

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

14 August 2016

Thirteenth Sunday

after Pentecost



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

10.45 am Deep Dive Revd Canon Gill Varcoe



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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)

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

WEEK BEGINNING 21 August 2016

Monday 22.8.16	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 23.8.16	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation
Wednesday 24.8.16	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 (2nd of 6 weeks)
Thursday 25.8.16	9.30 am 1.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre HCN Office Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Wellness Clinic (by appt.) EFM
Friday 26.8.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup



SAVE THE DATES

- # Fri 26 Aug—Men's dinner
- # Sun 28 Aug—Family Service
- # Sat 3 Sept—**Susanna's induction in Sale**
- # 9 to 11 Sep—Synod, Goulburn
- # Fri 16-18 Sept—Parish Retreat at Galong
- # Tues 1 Nov—Induction of Rev Canon Margaret

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Peace at any price? - Luke 12:49-59

'I come to bring fire to the earth and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptised, and what stress I am under until it is completed. Do you think I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!' (vv. 49-51).

What a contrast with last week's reading which began, 'Fear not, little flock, for it's your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom' (Luke 12: 32)! This passage challenges us to a larger perspective of what sharing in the kingdom entails. Both tone and content of today's reading are bracing, to put it mildly. After urging them earlier not to be anxious, Jesus seems to be giving the crowd a number of things to be anxious about.

What does Jesus mean in saying that he has come to bring fire to the earth? His contemporary audience would see fire as a sign of God's presence (e.g. Moses and the burning bush; the pillar of fire that guided the Israelites in the wilderness at night). They would also probably associate it with judgment and purification. Luke's first audience - those living towards the end of the 1st century - would also have been familiar with the fires of persecution, as well as the tongues of flame that accompanied the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost.

There is no mistaking Jesus' sense of urgency and stress. Aware of his own impending baptism by fire, he wants to warn his followers that sharing in the kingdom will entail conflict and suffering for them too, involving division within their own families. Perhaps he is deliberately shocking them into awareness, metaphorically shaking them, telling them to wake up. Is that why he addresses the crowd (not just the Pharisees) as 'you hypocrites', for being so clever about interpreting the weather but blind to what is really happening in terms of his message and its impact?

In terms of settling with our personal opponents (vv.57-9) Jesus advocates common sense and prudence. We should do what we can to stop conflict escalating. But there are people who, like Jesus, voluntarily take on suffering and conflict, not for personal reasons, but for the sake of principle, and in solidarity with others. For example, Dietrich Bonhoeffer chose to return from safe exile in the USA during WW2 to resist the Nazi regime, and was imprisoned and executed for doing so.

How do we respond to conflict? Do we bury our head in the sand hoping it will go away, or do we meet it head on? Or do we take the time to allow it to teach us more about who and how God is calling us to be in the situation in which we find ourselves?



- **Frances MacKay (2013)**



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We all need to be mindful of Elder Abuse

“Elder abuse is mistreatment of an older person that is committed by someone with whom the older person has a relationship of trust such as a partner, family member, friend or carer. Elder abuse may be physical, social, financial, psychological or sexual and can include mistreatment and neglect.”

A woman rang me last week seeking accommodation assistance for her and her 82-year-old father. Due to the complexity of their story, we decided it was best that she and her father come in and see me.

It seems that the father, Italian by birth and with little English, either speaking or reading comprehension, had been neglected and had become quite sick while living in sub-standard private rental in Melbourne. Further, it seems that this may have been due to intentional neglect on behalf of close family members. This was exacerbated by the recent death of a brother and another sibling moving into an aged care facility, both of whom played a role in caring for him.

Only recently, some of the father's documents were stolen and the thief attempted to assume the father's identity (this matter is currently with the Police). Somewhere along the line, other family members have lodged an application for guardianship of the father, based on their view that the father is not capable of looking after his own affairs. The daughter disputes this and claims that these family members have sinister intentions and not the best interests of the father in mind. In connection with this application, it appears that the father's access to his own bank accounts has been frozen, which means he currently has absolutely no access to any money. They are currently receiving legal support in relation to this issue.

The upshot of all this is that the daughter has nursed her father back to good health and has brought him to Canberra, where they are currently in desperate need of affordable accommodation. We are assisting them in this search.

If you are concerned that someone an older person may be being mistreated, you can call The Older Person's Abuse Prevention Referral and Information Line (APRIL) for a confidential telephone service for callers who want to discuss elder abuse issues and seek advice and referral options. The service operates during business hours. The APRIL number is 02 6205 3535.

Wish list: pasta sauce, sweet biscuits, shampoo, school supplies – exercise books and pencils.

Stuart Davis-Meehan, Director

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PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ♦ We give thanks for the beauty of our World, of the changing seasons and the slow awakening of our stewardship responsibilities to restore it to better health.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ♦ We pray for collaboration between all agencies who provide care for our ageing population.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ♦ We pray for the church in Rio de Janeiro and Rochester, USA.
- ♦ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people in Perth and North West Australia.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ♦ We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Curtin, Watson and Chapman. We also pray for Fred Ward Gardens, an aged care facility in Curtin.
- ♦ We pray for ministry to mentally ill and depressed people. We give thanks for the work of Lifeline Canberra in supporting them.

MISSION

- ♦ We pray for the work of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Anglican Council.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ♦ We pray for all our clergy who are travelling to Bowral and attending clergy retreat that commences tomorrow.
- ♦ We continue to pray for Margaret who is in transition, between saying goodbye to her Crookwell parish and moving back to Canberra.
- ♦ We pray for Susanna who is preparing to leave for Sale.
- ♦ We pray for the following members of our parish family: Graham and Pam Thomas; Rhonda Thorpe: Rhys, Anna, Lucy and Georgia Thorpe; Jenny Tompkins; and Marilyn and Colin Tolano.
- ♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Glenys Wimmer, Bev Barnes, Elaine Dennis, John Painter and those known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

- Monday: Mr. Lamech (died 2008)
Mary, Mother of our Lord
- Friday: Ian Main (died 2004)

HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

Lord,
Hear
Our
Prayer

DEEP DIVE

TODAY - 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**

The Gospel of John and the Making of 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



Plant Sale 5 November Advance Notice



Are you tidying up your garden after winter (it **WILL** soon be over!)? Now it is time to pot up plants such as those extra strawberry runners, hydrangeas, geraniums, rosemary and correa prunnings etc, put them in a sunny spot, and get them off to a great start for the plant sale in November. Alternatively, you might be contemplating dividing that clump of iris, lamb's tails, or hellebore etc. These and many others would also be well established by November and make tempting purchases.

If you have a passion for plants, we would really appreciate your assistance on 5 November at the sale. If you are interested, please let Joh Sheehan or Beth Heyde know. A sign up sheet will be available at the back of the church in due course.

Margaret Meggs says thank you for your prayers, thoughts and Get Well card. The good Lord has been listening and making a difference for Margaret who is slowly learning to walk again. Please keep up your prayers for Margaret.

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.



Katherine Rainger on her bike ride from Paris to London as part of her annual leave. She has been in the UK for Caitlin's wedding, then did this bike ride before going to Crete. She is arriving home today.



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.

LOST

Whoever borrowed the **Iona hymn book**, please return it.



I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL YOU...

The Roman Catholic Church of St John's at Kippax has had a meeting with me about them starting a Parish Nursing Program. They have three nurses in their parish and are incorporating the nursing program into their pastoral care program and then branching out into the community as the needs arise. I think this is exciting news as it will mean we can refer clients to each other as well as having the National Faith Community Nurses program expand in Canberra.

It has been a busy few weeks in HCN with Cathy away overseas and Nicole having finished with us and taken a new job with Carers ACT. We wish her well. The HCN continues to expand into the community and take on new roles according to need. Currently we are making arrangements to work with Anglicare on NDIS for one of our clients so we can remain as her service deliverer. This is a real God-send for us and for her.

Blessings,
Archdeacon Anne, Holistic Care Nursing Coordinator



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. 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** recently commenced. The clinic is available to anyone from our congregation and clients in the community. 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-2.30pm 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

Monday: Coral Powell

Tuesday: Jamie Gumbrell, Lachlan Kulesza, Mel Moss

Thursday: Maurice Neville

Friday: Louisa Trigge

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



IN THE PARISH AND...



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 or
susanna.pain@gmail.com

Donation: \$30



Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture
WISDOM WORKING FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Exploring the Ecstasy of the Divine in an Inter-faith World **Saturday 27th August 10am - 3pm**

Facilitated by Dr Kerrie Hide

On this reflection day we will explore the wisdom of the mystic Beatrice Bruteau whose writings about the ecstasy of God take us into the luminous depths she describes.

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

Bring lunch to share, journal, hat, and art materials if you'd like.

Morning and afternoon tea provided.

RSVP essential (by Wed 17 Aug):
Alice-Anne Macnaught: ph 0414 790 201 or aamacnaught@iinet.net.au

Donation: \$30 for ANSD members or \$35 per person.



PARISH RETREAT

16th–18th September 2016

"Living the Blessing: Becoming a Blessing"

Led by Alice-Anne Macnaught

Praying with sacred Scripture and the book of Nature, we will ponder the mystery and wonder of *The Blessing of God's love and invitation to become a blessing ourselves as we are led to respond.*

In this retreat we will share communal prayer and responses with periods of quiet prayer and stillness.

Held in the delightful environs of St. Clement's Retreat House, Galong.

Brochures available from leaflet rack on the back wall.

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 today.

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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Taize Prayer Retreat, 26-28 August, St. Clement's Galong.
- ◆ Women inspiring Women, Mosaic Baptist Church Page, Thurs 1 Sept.
- ◆ *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.
- ◆ Retreat celebrating Seasons of Birth and Creativity, led by Frances MacKay, Sat 19 Nov, ACCC.

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY - 21 August –Fourteenth after Pentecost

8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION	Celebrant: Revd Rob Miners Preacher: Revd Rob Miners
10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church & Youth Group	Celebrant: Revd Rob Miners Preacher: Revd Rob Miners



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Carol and Peter Sherman	Helen and Harris Boulton
Readers	Kath Arthur Steve Daniels Katherine Rainger	Sandra Ross Simon de Vere Harris Boulton
Intercessor	Robert Arthur	Joh Sheehan
Organist	Kath Arthur	Clare Lawlor
Word & Prayer	Luc Rose	James Ellis
Deacon	Katherine Rainger	Anne Ranse
Cup	Luc Rose, Katherine Rainger	James Ellie, Anne Ranse, Phyl Holmes, Neville Hurst Extra bread: Anne Dudzinski
Morning Tea	Carol Sherman, David Meggs	Judith Ann Daniels, Merri Bacon
Children's Church		Rika, Mary, Catherine, Anne L M/T: Deranie Jackson
Counting	Clive Rodger, Jenny Baines	Quentin Grafton, Reg Holmes
Flowers	Phyl Holmes	
Cleaning	Youth Group	

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SENTENCE:

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Psalm 80: 19.

READINGS:

Isaiah 5: 1-7
Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11: 29-12:2
Luke 12: 49-59

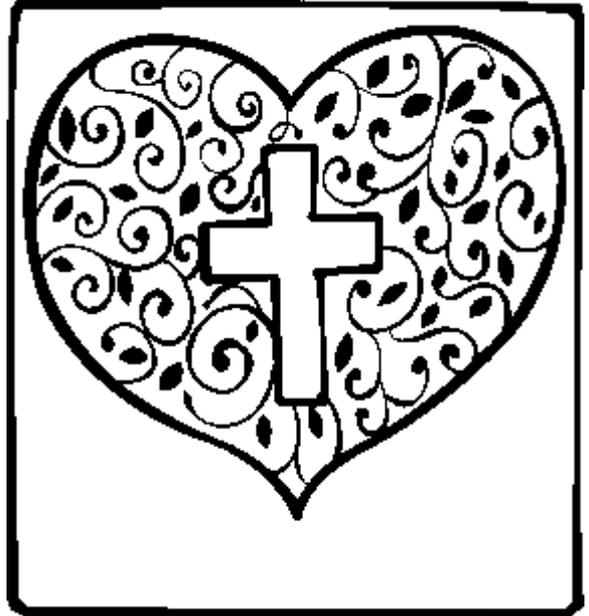


8 am HYMNS

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PRAYER

God of our being and doing:
we come from so many places;
places of play and study and work;
places of joy and worry and fears;
places of loneliness and friendship.
We give you thanks that you meet us
at all the places in our lives.
We thank you for answers to prayer.
Give us the power to perceive you.
Give us the courage to follow you.
AMEN



	8.00am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Libby Warren, Tony Willis	Prue and Ken Wedgwood
Readers	Kerin Cox Tony Willis Anne Ranse	Kate King Bruce Barnes Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Robert Arthur	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	Rika Amos, Carol Kubanek
Children's Church		Richard, Mel B, Prue, Anne L M/T: Murray-Judd
Counters	Jen Collier, Peter Sherman	Chris Olsson, Graham Bonnett