

# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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



**8 May 2016**

**Seventh 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

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| <b>8.00 am</b>  | <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b><br>Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Rob Miners                                     |
| <b>10.00 am</b> | <b>HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and Youth Groups</b><br>Celebrant:& Preacher: Revd Rob Miners |
| <b>10.15 am</b> | <b>Calvary Chapel Service</b>  |



*Please join us for morning tea after the Services*

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

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

## WEEK BEGINNING 15 May 2016

|                                    |                               |  |  |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Monday</b><br><b>16.5.16</b>    | 10.00 am                      | Worship Centre                                     | Covenant Care  |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><b>17.5.16</b>   | 12.30 pm.<br>7.30 pm          | Worship Centre<br>Rainbow Centre                   | Meditation and BYO lunch<br>Parish Council meeting                       |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>18.5.16</b> | 12 noon<br>2.00 pm<br>6.00 pm | Worship Centre<br>Worship Centre<br>Rainbow Centre | Holy Communion and BYO Lunch<br>Ever Active Exercise Class<br>Meditation |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><b>19.5.16</b>  | 9.30 am<br>7.30 pm<br>5.00 pm | Rainbow Centre<br>Rainbow Centre<br>Worship Centre | Scrabble<br>EFM<br>Covenant Care meeting                                 |
| <b>Friday</b><br><b>20.5.16</b>    | 10.00 am                      | Worship Centre                                     | Playgroup  |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><b>21.5.16</b>  | 9.00 am                       | Jamison Centre                                     | St Johns Care Collection   |



## SAVE THE DATES

- # Sat 28 May—Safe Ministries Workshop (9.30am—3.30pm)
- # Sun 29 May—Safe Ministries Refresher (1pm—4pm)
- # Sat 11 June—First Aid Course run by St. John Ambulance
- # Sun 19 June—Family Service

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

*You in me, I in you ... I in them ... love (fully received) ... one with them*

*Who is the real Marguarite?* She was worse than awful. Being tone deaf is fine. But being tone deaf and insisting on singing at formal occasions and mini operas? Fingernails down a chalkboard are better. Marguarite is her name, and no body would tell her the truth, the real truth.

Except. Except on one occasion, when her husband finally did take his seat in the great opera, and while all others gathered once again to hear the awful freak Marguarite, she sings like a diva. Here, (finally) before the uncluttered loving gaze of her husband, she finds herself and her voice. In receipt of her husband's vulnerable, genuine love, Marguarite finds her groove. And it is stunning.

I have known what it is like to have another believe in you. Before coming to Canberra I was in a challenging work place on the Gold Coast working half in a parish, half in a school. For an intelligent professional colleague in the work place to truly, bodily, whole heartedly believe in you is empowering. Stephen Harrison is his name. By his belief in me I found reason to trust and believe in myself and not just attempt some of the things I was capable of, but ALL of them.

This is a window into the Community that is God, each Person in the Trinity giving whole hearted non-judgmental attention to the other. And this is what we receive from God through Jesus, God's full attention; not judgment but love; not castigation but encouragement; not demands but belief. We are here today, not because we believe in God, but because God believes in us.

Fr Nikolai asks the question: who is the real Marguarite? The answer is clear – the Diva, the one who, in receipt of her husband's nonjudgmental loving presence, releases what was always within: the voice of an angel.

So, who is the real me, the real you? We have only ever received ourselves through another, so why not receive ourselves through perfect unconditional love? Find ourselves in the unconditional, non-judgmental love of Christ. Here we are trusted, believed, loved. Here, we have permission to be the only thing we can be, truly ourselves and 'sing'. Here we can be a gift to others, that with Christ, giving ourselves to others we honour the other into their own greater authenticity.

Further reflection:

Whose attention calls you out into authentic being? How do you honour them? Conversely, whose presence distorts or perverts your authentic being? Who, by your attention, 'sings' like they can?

The film Marguarite is now showing in the Palace Theatre.





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## Complexity

We see many clients at St John's Care who have complex and/or multiple needs that negatively impact on their general wellbeing. These often require the person to navigate their way through a maze of services that might include medical, pharmaceutical, psychological, psychiatric, social, family, vocational, financial and government services. You can imagine the amount of time and energy required to do this. Indeed, for some it takes up all their waking hours, week in, week out.

I met a woman briefly this week who fits into this category. She presented at our Emergency Relief Centre seeking some financial assistance. She was a woman in her early forties who was suffering with anxiety and depression. Indeed, she had just come out of a period of time in a local mental health facility. She also disclosed that she suffered with spina bifida. She showed me a list of at least 20 medications that she was currently taking. She is also caring for an 18-year-old son.

Despite all this, I was amazed at how organised she was. She had a range of well-ordered paperwork including all her bills and she was seeing Care Inc, who are helping her with financial planning. It was a pleasure to be able to help pay a couple of her bills, for which she was extremely grateful.

I met another woman this week who presented seeking urgent assistance with her rent. She had lived in the same private rental for some years, but as a result of domestic violence and subsequent breakup with her partner who had recently stolen money from her, she found herself in a position where if she wasn't able to pay 2 weeks rent within 24 hours she and her two children would be evicted. We don't usually pay rent, but in these circumstances we were able to provide enough of a contribution to enable her to avoid eviction.

I am very excited to advise that we are advertising this week to employ a part time community worker for an initial period of 12 months. It will enable us to address the underlying needs that bring people to our door by providing ongoing support, information, advocacy and referral. In addition to bridging the gap by providing a "hand out", which we do so well, we will be able to work to break the cycle of disadvantage, isolation and economic hardship by providing a "hand up".

If you know anyone that might be interested in the job, please refer them to our website where they can find the job ad and position description.

**Wish list:** pasta sauce, pasta, long life milk, vegemite and peanut butter.

**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 that the 48 hour truce facilitated by the United States and Russia on Thursday between Syria's government and moderate rebels in the northern city of Aleppo leads to more calm throughout the country and more enduring truces as time goes on.

## IN AUSTRALIA

- ♦ This being Mothers Day, we pray for all mothers, particularly the mothers of people who are in detention, particularly people on Manus Island at this time of great uncertainty.

## WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ♦ We pray for the Anglican Church of Korea and the Most Revd Paul Kim, Primate of the Anglican Church of Korea.
- ♦ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the Dioceses of Gippsland and Grafton.

## IN OUR DIOCESE

- ♦ We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Gungahlin, St. Simon's Kaleen-Giralang, and St. Paul's Ginninderra.
- ♦ We pray for all Churchwardens, members of Parish Councils and Lay Leaders.

## MISSION

- ♦ We thank you for the effectiveness of the Community Development Course at Wontup-Bi-Buya College in Cairns, and we pray for the reaccreditation of the community development course, counselling course, and the theology courses. We also pray for funding which is critical for its longevity.

## IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ♦ We pray for our Youth Group members and Clare assisting at the Calvary Chapel Service this morning.
- ♦ We pray for Lindsay McDowell who is meeting with key people in the Torres Strait and Bamaga in the Cape York to develop the Act of Recognition.
- ♦ We pray for Anne Dudzinski who is leading worship tomorrow at Kangara Waters Retirement and Calvary Retirement Villages.
- ♦ 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: Faye Green, Jean Groves, Clayton Gumbrell, Karen Bisley, Jamie, Samuel and Ethan Gumbrell, Cecilia, Alex, Julia and Damian Gutierrez and Jenny 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:

- ♦ Thursday **May Barrington** (died 1991)
- ♦ Friday **Jill Montgomery** (died 2002)

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 **Merri Bacon**, one of our Wardens.

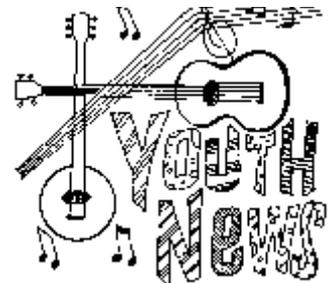


**What nourishes you?** ... Spending time with family and friends and in community. EFM and parish retreats play a large part in that as well as being part of our meditation groups and church on Sunday; I love being out in nature and being inspired at the theatre and doing Interplay.

**What are your passions?** Seeing the outcomes of our faith in the lives of those around us, being part of a community where people of all ages and stages of life are loved and valued and are growing, finding and living their full potential as whole people.

**What do you see as your role on parish council?** To provide leadership and oversight of parish issues as a warden this year, along with the other wardens and clergy, and taking the responsibility that comes with that; To be praying for the parish and supporting the clergy; Offering my insight and experience of the parish and parish council to newer members; being available to talk with anyone in the parish if they need that and listening to any issues raised.

## Holy Covenant Youth TERM 2 EVENTS



|                    |                               |
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| Sat 14 May         | Year 10+ dinner               |
| Sun 15 May         | 10am bible study              |
| Sun 22 May         | 10am bible study              |
| Sat 28 May         | Challenge Night               |
| Sun 29 May         | 10am bible study              |
| Sun 5 June         | 10am bible study              |
| Sat 11 June        | Wii Night In                  |
| Sun 12 June        | 10am bible study              |
| Sun 19 June        | Family Service—stay in church |
| Fri-Sun 24-26 June | H.C. Youth Camp 2016          |

**Thank you Elle and Jerry for organising our youth so they have the opportunity to be so enriched. Also thank you for organising them for various rosters including church cleaning, morning tea and Calvary service.**

### COVENANT CARE—HELP REQUIRED

Some of the regular volunteers for Covenant care @ Holy Covenant on Mondays are escaping the Canberra winter and we will be a little short in June and July.

If you are able to help out in the kitchen as a **one off** please talk to Heather Shelley on [epshms@grapevine.com.au](mailto:epshms@grapevine.com.au) or 6251 1568. Having an extra pair of hands in the kitchen over morning tea at 10 am or cleaning up after lunch at about 1 pm would be very useful.



### 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 especially 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 [hbboulton@gmail.com](mailto:hbboulton@gmail.com))**

### 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)



### Safe Ministry Training At Holy Covenant

**28 May**—workshop (9.30am-3.30pm)  
**29 May** refresher training (1pm-4pm)

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.

#### Who needs the training?

- Clergy
- Leaders of children and young people
- Persons providing ministry to vulnerable adults
- Wardens
- Parish Councillors
- Anyone else who provides ministry to someone who is vulnerable

### 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?

### 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.

### BREATHING SPACE EVENTS COMING UP:

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.

You like to sit me on your knee  
And sing your favorite songs off-key.  
Mom, your singing is frightful  
But your hugs are delightful!  
You're still the best Mom for me.



### Holy Covenant Limerick Competition

Richard Scutter (8am parishioner) is conducting a limerick competition.

There are 2 sections:

- \* Open
- \* Under 15 years

\$2 entry fee (red tin in Office under hutch). Any topic acceptable but it must be your own work.

Entries to [Richardscutter@bigpond.com](mailto:Richardscutter@bigpond.com)

Entries close 31 May  
Awards & Prizes in June

### ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- **Chasing Asylum** film screening Tues 10 May, 6.30pm at Palace Electric.
- **A National Act of Recognition - Recognition News** by Revd Lindsay McDowell
- **Film and Theology: film as mirror—what do you see. Leviathan** Facilitated by Nikolai Blaskow Thurs 19 May 6.30-9.30pm ACCC Chapel
- **Suicide Prevention Workshop** 25 May. Wesley Lifeforce.
- **Anglican Historical Society excursion** Sat 28 May

### Anglican Historical Society:

#### Join the AHS on their excursion to the Bungendore area

On Sat 28 May, the Society will be visiting

- St Philip’s Church, Bungendore,
- St Thomas’ Church, Carwoola, and
- St Mark’s Church, Hoskinstown.

Starting at 10.00am, the day includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for \$18 a person plus \$5 per person registration.

For details email Alan Wilson, the Society’s Hon. Secretary, at [alan.wilson6@bigpond.com](mailto:alan.wilson6@bigpond.com).

### Christ Church Hawker:

#### Quarterly Men’s Luncheon

**Mon 30 May, 11.45am to 2pm**

Tim Kirk (CEO & Chief Winemaker of our local high-prestige vineyard Clonakilla Wines) – committed Christian, and a highly-articulate genuine Australian guy has chosen to speak on “The Theology of Wine”

The luncheon will be at the **Birrigai Café, Kangara Waters** (close to Belconnen Town Centre.

Cost is \$25 a head for a 2-course meal plus tea/coffee, with the meal being served at about 12.30. RSVPs to Bruce Hooley (6251 7124 or [brucehooley.1@bigpond.com](mailto:brucehooley.1@bigpond.com)) by Thursday 26 May please!

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



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|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Today:    | <b>David Clark, Clayton Gumbrell</b> |
| Thursday: | <b>Gwen Hallows</b>                  |
| Saturday: | <b>Mavis McLaren</b>                 |

*If you want your name in the Birthday Book, email : [weeklybulletin@holycovenant.org.au](mailto:weeklybulletin@holycovenant.org.au)*

## MINISTRY TEAM

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## DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 15 May 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:**

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.

Acts 16.31

**READINGS:**

Acts 16: 16-34  
 Psalm 97  
 Revelation 22:12-21  
 John 17: 20-26



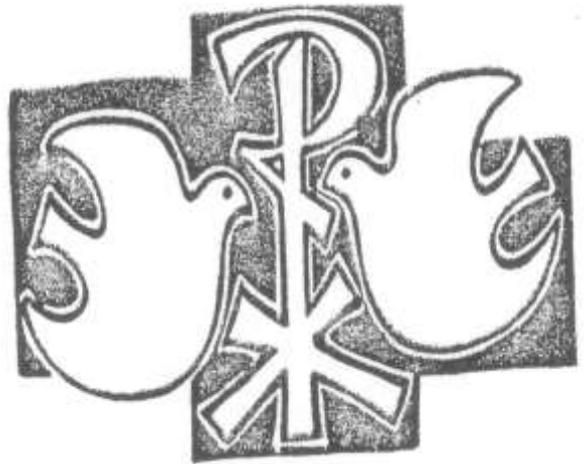
**8 am HYMNS**

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**PRAYER**

Most wonderful God, in your True Son  
 You have called the church into being and  
 granted it an environment of amazing  
 grace.

Enable us and all the branches of your  
 church to deal graciously with one another,  
 that glimpsing the compassion of an  
 inclusive community the world may turn  
 from fear and doubt into faith and peace.  
 Through Christ Jesus our Lord. **AMEN**



|                          | <b>8.00am</b>                                   | <b>10.00 am</b>   |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Sidespersons</b>      | Kerin and Brian Cox                             | Dorothy and Neville Hurst   |
| <b>Readers</b>           | Kerin Cox<br>Hilary Harris<br>Katherine Rainger | Jayne Murray<br>Dorothy Hurst<br>Neville Hurst                                      |
| <b>Intercessor</b>       | Jen Collier                                     | George Gerrity  |
| <b>Organist</b>          | Mandy Squair                                    | Rhys Thorpe   |
| <b>Word &amp; Prayer</b> | Steve Daniels                                   | Tobias Nevile   |
| <b>Deacon</b>            | Katherine Rainger                               | Anne Ranse  |
| <b>Cup</b>               | Steve Daniels<br>Katherine Rainger              | Tobias Nevile, Anne Ranse, Neville Hurst, Leo Wimmer<br>Extra bread: Anne Dudzinski |
| <b>Morning Tea</b>       | Mary Lynn Mather<br>Jocelyn Kirkland            | Teresa Jokisch<br>Judith Ann Daniells   |
| <b>Children's Church</b> |   | Richard, Mel, Katherine, Karen<br>M/T: Browning family                              |