

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

7 August 2016

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



PREPARE YOUR HEART



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 Connie Gerrity

10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and Youth Group

Celebrant: Revd Connie Gerrity
Preacher: Revd Connie Gerrity

10.15 am CALVARY CHAPEL SERVICE

3.30 pm RAINBOW FELLOWSHIP



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 8.8.16	10.00 am 10.00 am 1.30 pm	Worship Centre Kangara Waters Care Ctre Calvary Retirement Village	Covenant Care Communion Service Communion Service
Tuesday 9.8.16	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation
Wednesday 10.8.16	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 11.8.16	9.30 am 1.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre HCN Office Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Wellness Clinic (by appt.) EFM
Friday 12.8.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup

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

WEEK BEGINNING 14 August 2016

Monday 15.8.16	10.00 am 9.30 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Covenant Care Crafty Crew
Tuesday 16.8.16	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation Parish Council meeting
Wednesday 17.8.16	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 The Gospel of John (1st of 6 weeks)
Thursday 18.8.16	9.30 am 1.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre HCN Office Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Wellness Clinic (by appt.) EFM
Friday 19.8.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 20.8.16	9.00 am 4.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Working Bee 40 Hour Famine Sleepover (Youth)



SAVE THE DATES

- # Sun 14 Aug—Deep Dive by Revd Canon Gill Varcoe
- # Fri 26 Aug—Men's dinner
- # Sat 3 Sept—**Susanna's induction in Sale**
- # Fri 16-18 Sept—Parish Retreat at Galong
- # Thurs 6 Oct—Community lunch
- # Tues 1 Nov—Induction of Rev Canon Margaret

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Luke 12:32-48. Remembering God

Those of you who were at church three weeks ago would have heard me preach about prayer and the encouragement to pray without ceasing as St Paul encourages us to do. (Thessalonians 5:17)

I made reference to a wandering Russian Pilgrim in the 1800 who was on a journey to find how to pray without ceasing. All he had with him was his sack of bread crusts, a copy of the bible and the *Philokalia* (a collection of monastic writings). From an old Monk he learnt to pray without ceasing by repeating the prayer

‘Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me.’

The Pilgrim’s story is told in one of the great classics of Western spirituality, *The Way of a Pilgrim*. And it offers an answer to the perennial question posed by today’s gospel: how to be prepared for the return of Christ.

Luke was writing for believers who anticipated the return of Jesus at any moment. Gradually, that anticipation had to give way to a different view of Christ’s return.

While still expecting the return of Christ at the end of time, those who believe in Christ gradually came to see that Christ was always with them. It was they who were not always present to Christ. As Meister Eckhart would say centuries later: ‘God is at home. It is we who have gone out for a walk.’

And so the gospel today is about remembering God. It’s about being prepared for the return of Christ, who returns to us moment by moment during the day, even though we may not be aware of his visits. If we are attentive to God however we will be aware, be it in the beauty around us, the visit from the Robin Redbreast to a bare tree branch that highlights his red breast against the nakedness of the tree or in the face of a stranger.

The pilgrims approach to praying without ceasing was really a way of remembering God, of staying present to Christ at all times and eventually the prayer took on a life of its own. All the great religious traditions practice repetition prayer.

I have a set of Anglican prayer beads and that is very much a form of repetition prayer. The simple repetitive prayer of the pilgrim, ‘*Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me a sinner*’ is very calming. Try it next time you are stuck in traffic or waiting in line at the checkout!

With the gospel reminding us about being prepared for Christ’s return there is no better way than to have his name on our lips at all times .

Blessings.

Archdeacon Anne





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It's nice to be appreciated.

How do we know if we are doing a good job? One way is that we receive regular comments and thanks from our clients. Another is when we receive feedback from other agencies that we work with.

We have recently been working closely with James, a Tenant Support Client Contact Officer from Housing ACT, to assist a number of his clients. I had not met James before, although he was aware of the work of St John's Care.

I got a call from James late one Friday afternoon, after we had closed for the day, asking if he could come over and get some food for a client who had no food for the weekend. The client was not well and could not come himself. Of course we welcomed James and gave him a tour of the Centre when he arrived. We got calls on Monday and the next Friday too, again outside of our opening hours and were able again to provide food as requested. We recognise, of course, that clients sometimes find themselves in great need after 2pm Monday to Friday.

Last week, we received the following email from James:

Hi Stuart,

Just wanted to send acknowledgment of the valuable contribution your organisation, St John's Care, has provided to clients in need.

Over the past few weeks the emergency food packs provided have assisted in sustaining tenants who are experiencing barriers. The understanding which you and your staff who have provided these packs, often outside of scheduled collection times, have shown has been incredibly valuable and shows the benefits of collaborative engagement for the greatest benefit of the client.

All clients have requested that I provide you and St John's Care with much thanks, as these contributions have made positive inroads into the ongoing wellbeing of these people. Could you please pass on thanks to your staff and the St John's Care management team.

Thank you again and see you soon!

It is nice to receive such accolades for our work and to know that those working with us in the broader sector, trying to help those in need in Canberra, appreciate our efforts.

Wish list: peanut butter, vegemite, long life milk

Stuart Davis-Meehan, Director

All Donations to St John's Care are Tax Deductible



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ◆ We pray for all the Olympic and Paralympic athletes competing in Rio and that good sportsmanship, friendship and goodwill become the showpiece of the games.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ We pray for the thousands of individuals and families living below the poverty line and for the welfare agencies supporting them. This week, we especially give thanks for agencies such as Safe Shelter.
- ◆ We give thanks that, in Canberra, political parties are proposing to outlaw vilification on the grounds of religion.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ◆ We pray for the church in South India and Brazil.
- ◆ We also pray for small country churches and their ministry; co-operating parishes; Diocesan Centre for Lay Ministry and Mission.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ◆ We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Crookwell, Braidwood and Bungendore.
- ◆ We pray for Cursillo Movement: Steve Daniels, Lay Director; Connie Gerrity, Spiritual Director; Doug Newman, Co Spiritual Director; Secretariat; Servant Communities .

MISSION

- ◆ We pray for the work of the Church Missionary Society as it works to make the gospel known through cross-cultural evangelism.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ We pray for Margaret Campbell who is starting the transition of saying goodbye to Crookwell parish before moving back to Canberra.
- ◆ We pray for the following members of our parish family: Paul and Heather Shelley, Peter and Carol Sherman, Kevin and Mandy Squair, Ian and Eileen Sykes and Richard Taylor and Caroline Taylor-Steele and Oliver, Tim and Pam.
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Glenys Wimmer, Bev Barnes, Des Pain, Nick Moss, Elaine Dennis, Gwen Hallows, John Painter and those known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Nil

HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Phone Merri Bacon on 62511110 or email
prayervine@holycovenant.org.au

Lord,
Hear
Our
Prayer

Introducing our next Rector:
Reverend Canon Margaret Campbell

to be inducted

Tues 1 November at 7.30pm



Margaret moved to Canberra during the 1970s, studying at ANU. Later, she studied at St Mark's, graduating with a Bachelor of Theology in 2007. Since then she has served as

Deacon and Associate Priest at St John's Canberra, 2008 to 2013
Rector at St Bartholomew's Church, Crookwell since 1 June 2013
Canon of St Saviour's Cathedral (since 2013)

Current Diocesan Appointments:

- ◆ Member, Bishop in Council
- ◆ Member, Anglicare Board
- ◆ Member, Episcopal Election Review Committee
- ◆ Diocesan Representative to General Synod

Margaret has two daughters in Canberra and a son in Melbourne. She has four grandchildren who will likely jump ship and come to Holy Covenant.

Margaret will be living at her home in Kambah with a cat, Farthing, who comes to the call of 'money, money, money' and a dog, Chaucer, a standard poodle who has a fine tale (oops, tail).

She dreams of sewing, knitting and creating a garden in her spare time, but in reality is more likely to be found asleep in front of the TV.

DEEP DIVE

Sun 14 Aug - 11.45am



'Are We Shortchanging God and Ourselves in our Christian Practice?'

Travel and ministry in another culture can open our eyes to the way culture impacts on our Christian practice. This presentation will explore the ways we accommodate culture and practice.

**Revd Canon Gill Varcoe
in Worship Centre**

Parish Dinner and Silent Auction

Without the excellent leadership of **Kathryn Body**, ably assisted by Catherine D'Cruz, Sally Mordike and our youth support crew, the night would not have been as successful.

Between the dinner and the auction approx. **\$6100** was raised. **WELL DONE!!**



IN THE PARISH

The Gospel of John and the Making of Christian Theology

This series will run for 6 sessions
7.30—9.00pm

Where: In the Rainbow Centre

When: Wednesday evenings
17th Aug - 21 Sep

Facilitator: Revd Dr. John Painter

Sign up sheet on the board



WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE
GENERAL REGISTRATION
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY



Just a friendly reminder to those who work with vulnerable people of the need to have your **WWVP Card** on you when engaging in any ministry. This comes as a result of a recent audit of a Diocesan Agency where officers from the Office for Regulatory Services reminded volunteers that they and the organisation they are volunteering for could be fined if they don't have their card with them.

Thank you for your ministry

Would you like some **truffle salt** direct from Oberon truffle farm? 50g for \$10. Great with eggs, tomatoes etc. Pay on delivery. Orders by **TODAY** please to Gillian Painter 6253 1058.



Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture

WISDOM WORKING FOR THE COMMON GOOD

'Becoming' - a quiet day

Saturday 20 August 2016

9am - 3.30pm

'I am who I am' or 'I am becoming what I am becoming' or 'I will be who I will be' Exodus 3:14

We open with a cuppa at 9am, then a Reflection 9.30am, and gather at various times for reflection and meditation, and a closing prayer at 3pm.

Where: The Chapel, ACCC, Corner King's Avenue and Blackall Street, Barton

Bring your own lunch, journal, hat, and art materials if you'd like.

Morning and afternoon tea provided.

RSVP essential: Susanna Pain
ph 0418 637 469

susanna.pain@gmail.com

Donation: \$30



SATURDAY 20 August

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.

Crafty Crew

**RESUMES
MONDAY 15 AUGUST**

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS...

Parish Council met on 19 July and are pleased to provide the following report.

- * Parish Council has approved a revised budget. The Parish's financial position is stable and is being carefully managed.
- * A driver's log will be employed to better manage transport of parishioners who need assistance to attend church or access church services.
- * Parish Council is working to improve arrangements to look after the contact information of worshippers on the parish roll and how this is made available. If you would like a copy of the roll, please ask Libby who is now storing them in the office.
- * A retiring collection to help extend the Safe Shelter homeless men's emergency accommodation service to 7 nights a week next winter; further details in this bulletin.
- * A retiring collection was also agreed by Parish Council to contribute toward the work of Southern Cross Ministries. A note will be added to the bulletin at that time.
- * A men's dinner is planned for 26 August at Bella Vista Restaurant, Emu Bank, Belconnen.
- * Parish birthday service on 31 July – We are glad to have Reverend Canon Susanna preach at both services today, and for Reverend Nikolai acting as celebrant at the 8am service.
- * Parish dinner held last night – thanks to all who came and those who contributed to the silent auction, either by donating or bidding.

PARISH RETREAT

16th–18th September 2016

"Living the Blessing: Becoming a Blessing"

Led by Alice-Anne Macnaught

There is any **early bird rate if you register before 7 August**

Brochures available from leaflet rack on the back wall.



**Men's dinner
Fri 26 August
7.30pm**



All men are welcome to our men's dinner to share Turkish Pide dinner and conversation.

Where: Rainbow Centre

Cost: \$20 approx.

Please complete sign up sheet if you intend to come.

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Stuart Robinson

Bishop Stuart Robinson has written a pastoral letter to parishes, clergy and friends of the Diocese in response to concerns expressed at reports of inadequate institutional responses to abuse in the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle. The letter outlines how the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn is endeavouring to respond to reports of misconduct that have emerged here. A **copy of the bishop's letter** is posted on the notice board and copies are also in the plastic sleeve beneath for those who wish to take one home with them.

I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL YOU...

that the **Wellness Clinic** commenced last Thursday. The clinic is available to anyone from our congregation and clients in the community and it offers the following services free of charge:

- Blood Pressure check.
- Weight and good eating advice.
- Referrals including to a Health Co-Op Doctor near you.
- End of life discussion, putting desires and plans in place, funeral planning.
- Discussion around moving from home into an Aged Care facility.
- Chatting about your illness and offering support
- Post operation aids and equipment loans from HCN supply.



The Clinic is open on Thursday afternoons 1pm-2.30 by appointment only. To make an appointment contact Anne Ranse HCN on 0439 139 209 or email nurse@holycovenant.org.au

The clinic will operate out of the HCN office and all consultations will be confidential.

Archdeacon Anne HCN Coordinator.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Anne McDowell, Emily Sargeson
Thursday: Oliver Taylor

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



Safe Shelter retiring collection

Safe Shelter operates in the city over the winter months providing emergency overnight accommodation for homeless men. It provides safe, warm and basic accommodation, a hot beverage and biscuits and welcoming company three nights a week at St Columba's Church hall, Braddon.

We are seeking to extend the service to 7 nights a week. All Saint's Church, Ainslie, has offered their hall for a few additional nights but needs an upgrade to the fire and emergency system to make it safe for overnight sleeping.

Your contribution towards the upgrade would be very welcome.

A retiring collection will be taken after the 8am and 10am services on the following Sundays:

- 7 August
- 14 August

Donations \$2 and over are tax deductible.

If you would like any further information, please contact Naomi Cole (10am) on 0408 833 839 or by email at: naomi.cole@hotmail.com.



ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- ◆ An invitation from the Bishop of Gippsland to Susanna Pain's Induction on 3 September. **There is an RSVP.**
- ◆ Events Calendar from the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture - July, August and September.
- ◆ Hawker Men's Lunch Forum, 8 August, Speaker Sr. Jane Keogh.
- ◆ Quiet Day by MU Australia, Tues 9 Aug, Holy Cross Hackett.
- ◆ Women's Dessert and Coffee Friday 19 August - Dr Rosemary Mbogo (African Enterprise) speaking on "Faith and Africa's Transformation", Christ Church Hawker.
- ◆ CMS Mission in the Spotlight Dinner 26 August.
- ◆ Exploring the Ecstasy of the Divine in an Inter-faith World. 27 August.
- ◆ Taize Prayer Retreat, 26-28 August, St. Clement's Galong.
- ◆ *Monks and Mystics in the Desert.* Retreat for body and soul. Sept. 30—Oct 4.
- ◆ Wesley Lifeforce Suicide Prevention Training, 1 and 2 November (only need to attend one day), no charge. Dickson.

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY - 14 August –Thirteenth after Pentecost

8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION	Celebrant: Revd Rob Miners Preacher: Revd Connie Gerrity
10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church & Youth Group	Celebrant: Revd Rob Miners Preacher: Revd Connie Gerrity
11.45 pm	DEEP DIVE- Revd Canon Gill Varcoe	



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Libby Warren and Tony Willis	Helen and Harris Boulton
Readers	Kerin Cox Tony Willis Anne Ranse	Kate King Bruce Barnes Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Anne McDowell	Joan Williams
Organist	Mandy Squair	Pam Lane
Word & Prayer	Steve Daniels	Tobias Nevile
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
Cup	Steve Daniels, Anne Ranse	Tobias Nevile, Anne Ranse, Rob Maron, James Ellis Extra bread: Connie Gerrity
Morning Tea	Pam Lane, Mandy Squair	Danni Ellis, Carol Kubanek
Children's Church		Rika, Mary, Prue, Anne L M/T: Murray-Judd
Counting	Jen Collier, Peter Sherman	Chris Olsson, Graham Bonnett
Flowers	Penny Lilley	
Cleaning	Kath Arthur, Christine Mitchell	

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TODAY

SENTENCE: Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24. 42,44

READINGS:

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
 Psalm 50: 1-8, 23-24
 Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16
 Luke 12: 32-40



8 am HYMNS

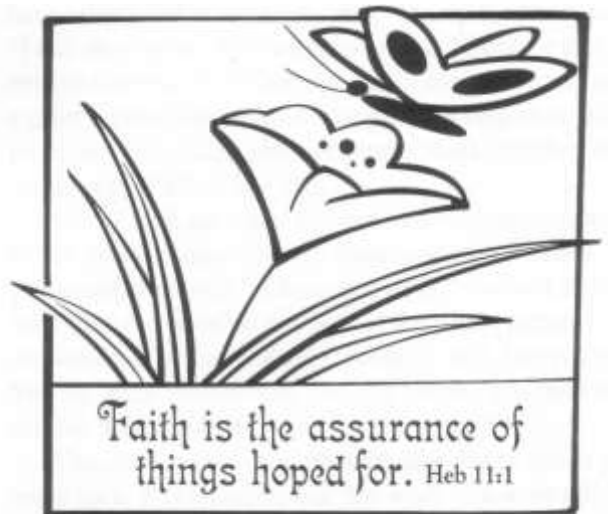
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PRAYER

Faithful God,
 here in the middle of a season,
 strengthen our spirits.

May we tap into the strong root of faith
 and trust your love and grace now
 and into the future that is yet to be
 revealed.

AMEN



	8.00am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Hilary Harris Libby Warren	Prue and Ken Wedgwood
Readers	Rosemary Kennemore Hilary Harris Anne Ranse	Doreen Matters Dorothy Hurst Neville Hurst
Intercessor	Merrie Hepworth	George Gerrity
Organist	Heather Shelley	Rhys Thorpe
Word & Prayer	Paul Shelley	Joh Sheehan
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
Cup	Paul Shelley, Anne Ranse	Doreen Matters, Leo Wimmer, George Gerrity, Vera de Vere Extra bread: Anne Ranse
Morning Tea	Heather and Paul Shelley	Helen Boulton, Dorothy Hurst
Children's Church		Rika, Mel M, Karen, Russell M/T: Phyl Holmes
Counters	Rhonda Thorpe, Colin Lyons	Merri Bacon, Naomi Cole