

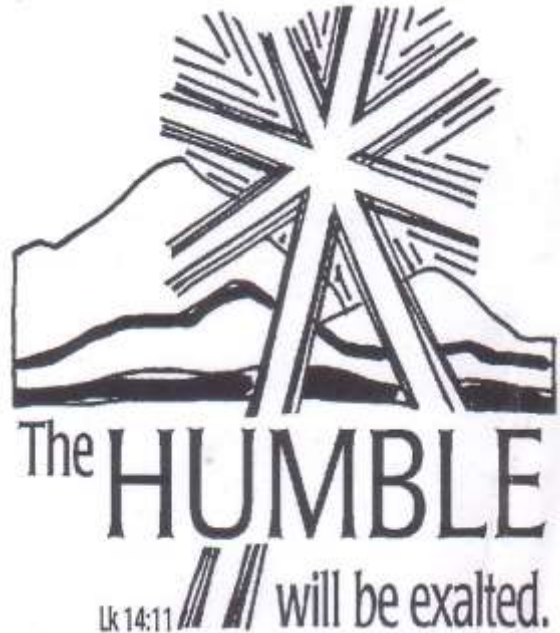
HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

28 August 2016

Fifteenth 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 Rob Miners

10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION, Family Service
Celebrant: Revd Connie Gerrity
Deacon: Revd Katherine Rainger



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 29.8.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 30.8.16	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation
Wednesday 31.8.16	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 (3rd of 6 weeks)
Thursday 1.9.16	9.30 am 1.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre HCN Office Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Wellness Clinic (by appt.) EFM
Friday 2.9.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 3.9.16	10.30 am	Worship Centre	Baptism

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

WEEK BEGINNING 4 September 2016

Monday 5.9.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 6.9.16	12.30 pm 4.00 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation Belonging & Caring meeting
Wednesday 7.9.16	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 (4th of 6 weeks)
Thursday 8.9.16	9.30 am 1.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre HCN Office Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Wellness Clinic (by appt.) EFM
Friday 9.9.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup

SAVE THE DATES



- # Sat 3 Sep—**Susanna's induction in Sale**
- # Sat 3 Sep—Baptism of Evangeline Mikaela Sharrad
- # 9 to 11 Sep—Synod, Goulburn
- # Fri 16-18 Sept—Parish Retreat at Galong
- # Thurs 6 Oct—Community Lunch
- # Tues 1 Nov—Induction of Rev Canon Margaret
- # Sat 5 Nov—Mini fete and plant sale

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Luke 14:7-11

'But, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

In the Gospel of Luke today we hear of that familiar parable of the wedding banquet. As I was reading it, I had in mind the faces of the people I spend my days with in the community who fit into all the above categories. I know that every day, even though it is hard work, I come home aware I have spent my day exactly where I have meant to spend it.

When I read this parable I reflect on the times we have at Rainbow Fellowship, Holy Covenants Disability Ministry and the great delight it is to be with that group. It puts me on my knees at how they love and accept each other, how God-centred they are and how they pray so earnestly for those who lead the group. We share afternoon tea together after we have looked into God's word and had some activities. They are such a bright, happy group and I always go home afterwards feeling like I have been somewhere special, somewhere where God is.

Another group of people this parable reminds me of is—all of us—at the services at Holy Covenant. I can look out over the congregation on a Sunday morning and see some of our people from Rainbow Fellowship present amongst us, some of our people from the nursing program and some from Covenant Care (our day hospice). In all that, **I see you** who assist in all these areas amongst the poor, the lame, the crippled and the blind. What a welcoming church and what a group of humble people! What I see here is the endeavour to take this parable literally.

This parable certainly doesn't exclude us from having fun, food and fellowship with our special friends and others we might like to invite home or out. But it does alert us to the fact that Jesus wants us not to exclude those he invites us to include, those he would be seen fellowshiping with and journey with in life. Everyone has an equal place in God's kingdom. Can you imagine what a surprise it would be at the heavenly banquet to see the homeless person, the lame person, the blind person that we perhaps have ignored on the street last week, sitting at God's right hand?

Someone said that the task of this life is to learn the language of the next. We might also say that the task of our Sunday banquet, the Eucharist, is to learn how to fully enjoy ourselves in the heavenly banquet, by including those who we see as 'different' and struggling in life as the ones we care for and include in our earthly lives. Let's not let our own self concerns stand in the way of our presence at the heavenly banquet.

Blessings

Archdeacon Anne

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Homelessness Counts

Homelessness Week this year crept up on me and it was remiss of me not to write about this important issue during the first week of August. The theme for Homelessness Week this year was "Homelessness Counts" with Homelessness Australia "encouraging all to recognise that those experiencing homelessness are a valuable part of our society and must be supported".

You will be aware that Census night was in the middle of that week and the Australian Bureau of Statistics committed a great deal of resources to ensuring that those who are homeless were included in the Census data collection. As part of our contribution to the Census we actively promoted it through our Emergency Relief Centre and hosted two Census staff for the week, to provide information and assist our clients, where appropriate, to complete the Census forms. Our Youth Outreach Workers also assisted by becoming Special Field Officers, working in locations where homeless people are known to hang out, across Canberra. Whilst there were obvious issues with the Census this year, I do hope that we were able to collect some accurate data on the level of homelessness in Canberra, to assist us all to plan better to meet their needs.

We continue to see a lot of clients who find themselves homeless, for one reason or another. One client, a University student, after returning from a family funeral overseas, found that her room had been given away. She stayed on the streets for a couple of nights before we were able to assist her into some short term supported accommodation. Another client, a young man, as a result of finding his sister had committed suicide in the house where he lived with his mother, found that neither he nor his mother could live there anymore. Still another, as a result of a dispute with neighbours was not able to be within 100 metres of them and was effectively shut out of his own place, has found another place to live. We are helping to move his furniture into his new place today. Yet another is facing eviction due his hoarding obsession.

I am also pleased to report that we have signed a new deal with Backpack Beds to provide free swags for our homeless clients.

I was very surprised and disappointed to read in the paper this week about the Mayor of Melbourne being quoted as saying that "if you give money, food, clothing, blankets and other goods to the homeless, you are entrenching homelessness and making it easier for them to stay on the streets". It is my experience that people in general do not choose to be homeless or to live on the streets and that for those that do find themselves in that situation, a little compassion goes a long way.

Wish list: milk long life, shampoo, conditioner, biscuits

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 the people of eastern and central India and Italy who have lost loved ones and/or been otherwise affected by floods and earthquakes.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ♦ Being Refugee Sunday, we pray for those new to our country and we pray for all those trying to help them.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ♦ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people in the Province of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.
- ♦ We also pray for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministry, Bimbadeen Training College, Cootamundra.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ♦ We pray for the Basement Ministries, led by Wayne Brighton.
- ♦ Today is Synergy Youth and Children's annual Synergy Sunday. We pray for and celebrate Synergy's ministry to children and young people. We also pray for Synergy's directors, chaplains, leaders and team members.
- ♦ We also pray for specialist youth ministry teams as they speak with parishes.

MISSION

- ♦ We pray for the work of the Anglicare Australia: Chair, Archbishop Ray Cleary; Executive Director, Kasy Chambers; staff and volunteers.
- ♦ We also pray for Specialist youth ministry teams as they speak with parishes and more generally for Peace in the world

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ♦ We pray for Evangeline Mikaela Sharrad who will be baptised here at Holy Covenant next Saturday morning.
- ♦ 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 the following members of our parish family: Libby Warren; Mark Webb and Janet Hartmann; Prue, Ken, Jono and Ellie Wedgwood; and Audrey and Stuart Wells.
- ♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Glenys Wimmer, Bev Barnes, Elaine Dennis and those known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

- Monday: Joan Richards (died 2007)
Monday: Beheading of John the Baptist
Friday: Peter Henry Hall (died 2015)

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Lord,
Hear
Our
Prayer



PARISH RETREAT
16th—18th September
2016

"Living the Blessing: Becoming a Blessing"

Led by Alice-Anne Macnaught

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.

Registrations close 4 September

Brochures available from leaflet rack on the back wall.

**Baptism of
Evangeline Mikaela
Sharrad**



Sat 3 Sep at 10.30am

Michael and Lucia Sharrad are bringing their daughter Evangeline for Baptism next Saturday. **All are welcome to attend** and support them. Evangeline's mum, dad and brothers Elijah and Zachary; her grandparents Theresa and Herbert Jokisch and her aunty and cousin Isabel and Ta'isz Jokisch are part of the Holy Covenant community. We look forward to welcoming Evangeline in baptism next Saturday. Please keep Evangeline and her family in your prayers.

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- ◆ Women inspiring Women, Mosaic Baptist Church Page, Thurs 1 Sept.
- ◆ Belconnen Ambulance and Fire & Rescue Open Day, 3 Sep 10am to 2pm.
- ◆ Calvary Hospital Auxiliary Trivia Night, Fri 9 Sep @ Belc Labor Club.
- ◆ Q & A Forum: Refugees-Do their lives matter? Thurs 15 Sep, Hawker College.
- ◆ Film and Theology, ACCC, Thurs 22 Sep, 6.30pm to 9.30pm led by Nikolai Blaskow. BYO food and drink to share.
- ◆ *Monks and Mystics in the Desert.* Retreat for body and soul. 30 Sep-4Oct
- ◆ 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 - 4 Sept –Sixteenth 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
3.30 pm	RAINBOW FELLOWSHIP	



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Mandy Squair, Hilary Harris	Jo and Gareth James
Readers	Mandy Squair Hilary Harris Katherine Rainger	Reg Holmes Doreen Matters Simon de Vere
Intercessor	Paul Shelley	Bruce Barnes
Organist	Heather Shelley	Rhys Thorpe or Jerry Platt
Word & Prayer	Luc Rose	James Ellis
Deacon	Katherine Rainger	
Cup	Luc Rose, Katherine Rainger	James Ellis, Rob Maron, Doreen Matters, Vera de Vere Extra bread: Katherine Rainger
Morning Tea	Ann Menzies, Jennifer Collier	Youth Group
Children’s Church		Ruth, Katherine, Anne M/T: Jo James
Counting	Jen Collier, Peter Sherman	Chris Olsson, Martin Lange
Flowers	Phyl Holmes	
Cleaning	Penny and Ted Lilley	

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SENTENCE:

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.
Luke 14:11

READINGS:

Jeremiah 2: 4-13
 Psalm 81: 1, 10-16
 Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16
 Luke 14: 7-14



8 am HYMNS

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PRAYER

O God,
 you invite the humble and the sinful to take
 their place in the festive assembly of the new
 covenant:
 teach your Church always to honour the
 presence of the Lord in the poor and the
 outcast,
 so that we may learn to recognise each other
 as brothers and sisters gathered together
 around your table.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
 the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

AMEN



	8.00am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Kerin and Brian Cox	Anne Dudzinski
Readers	Rosemary Kennemore Robert Arthur Katherine Rainger	
Intercessor	Paul Shelley	
Organist	Kath Arthur	
Word & Prayer	Rhonda Thorpe	
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Cup	Rhonda Thorpe, Katherine Rainger	Anne Ranse, Katherine Rainger, George Gerrity, Leo Wimmer Extra bread: Connie Gerrity
Morning Tea	Ann Menzies, Jennifer Collier	Youth Group
Children's Church		M/T: Jodie Petrov
Counters	Jenny Baines, Rod Menzies	Simon de Vere, Martin Lange