Belonging and Caring meeting
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
Thursday 5.5.16	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Friday 6.5.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 7.5.16	3.00 pm	Tilleys	Women's Afternoon Tea

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

WEEK BEGINNING 8 May 2016

Monday 9.5.16	10.00 am 10.00 am 1.30 pm	Worship Centre Kangara Waters Ret. Vill Calvary Retirement Village	Covenant Care Communion Service Communion Service
Tuesday 10.5.16	12.30 pm. 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre (Red Rm)	Meditation and BYO lunch Communications Team Meeting
Wednesday 11.5.16	12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation
Thursday 12.5.16	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Friday 13.5.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup



SAVE THE DATES

- # Sat 28 May—Safe Ministries Workshop
- # Sun 29 May—Safe Ministries Refresher
- # Sat 11 June—First Aid Course run by St. John Ambulance
- # Sun 19 June—Family Service

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Reflection taken from John 5: 1-9

Jesus heals a man crippled of 38 years. The day when this happened was a Sabbath.

Remember and be re-membered.

(Note, the opposite of remember is not forget but dis-member)

Remember and be re-membered, be put back together, whole. Don't remember and gradually fall apart.

Remember: all that is, the universe in its terrible splendour, is held together in the Logos (Word) of God. This Logos was emptied out into the form of a human, child of Mary, Son of God. The agency of God's creativity is the same in redemption. It is Jesus the Logos.

Remember and be re-membered. In the bread and the wine lifted up we see God's unconditional love for the healing of the whole of all things. "Do this – remember – and be re-membered".

Remember (the Sabbath) and be re-membered. (The 4th Commandment)

God is present to all humanity and the whole of creation through His rest in Sabbath. Sabbath is not just the fulfilment of creation, it is the completion of redemption. The death and resurrection of Jesus is for the whole of creation. The language of resurrection is not for the edification of an individual's private faith but the transformation of all that is. Sing Hallelujah! What point is faith if we are afraid to embrace what Jesus surrendered everything for? When we practice Sabbath rest, we are open to the embrace of the Lord of the Sabbath. We will find a wholeness that turns us towards the world around us. We are not 'blessed' but become a blessing for others. We will be found in gentle solidarity with the world and its needs, not fleeing from it. We will be found in a gracious, joyful, engagement in a life fully lived. Remembering Sabbath is to rest in the grace of God who delights in this world he has made.

Remember and be re-membered. Be renewed and made whole. Not in order to be removed from the fears and realities of the world, but called into the fulfilment of the human vocation: the embrace of the world in which God is pleased to be fully present.

Richard Browning

I strongly recommend the book *Sabbath and the Common Good* by Bp George Browning. It is a compelling read of hopeful, intelligence, biblical Anglican theology. Echo Books is the publisher.



Problem Gambling in the ACT

I was very interested this week to read the findings of a new report from the ANU Centre for Gambling Research into gambling in the ACT that shows that the proportion of people gambling fell around 15% while gambling expenditure in the ACT fell by 19% over the 5 years 2009 – 2014. However, the report found the prevalence of severe problem gambling was similar over the past five years and many of the social and economic harms and problems linked to gambling have not improved.

Until recently I had been working closely with a person who was dealing with a range of family and personal issues. I knew this person for some time before it became evident that he had a severe gambling problem.

Initially, he presented seeking food support and some assistance getting some identification documentation. I worked pretty intensively with him for a couple of weeks on a range of issues as we waited for his next pension payment to arrive. He came in on the Monday after his pension was paid with news that as a result of getting some very bad family news, he had gambled away his entire fortnight's pension. I continued to provide some ongoing support as we once again waited for his next pension payment, when he could get some food with his own money. However, further bad news led to a repetition of him gambling away his entire pension on the day he received it. I continued to provide some support to him for a time after which he decided that he no longer needed any further assistance and I haven't seen him since. I hope and pray that all is going well for him.

My thinking about problem gambling was sparked by an incident that happened to me when I attended the Brumbies game on Sunday. Upon my arrival inside GIO Stadium, I was accosted by someone in high visibility gear offering to give me \$5 for free to use on the TAB. I refused and as I proceeded towards my seat, I was approached a second time, which I also refused. It does concern me that those who benefit from gambling are working so hard to normalise betting and especially in relation to high profile sports such as rugby, league and AFL. I recently read that football fans watching round one of the AFL on TV this year were bombarded with gambling advertising, with more than one in six ads promoting gaming. I also note that TAB.com.au is a sponsor of GIO Stadium and that TAB is a sponsor of the Brumbies.

Of particular concern to me is that at a family event such as the football, young people and children are exposed to gambling to such an extent that they begin to accept it as normal.

Wish list: tinned meat, pasta sauce, porridge, small snacks and toiletries.

Stuart Davis-Meehan, Director

All Donations to St John's Care are Tax Deductible



**Food Pantry
Donations Needed**

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ◆ We pray for all the refugees held on Manus Island and that both the Australian and Papua New Guinea governments are able to arrive at humane decisions about processing those individuals and families.
- ◆ We also pray for the refugees on Nauru, waiting to see the fate of those on Manus Island, as it may also be their own.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ We pray for homeless people here in Canberra and throughout Australia. We give thanks for Richard Griffiths and his Safe Shelter team of volunteers that work to provide a safe place for homeless men to sleep.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ◆ We pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya and the Most Revd Dr Eliud Wabukala, Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya.
- ◆ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the Dioceses of Bathurst and Bendigo.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ◆ We pray for the parishes of Braidwood, Bungendore, Gunning and Crookwell.

MISSION

- ◆ We pray for the work of the Mission to Seafarers in over 250 ports around the world.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ 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: George and Connie Gerrity; Denis and Angela Golubeff; Quentin Grafton and Carol Grafton; and Elizabeth Grant.
- ◆ 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: **John Wilson** (died 2014)
- ◆ Tuesday **Philip and James, Apostles & Martyrs**
- ◆ Wednesday **Gladys Williamson** (died 1994)
- ◆ Thursday Ascension Day
- ◆ Friday **Mavis Roberts** (died 1994)

HOLY COVENANT PRAYER
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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Phone Merri Bacon on 62511110
or email

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PARISH COUNCILLOR PROFILE

This week we interviewed **Nic Platt**, one of our Wardens.

What nourishes you? Life itself, especially my family whom I always put first. People are a constant source of wonder, whether they behave wonderfully or violently... I read almost constantly. I especially like philosophy and theologically focused material and I'm mentoring EfM which gives me the opportunity to constantly review the stories on which our tradition is based... Music I am finding perhaps the purest form of expression, joy. But certainly the arts have always been a primary focus.

What are your passions? Life, death and what lies in between and beyond them. The beauty in the world. The natural order of things in the broader reality...ours and my place in it. The profound meaning of our existence and our *raison d'etre*.

What do you see as your role on parish council? I am a warden. In conjunction with two others I jointly shoulder various responsibilities which ensure the smooth and legal functioning of the Holy Covenant parish. In the light of recent events at Holy Covenant, a sense of strong and consistent leadership has been called for to carry forward into and through the interregnum. I am not alone, but part of an effective team.

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**
- Holy Covenant will participate, later in 2016 in the next (five-yearly) National Church Life Survey.

IN THE PARISH

BREATHING SPACE EVENTS COMING UP:

Today 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 3 pm, Saturday 7 May
at Tilleys 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)**



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Safe Ministry Training At Holy Covenant

28 May—workshop

29 May refresher training

Please check your records as to whether you are due for a refresher course (within 3 years since previous training) or full day workshop.

Please complete registration form at the rear of church as soon as possible so we can confirm places with diocesan office.

Working With Vulnerable People for the parish?

Please check that your WWVP card is still current. .

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

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.



Baptism today—10am

We welcome baby **Lennie Santos Wynack** and his parents David and Priscila and godparents Susan (member of 8am congregation) and Michael as well as their extended family and friends.

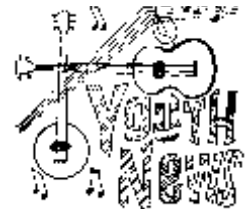


WELCOME

IN THE PARISH

Soul Survivor: More than a Song (13-16 April)

Some responses by our Youth:



Elle and Jerry: It was a great privilege to lead the seven youth groupers from Holy Covenant, along with Tobias, and camp with them at Soul Survivor: More than a Song. We camped as part of the Synergy Combined Anglican group, and made lasting friendships with the St Matt's Wanniasa crew, and some kids from Holt, Charnwood and Goulburn. Along with over 200 other youth from around Canberra and regions, we enjoyed a range of seminars, talks, worship and just hanging out. A highlight was taking the HC crew to the Gordon early-learning centre to help out in their garden, to make it a great learning and outdoor space for the young children in Gordon.

Ange G: The Highlight for me at Soul Survivor was the cool caps that say GREATER on the front, and the amazing and inspiring seminars - for example there was one that I particularly liked on Healing. We were taught the steps of healing WITH God, and when some people tried it out it was just amazing seeing the healing in person!

Ellie W: I really enjoyed doing the service work and helping to build a fabulous garden for the children to play in!

Jono E: I loved the hot chocolates and all the activities, including outdoor games (basketball etc), indoor video games and helping at the child care centre (sanding and painting tables).

Matt B: I loved how there was a sense of togetherness with everyone and that everyone was welcome to be who they were.

Safe Shelter volunteering information

Richard Griffiths, Safe Shelter Coordinator, will speak during notices at the end of the **10am Service today**. 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



KALEIDOSCOPE - Today 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

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

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- **Anglican Historic Society** newsletter and Journal (March/April 2016)
- **Woden Valley Youth Choir open day** Tuesday 3 May from 5pm
- **Praying with the Earth**, a quiet day Sat, 7 May led by Susanna Pain
- **Chasing Asylum** film screening Tues 10 May, 6.30pm at Palace Electric
- **Suicide Prevention Workshop** 25 May. Wesley LifeForce.
- **Accommodation** available for rent in Macquarie

The Story of Tikondane: a small community in the Heart of Zambia

Tikondane aims to:

1. Reduce poverty in the province of Katete, with particular regard to the women of the community
2. Address local health issues through education and the creation of a network of CTC (Counselling-Testing-Care) centres for HIV/AIDS within the eastern Zambian catchment of villages
3. Create income-generating activities and on-the-job skill training for community members
4. Provide formal qualifications for community members, ranging from basic schooling to providing funding for higher education needs
5. Support the growing number of HIV orphans in the region and provide them with basic living requirements, an education and work skills.

Holy Covenant supports Tikondane. Sister Elke, the volunteer Director will speak briefly at **8am and 10am services on 8 May**. For more information, contact: Marg Christensen ph 0401 667 777.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Today:	Eleanor James
Monday:	Lucia Jokisch, Susan Joy Nevile
Tuesday:	Prue Wedgwood
Wednesday:	Isobel James
Saturday:	Kerin Cox

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

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 8 May 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



SENTENCE:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you', says the Lord. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. John 14:27

READINGS:

Acts 16: 9-15
 Psalm 67
 Revelation 21:10-14 and
 21: 22 to 22:5
 John 14: 23-29



8 am HYMNS

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PRAYER

Holy Friend,
 God of loving hearts, help us to practice what we preach.

If this should prove harder than we expect,
 Please invigorate us with your Holy Spirit,
 that the Counsellor of truth and peace may both
 guide us and reinforce us with calm courage.
 Through Christ our Saviour. **AMEN**



	8.00am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Carol and Peter Sherman	Jo and Gareth James
Readers	Anne McDowell Steve Daniels Katherine Rainger	Bruce Barnes George Gerrity Harris Boulton
Intercessor	Paul Shelley	Joh Sheehan
Organist	Heather Shelley	Rhys Thorpe
Word & Prayer	Luc Rose	James Ellis
Deacon	Katherine	
Cup	Luc Rose Katherine Rainger	James Ellis, Leo Wimmer, George Gerrity, Katherine Rainger Extra bread: Anne Dudzinski
Morning Tea	Maureen and Richard Scutter	Youth Group
Children's Church		Susan Joy, Mary, Katherine, Anne M/T: Jo James