

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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



12 June 2016

**Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Her many sins are forgiven,
because of her great love.



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, Children's Church and Youth Groups**
Celebrant: Revd Connie Gerrity
Preacher: Revd Rob Miners



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 14.6.16	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation
Wednesday 15.6.16	12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation A Taste of Meditation
Thursday 16.6.16	9.30 am 2.00 pm 7.30pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Book Club EFM
Friday 17.6.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 18.6.16	9.00 am 3.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Working Bee Limericks – Review and Reading

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

WEEK BEGINNING 19 June 2016

Monday 20.6.16	10.00am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 21.6.16	10.15 am 12.30 pm 7.00 pm	Canberra Theatre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Music @ Midday—RMC band Meditation Parish Council meeting
Wednesday 22.6.16	12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation A Taste of Meditation
Thursday 23.6.16	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Friday 24.6.16	10.00 am 4.30 pm	Worship Centre Carpark	Playgroup Youth depart for HC Youth Camp

SAVE THE DATES



- # Sun 19 June—Family Service
- # Fri 24-26 June—HC Youth Camp
- # Thurs 7 July—Community Lunch
- # Sat 30 July—Parish dinner
- # Fri 16-18 Sept—Parish Retreat at Galong
- # Sat 5 Nov—HC Plant sale and mini fete

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Luke 7: 36-8:3.

Who is this woman?

If the raising of the Widow's son at Nain (last week's gospel) confirmed Jesus' status as a prophet, the unnamed woman's extravagant gesture in washing and anointing Jesus' feet described in today's gospel calls it into question – at least in the eyes of Jesus' host, a Pharisee called Simon. 'If this man were really a prophet', he says to himself, 'he would know what sort of woman has touched him.' Whereupon Jesus challenges him along these lines: 'Simon, do you *really* see this woman, rather than just dismissing her because she is a prostitute? If you did, you would see the love and compassion that prompts her gesture' – the subtext being that he could learn a lot from her awareness of her brokenness and need for forgiveness.

I am not sure that being 'forgiven much' always leads to 'loving much'. I think it depends on who is doing the forgiving. There is something about the way Jesus forgives. He doesn't just see her failures and wounds but the good within her, especially her love. It is interesting that her gesture of love precedes any declaration of forgiveness!

There are parallel accounts of Jesus' anointing by an anonymous woman, but these occur near the last week of Jesus' life (Matt.26, Mk.14) and are seen as anointing him for burial. Neither of these implies the woman is a prostitute. In placing this episode at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, is Luke implying that this is an anointing for ministry? Is the woman offering something more than a gesture of hospitality? Has she seen more in Jesus than she perhaps realises – the Messiah, the Anointed One? What we do know is that she found in him a safe place to bestow her love.

Tradition has sometimes associated this woman with Mary Magdalene, perhaps because reference to the women accompanying and supporting Jesus' ministry following this episode includes Mary Magdalene. But perhaps the very anonymity of the woman invites us to see the universal elements in this story conveyed through its rich symbolism. The breaking open of the alabaster jar to release its fragrant and costly contents is a potent image of brokenness and outpoured love. Sometimes we are unaware of the precious gift we have to offer, or the treasure we are, or hold, until we experience brokenness. Perhaps Paul's reminder that 'We have this treasure in clay jars (earthen vessels)' in 2 Corinth.4 is an allusion to this incident involving an alabaster jar that must be broken open before the perfume can be released? Perhaps the passage is inviting us to see who or what might need anointing (consecrating) in our life right now.

Frances MacKay.

**Hear our Prayer.
O God.†**



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Legal Issues

Many of our clients experience issues relating to the law and I am aware that St John's Care has in recent years thought about providing our own legal service to them.

I have some knowledge about the law, having a father who was a Magistrate in the NSW Local Court and having worked and studied as a Law Clerk for some years. I was also instrumental in setting up the Hunter Community Legal Centre, as the founding Chairperson.

These past few weeks I have had some specific experiences with the law, on the right side of it, of course.

In my time here, I have worked with clients on a range of legal issues including eviction, entitlements to Centrelink, outstanding accounts, domestic violence, refugee and asylum seekers, driving unregistered vehicles, drugs, stealing, stalking and family law. I am currently working closely with a client who may in the near future lodge an application to the High Court in relation to a very complex case concerning custody of her children.

Last week, we were able to get a table of people together for a trivia night run by the Attorney General's Department Social Club, as a fundraiser for Youth Care Canberra. I won't say anything about how we went on the night, but it was a great opportunity to network with some 250 staff from the Department, including a Deputy Secretary.

We have very strong support from Street Law who always come to our Friday Lunches. Street Law is a specialist program of Canberra Community Law and provides legal assistance to people who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. I am looking forward to meeting with them next week to discuss how we might work more closely together.

It was also my great pleasure to be re-acquainted with an old Newcastle contact, Dr John Boersig, the current CEO of Legal Aid ACT. John used to work for the Aboriginal Legal Service in Newcastle and appeared before my father on many occasions. We also worked together on the establishment of the Hunter Community Legal Centre. John accepted my invitation to come to our Friday lunch last week. While it was great to catch up, John is also very interested in how we might work more closely together and I look forward to meeting with him in a more formal capacity in the near future.

I have no doubt that our new Community Worker will come into contact with legal issues on a regular basis and I want to ensure that we have strong links to those who can best assist our clients.

Wish list: Poppers, small fruits for kids' lunches and tinned fruit.

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 Christian unity throughout the world this week.
- ◆ We also pray for the thousands of people in Sri Lanka forced to evacuate after explosions in their country's largest ammunitions dumps.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ We pray for those affected by the floods this week both in Canberra and across Australia. We mourn the losses of life and the destruction caused. We also give thanks for the courage, fortitude and skill of emergency officers who step in at short notice to lessen the losses.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ◆ We pray for the church in Nyahururu, Kenya and Ibadan, Kenya.
- ◆ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the Dioceses of Newcastle and North Queensland.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ◆ We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Queanbeyan, Yass and Boorowa.
- ◆ We pray for Alexander Maconochie Centre: Chaplains Simon Wooldridge and Peta Thorpe and the staff and residents.

MISSION

- ◆ We pray for the work of the Amnesty International in Myanmar and Pakistan.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ We pray for Susanna and Nikolai as they make preparations for their move to Sale later this year with Susanna's appointment as Dean of the Cathedral.
- ◆ We 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: Carol Kubanek and Quentin Grafton; Adam, Nicole, Lachlan and Bryson Kulesza; Julia Lane; Pam Lane; and Martin, Anne and Jenny Lange.
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Glenys Wimmer, Dawn Hardman, Marjorie Pratt, Bev Barnes, Des Pain and those known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Nil



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE
REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Phone Merri Bacon on 62511110 or email
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Family Service 19th June 10am



Our family service theme this term is 'listening for God'

There will also be a **social event** for parents and kids following the family service, 11:45am-1:15pm. Kids stay at church for a pizza lunch and games while parents have lunch together at the Pide House, Jamison. Sign up sheet on the noticeboard.

Work Health and Safety at Holy Covenant

The *Holy Covenant Anglican Church Jamison Work Health and Safety Policy* was signed off by the Rector and Wardens in December 2015. Endorsement of the Policy heralds the end of a significant body of work occurring over the past four years.

The Policy reflects Parish responsibilities to deliver a safe working and participation environment for members of the congregation, workers and those who attend other activities held on the grounds.

The policy framework is based on Australian Capital Territory (ACT) legislative framework as set out in the following legislation:

1. *Working with Vulnerable People (Background Checking Regulation 2012; and*
2. *Work Health and Safety Act 2011.*

The document also reflects the work and guidelines as produced by the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

A copy of the Policy can be found on the Parish website at:
<http://www.holycovenant.org.au/health-and-safety.php>

Any questions about the policy can be referred to one of the Wardens or a member of the Parish Work Health and Safety Committee:

Joh Sheehan, George Gerrity and Mel Browning.

**SAFETY
MATTERS**



News from the HCNM Program

**COME AND HEAR THE RMC BAND!
MUSIC@MIDDAY CANBERRA THEATRE
TUESDAY 21 JUNE 11AM**

The Holistic Care Nursing Ministry has a program of outings where volunteers take clients and other members of the parish to a range of different activities. So far this year we have enjoyed a visit to the Botanic Gardens, two shows in the Morning Melodies program at the Q Theatre, Queanbeyan and Music@Midday at the Canberra Theatre in Civic. If you, or someone else in the parish you know, might like to join us on this outing you would be most welcome.

The next HCNM outing is being held on **Tuesday 21 June**.

We are going to hear the RMC Band at the Canberra Theatre in Civic. The performance starts at 11am and there is no allocated seating so we will aim to be there by 10.15 -10.30 in order to ensure we have seating to accommodate those with walkers or in wheelchairs, and those who cant handle stairs.

There is no cost but the RMC does take up a collection for a charity so participants are encouraged to have a gold coin or two on them and make a donation.

You can telephone Cathy on 0418 450 520 or email her at nurse@holycovenant.org.au if you would like to attend so that she can organise drivers. Those who can and would like to drive themselves can drop passengers off at the rear of the theatre and then park in the Legislative Assembly car park. Parking fees apply.

Archdeacon Anne Ranse HCNM Co-ordinator

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 pa-
tience,
and to us give warm and generous hearts,
for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**



Holy Covenant Youth Camp 2016

Fri 24 - Sun 26 June

Theme: **"The Pie of Life"**

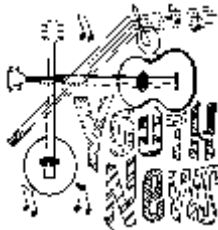
Our youth will be exploring their identities as individuals, and as part of community.

On Friday night they will be watching the focus film, *Ang Lee's The Life of Pi*, rated PG

HC Youth need your help!

They would greatly appreciate your prayers, some baked goods for morning and afternoon tea, and if you would like to **sponsor a camper** please contact either Elle or Jerry (youth@holycovenant.org.au)

Please leave food in the kitchen for collection by 4pm Friday 24 June.



SATURDAY 18 JUNE

From 9am till 12 noon

Come and help keep our buildings and grounds clean and tidy.

Delicious morning tea provided.

Working bees are held throughout the year on the third Saturday of every month.

Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank

Branch: Jamison Centre, ACT

BSB: 062 907

A/C No: 802 588

Name: Holy Covenant

Anglican Church

LOST PROPERTY

Please check plastic basket behind sound operator desk— red coat, bags, straw hat etc.

SERMONS

Did you know that you can listen to any recent sermons that you may have missed... or perhaps enjoyed so much that you want to listen to them again!?

Recordings of the weekly sermons are now available on the Parish website (as an MP3 file), which should play on any computer, tablet or smartphone.

- 1) Just go to the parish website: www.holycovenant.org.au
- 2) Go to resources and click sermons.
- 3) Then just click on the little headphone icon next to the sermon you'd like to **listen to... that's it!**

The sermon will be going up each week, provided we have the permission of the preacher.

Review and Reading of Limericks

At the Church 3pm Saturday 18 June

All are welcome to attend this session at our Church where the limerick competition entries will be read and reviewed.



It is very much hoped that those that entered will be able to attend to read their own work.

The Limericks will be circulated beforehand to those planning to attend. If you intend coming please register your interest with me so that you can receive the material for discussion. The material are expected to be available on the website this weekend and hardcopies are available from the back of the church on the bookcase today.

So if you want to put a smile on your face on a winter afternoon please come along.

Richard Scutter: richardscutter@bigpond.com Tel 6251 2851



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Wednesday: Judith Platt

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



Entertainment Books are available and you can call Hilary on 6251 8166 or wait until next Sunday to purchase/collect your book. **Please place your orders promptly.**

If you wish to order and pay online visit: www.entbook.com.au/247m23. The \$12 is paid into Holy Covenant account.

Got any church keys you haven't used for a while?

If you borrowed a church key and no longer need it, please return it to the office via Libby or in a labelled envelope so the key register may be updated.

Thank you



Health Forums at St James Holt

Third of 3 talks by psychologists and counsellors about staying in a healthy head space

Sunday 5pm—6.30pm

June 19

The past is present—Analysing family history brings new insight

*Free of Charge *Light Refreshments*

RSVP: office@stjames-holt.org.au

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- **A National Act of Recognition - Recognition News** by Revd Lindsay McDowell
- **Unity College Aust.** located in Belconnen — IT Training position
- **Ecumenical Response to Domestic Violence** —Sat 18 June ACCC Chapel, BYO lunch
- **Women inspiring Women**—Mosaic Baptist Church Page, Thurs 23 June
- **Welcoming New Arrivals**, a forum on supporting new arrivals - St Saviour's Cathedral Goulburn, from 6pm Thurs 30 June
- **NAIDOC Week seminar** by Revd Karen Kime Thurs 7 July 3pm at ACCC Chapel



CEO Sleepout for Homeless People 23 June 2016

You are invited to sponsor Neville Tomkins in the CEO Sleepout to raise money for St Vincent de Paul's programs for homeless people. Please donate at: <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/ceos/act-ceos/neville-tomkins-scouts->

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 19 June 2016	
8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Connie Gerrity
10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION—Family Service Celebrant: Revd Connie Gerrity Deacon: Revd Katherine Rainger
	

SENTENCE: It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I live now in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
Galatians 2:20

READINGS:

1 Kings 21:1-10, 15-21
Psalm 5: 1-7
Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36 to 8:3



8 am HYMNS

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PRAYER

Holy One, we stand here
at the intersection of the world's powers
and desires
with your teachings of compassion,
justice, and hope.
We look to you for guidance.
We look to you for stories and words that will
help us to choose our paths wisely.
We open ourselves to your will.
We open ourselves to your word.
Teach us this day. **AMEN**



	8.00am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Carol and Peter Sherman	Dorothy and Neville Hurst
Readers	Mandy Squair Steve Daniels Katherine Rainger	Dorothy Hurst Bruce Barnes Neville Hurst
Intercessor	Robert Arthur	James Ellis
Organist	Kath Arthur	Pam Lane
Word & Prayer	Rhonda Thorpe	Tobias Nevile
Deacon	Katherine Rainger	Anne Ranse
Cup	Rhonda Thorpe Katherine Rainger	Anne Ranse, Katherine Grainger, Tobias Nevile, Neville Hurst Extra bread: Rob Miners
Morning Tea	Pam Lane and Beth Heyde	Rika Amos and Merri Bacon
Children's Church		Jenny, Susan Joy, Katherine, Prue M/T: Jodie Petrov