

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

**4 September
2016**

**Sixteenth
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, Children's Church and Youth Group
Celebrant: Revd Rob Miners
Preacher: Revd Rob Miners

3.30 pm Rainbow Fellowship



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH			
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 afternoon	Worship Centre Goulburn	Playgroup Synod (Rob Miners available for pastoral matters during weekend)

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

WEEK BEGINNING 11 September 2016			
Monday 12.9.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 13.9.16	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation Communications Team meeting
Wednesday 14.9.16	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 (5th of 6 weeks)
Thursday 15.9.16	9.30 am 1.00 pm 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre HCN Office Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Wellness Clinic (by appt.) Book Club EFM
Friday 16.9.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup

SAVE THE DATES

- # 9 to 11 Sep—Synod, Goulburn
- # Sun 11 Sep—Breathing Space quiet afternoon
- # Fri 16-18 Sept—Parish Retreat at Galong
- # Thurs 6 Oct—Community Lunch
- # Tues 1 Nov—Induction of Revd Canon Margaret
- # Sat 5 Nov—Mini-fete and Plant Sale



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Luke 14: 25-33. A Moral Imperative For Our Time

'So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions' (Luke 14:33).

This week Malcolm Turnbull has said that budget repair is the 'massive moral challenge' for our time – words strangely reminiscent of Kevin Rudd's claim in 2008 that tackling climate change was the great moral challenge of our time. However we identify the moral challenge, there is always a cost to meeting it, and the question remains as to who should bear the cost. I liked the cartoon in *The Canberra Times* (August 30, 2016) depicting someone in a Centrelink queue saying, 'I'd like to swap my Newstart allowance for a generous government bail out'.

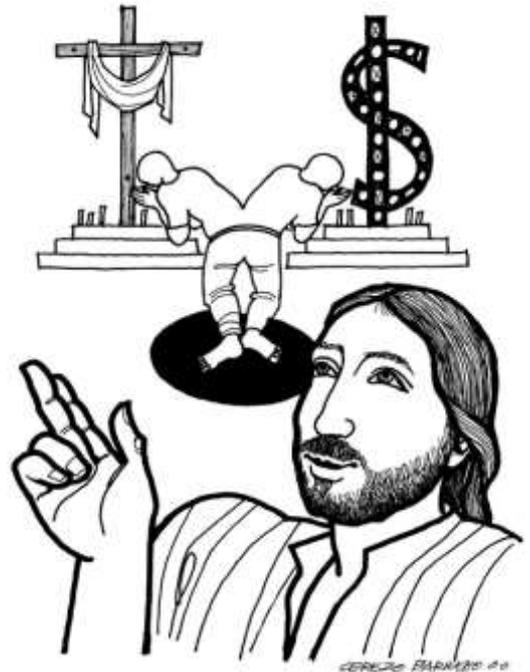
Today's gospel reading takes us beyond specific moral issues to the more pervasive and more radical way of being in the world expected of those who claim to follow Jesus. Many years ago I remember reading that the admission fee to the kingdom of God is nothing but the annual subscription is everything you have.

An economic metaphor is used in the teaching on the cost of discipleship that follows the parable of the banquet – that wonderful symbol of grace, generosity and inclusiveness. In that parable Jesus seems to warn against postponing attending the banquet. But now he is warning the growing numbers of would-be followers not to follow too hastily without first counting the cost. Certainly following him is no soft option, demanding no less than complete surrender, and this is reflected in the confronting teaching on family relationships and personal property.

There is something attractive about such absolute self-surrender. Some of you may remember that scene in Zefferelli's film *Brother Sun, Sister Moon* where the future St Francis of Assisi casts aside his garments to embrace a life of poverty and service. But most of us are called to live this out in the midst of ordinary life.

Although couched in absolute terms – an exaggeration to make a point – we could say that today's reading is about non-attachment and self-surrender in the service of love. What if the invitation here is to cultivate practices of generosity of spirit and possessions; gratitude and humility, rather than a sense of entitlement or addiction to material goods and status; empathy that goes beyond political correctness; interdependence rather than insisting on our own way; welcoming the stranger rather than fencing off our families, communities and nation. Where our attempts are genuine, we will soon find ourselves carrying our own cross as we come to the end of our resources. And that's where grace happens.

Frances MacKay





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Social Justice – At the Heart of Politics?

This week I attended two events of a political nature and was both heartened and surprised by what I found.

The first was an ACT Election Party Leaders Forum organised by ACT Council of Social Services. Messrs. Barr, Hanson and Rattenbury were invited to respond to a document prepared by ACTCOSS and others titled *Community Shared Statement for ACT 2016 Election*, which states amongst many other things that “We see a growing gap between those who enjoy Canberra’s prosperity and liveability and those who don’t. This growing gap compromises individual and family economic and social wellbeing, compromises environmental values and threatens our collective success. For Canberra’s political leaders on all sides, the major task in the next term of government is to resist and reverse trends for growing inequality and division in our local economy and community.”

I invite you to read the document that can be found on the ACTCOSS website to inform your decision making in the coming election.

ACTCOSS and ACT Shelter have also been conducting a housing advocacy campaign called My Vote for Housing. If you are concerned about affordable housing in the ACT, like I am, then I invite you to look at the website at www.myvoteforhousing.com.au.

I also received an invitation to attend the Ecumenical Service to mark the opening of the 45th session of Parliament, held at the Presbyterian Church of St Andrew in Forrest at 7.30am on Tuesday this last week. Notable attendees included the Peter Cosgrove, Malcolm Turnbull, Bill Shorten, Barnaby Joyce, many new and old politicians and our own Bishop Stuart Robinson, who gave the address.

What pleasantly surprised me about both events was a strong focus on social justice. At the Forum, our Party Leaders were across the issues and spoke with great commitment. In Church the readings included the beatitudes and we sang “Make me a Channel of your Peace”. Maybe it was just me, but I found great comfort and optimism at both events. I often find a focus on social justice lacking in our political arena and although I am somewhat skeptical that it will be applied to any great degree in practice, I do take some comfort in politicians at least using and committing to the rhetoric.

Wish list: lentils, packets of soup, pull up nappies.

Stuart Davis-Meehan, Director



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ◆ We pray for the refugees being resettled after the closure of Manus Island.
- ◆ We pray for all the oceans and waterways in creation. Especially we pray for the coast line of Brazil in preparation for the Rio 2016 Paralympics.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ We pray for the 45th federal parliament and the newly sworn-in ministers.
- ◆ We also pray for greater calm in Kalgoorlie where the population has been outraged by the decision of the justice system.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ◆ We pray for the church in Uganda and Ghana.
- ◆ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people in the diocese of Ballarat.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ◆ We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Marulan and North and West Goulburn.
- ◆ We also pray the chaplain, staff and residents at Wollondilly Gardens Self Care Units, Goulburn Base Hospital and Goulburn Correctional Centre.

MISSION

- ◆ We pray for the work of the Australian Board of Missions in Tanzania.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ We pray for our representatives travelling and attending Diocesan Synod later this week in Goulburn.
- ◆ We continue to pray for Margaret as she prepares for her new role as our rector.
- ◆ We pray for Susanna now that she is inducted as Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, Sale.
- ◆ We pray for the following members of our parish family: Virginia and Angus West; Janet Williams; Joan Williams; Tony Willis; Leo and Glenys Wimmer; Lexie Winders and Suzanne, Jeremy, Sally, Jack and Elijah Witchalls.
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Glenys Wimmer, Bev Barnes, Elaine Dennis and those known to us personally.
- ◆ We give thanks for the life of Herbert Jokisch and pray for Theresa, Lucia, Isabel and their extended family as they mourn their loss.
- ◆ We also give thanks for the life of Graham Robert Wyatt and pray for Anne Ranse and extended family as they mourn the loss of Graham.

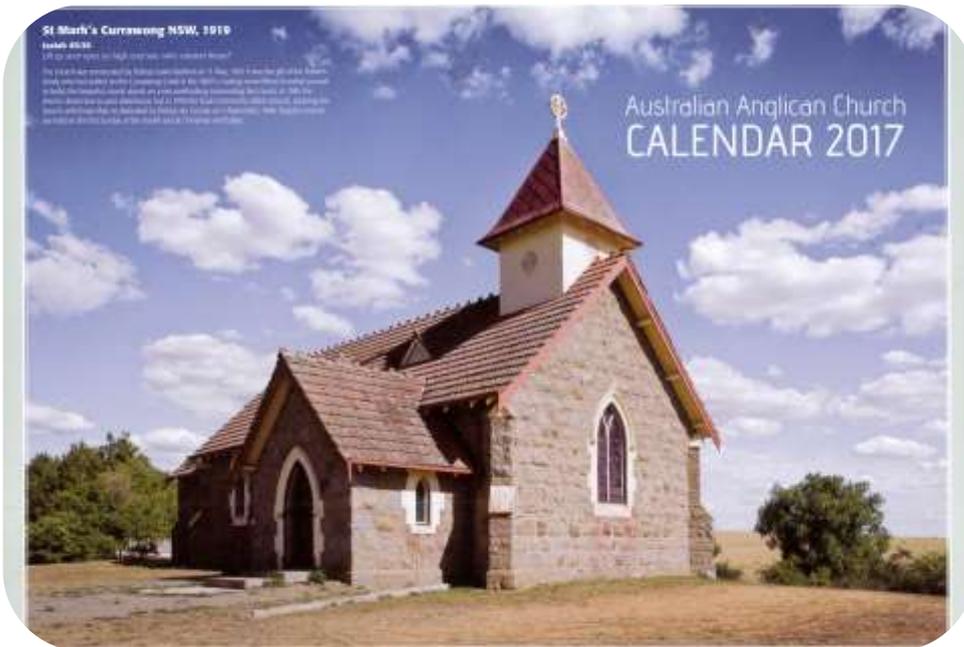
COMMEMORATIONS:

NIL

HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Phone Merri Bacon on 62511110 or email
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Lord,
Hear
Our
Prayer



Australian Anglican Church Calendar 2017

Order forms are available at the back of the church on the notice board.

If you would like a calendar please fill in the form and post it or email it per the addresses on the order form.

Mini-Fete & Plant Sale 5 November



Organisers Needed

Parish Council are hoping that there will be a range of activities on 5 November to make our mini-fete (as well as plant sale) interesting and a great community occasion.

So far we have convenors for a book stall (Gillian Painter and Lou Daniels) and the plant sale (Carol Kubanek and Beth Heyde), and we are looking for some convenors for e.g. cafe (with scones/other temptations), white elephant, sausage sizzle. If you've organised one of these before and would like to do it again, have another idea or are willing to help - please advise Beth at:

heyde@westnet.com.au

THANK YOU!!

Name Tags

Margaret will need everyone wearing their name tags when she comes on board in November.

Please add your name to the sheet on the table under the Noticeboard if you need a new or replacement name tag.



Happy
Fathers
Day

WEEKLY BULLETIN

All emails with information for inclusion in the Weekly Bulletin go to (cut off is 8am Thursdays):

weeklybulletin@holycovenant.org.au

If you would like to be on the email list send your email details to the above address. It will arrive in your Inbox on Friday—a good opportunity to see if you are rostered for any duties!

I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL YOU...

that the **Wellness Clinic** is operational each Thursday afternoon. 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

Today: Frankie Moss
Tuesday: Mel Clarke
Wednesday: Hannah David-Hoole
Saturday: Charlie Moss

If you'd like your name in the Birthday Book, please tell the office.

FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

These are the salient points from 16 August meeting:

- ◆ Planning is in progress for the induction of our new Rector on 1 November 2016.
- ◆ Lay minister documentation has mostly been deferred until after the new Rector takes up duty, as has strategic planning for the coming year; and no confirmations are planned for 2016.
- ◆ A full set of Safe Ministry Resources for Ministry Units is now held in the Office, for reference by HC teams.
- ◆ The Workplace Health and Safety audit for the Parish has been completed.
- ◆ Coordination of asset registers is under way and should be completed within another month.
- ◆ Drivers' logs are being implemented for transportation of vulnerable parishioners.
- ◆ An excellent donation response (\$2109.35) was achieved for expansion of Safe Shelter operations in Ainslie.
- ◆ The financial status of the Parish remains strong and some funds will be deployed temporarily to reduce loan interest.
- ◆ A PC sub group will develop a list of potential recipients of the Wider Work donations by the Parish, for approval by PC at its September meeting.
- ◆ The team responsible for the Parish Dinner was congratulated on an excellent evening and financial result (just over \$6000).
- ◆ The plant sale/mini-fete is in preparation, and convenors are being sought for mini-fete stalls.
- ◆ Extension of the Youth Workers' contracts was approved for three months, from early September until December; the youth group will be participating in the 40-hour 'famine' this weekend and working with Revd Katherine on the family service on 28 August .
- ◆ The Parish Roll will be complemented by a document which has information about the Parish and covers safe ministry.
- ◆ A men's get together is being organised by Nic Platt for 26 August, 7.30pm in the Rainbow Centre.
- ◆ The Holistic Care Nursing Program has received government funding and a Coordinator is being sought; a defibrillator will be funded for the Worship Centre.
- ◆ The Covenant Care Day Hospice has 18 clients, some new high-backed chairs and a donation from National Seniors of three personal CD players. A strategic planning session will be held for Covenant Care on 19 September.
- ◆ A letter will be sent to Susanna and Nikolai, thanking them for celebrating our services on 31 July.
- ◆ A social gathering/BBQ will be organised by Gareth James in early summer to bring young people and families together.
- ◆ A presentation will be explored for the Parish on indigenous culture of our area, by 'Culture on the Move'.

NEED A TIME OUT?

Quiet Afternoon: Responding to the Invitation of Spring Sunday 11 September



Join us for this mini retreat, gifting yourself with space for refreshment, reflection and sharing. You might like to bring writing materials

When: 3-5 pm, Sunday 11 Sept in the Rainbow Centre at Holy Covenant

Facilitator: Frances MacKay

Please complete sign up sheet if you intend to join in.



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

Retreat celebrating Seasons of Birth and Creativity

Saturday 19th Nov 9:30am - 1pm

Led by Frances MacKay with an introduction to the artworks by Doug Purnell.

Eremos is delighted to partner with ACCC to provide the opportunity for people to encounter this wonderful exhibition and engage with the mystery that surrounds birth. We offer this chance to share with others a unique approach to preparing for Advent and Christmas.

Bookings are essential due to space restrictions. Please RSVP with your name and phone number to events@eremos.org.au or phone Joe on 0419 354 578. RSVP deadline is 15 November. No charge but donations will gratefully be received.

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.

Registrations close TODAY

Brochures available from leaflet rack on the back wall.

KALEIDOSCOPE

Today 2.00—4.30pm

Kaleidoscope offers primary age children the opportunity to step out of the busy worlds in which they too live, to spend time reflectively, restfully and creatively.

Children’s lives are enriched by experiences that nurture their souls, open their hearts and minds to the presence of love and hope, and offer opportunities for creative expression, sharing stories and even some silence.

Please RSVP to Karina at karinajh43@gmail.com



ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- ♦ Calvary Hospital Auxiliary Trivia Night, Fri 9 Sept @ Belc Labor Club.
- ♦ Q & A Forum: Refugees—Do their lives matter? Thurs 15 Sept, Hawker College.
- ♦ Film and Theology, ACCC, Thurs 22 Sep, 6.30pm to 9.30pm Led by Nikolai, BYO food and drink to share.
- ♦ *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 - 11 September – 17th after Pentecost

8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION	Celebrant: Revd Richard Browning Preacher: Revd Richard Browning
10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION	Celebrant: Revd Richard Browning Preacher: Revd Richard Browning
10.15 am	Calvary Service	Holy Covenant Youth



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Kerin and Brian Cox	Dorothy and Neville Hurst
Readers	Kerin Cox Steve Daniels Katherine Rainger	Phyl Holmes Dorothy Hurst Neville Hurst
Intercessor	Merrie Hepworth	James Ellis
Organist	Kath Arthur	Rhys Thorpe or Jerry Platt
Word & Prayer	Paul Shelley	Tobias Nevile
Deacon	Katherine Rainger	
Cup	Paul Shelley, Katherine Rainger	Katherine Rainger, Tobias Nevile, James Ellis, Neville Hurst Extra bread: TBA
Morning Tea	Heather & Paul Shelley	Danni Ellis & Carol Kubanek
Children's Church		Samuel, Katherine, TBA, Christine, Prue M/T: Deranie Jackson
Counting	Rhonda Thorpe, Colin Lyons	Simon de Vere, Merri Bacon
Flowers	Jen Collier	
Cleaning	Heather & Paul Shelley	

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TODAY

SENTENCE:

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple.

Luke 14:27

READINGS:

Jeremiah 18: 1-11
 Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18
 Philemon 1 - 25
 Luke 14: 25-35:



8 am HYMNS

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PRAYER

God of the ages,
 you call the Church to keep watch in the world
 and to discern the signs of the times:
 grant us the wisdom that your Spirit bestows,
 so that with courage we may proclaim your
 prophetic word, and complete the work you
 have set before us;
 through your Son, 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	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	Mary Lynn Mather, Jocelyn Kirkland	Helen Boulton, Dorothy Hurst
Children's Church		Ruth, Katherine, Anne M/T: Jo James
Counters	Jen Collier, Peter Sherman	Chris Olsson, Martin Lange