

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

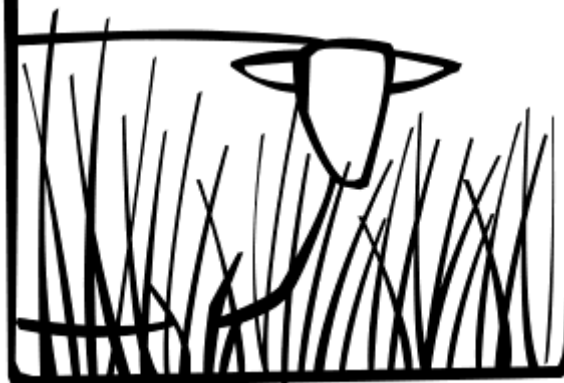
**11 September
2016**

**Seventeenth
Sunday**

after Pentecost

**I have found
the lost sheep**

Luke 15:6



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 Richard Browning
Preacher: Revd Richard Browning

10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church

Celebrant: Revd Richard Browning
Preacher: Revd Richard Browning

10.15 am Calvary Service assisted by HC Youth Group

3.00 pm Breathing Space—Responding to the Invitation of Spring



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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
Saturday 17.9.16	9.00 am	Worship Centre	Working Bee

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

WEEK BEGINNING 18 September 2016

Monday 19.9.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 20.9.16	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation Parish Council meeting
Wednesday 21.9.16	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 (final week)
Thursday 22.9.16	9.30 am 1.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre HCN Office Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Wellness Clinic (by appt.) EFM
Friday 23.9.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup

SAVE THE DATES



- # Today—Breathing Space quiet afternoon
- # Fri 16-18 Sept—Parish Retreat at Galong
- # Sat 24 Sept—**Women's Afternoon Tea at Tilleys**
- # 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 15: 1-10 Seeking and Finding!

'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

I've always loved this about Jesus – that he enjoyed hanging out with people like this. Perhaps that is saying that there is some hope for me! The parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin build on the radical inclusiveness of the parable of the Great Banquet, pointing to a God who notices when we don't turn up or go missing. This is a God who pursues, who goes out of his/her way to find us, and then celebrates.

Most of us have had the experience of being lost or losing someone or something precious – a soul mate, a close friend or relative, our health, our job, our independence. The list goes on. Depending on the severity of the loss, we can feel lost ourselves. Our dream of how life ought to be, and who we are, can be severely challenged. Who am I without this person, this job, this healthy body or mind? And who is this God who allows this to happen?

Sometimes there is a sense of losing God. Recently I heard someone say: 'I feel I have lost God.' This was obviously distressing because she had lived her life seeking and serving God and now was wondering if there were other paths she could have taken that might have been more fulfilling. She was obviously feeling short-changed and cheated. She then went on to tell me about a scene from the recent *Absolutely Fabulous* movie, in which Jennifer Saunders goes to the bathroom, picks up and smashes (I don't know that this was deliberate) the Buddha statue she keeps on the cistern. She says something along the lines of, 'I have given you my money. I have given you my time. After all I have done for you, what have you given me?' My friend was able to laugh at herself as she saw how this mirrored how she had been feeling towards God.

Perhaps we also see a bit of ourselves in this. After all, the psalmist often seems to be coming from a similar place. The good news, according to writers like Meister Eckhart, Thomas Keating and Thomas Merton, is that the shattering of our ideas of God is a necessary, if painful step in our journey towards the reality to whom the images point, the mystery that is God. Doesn't Richard Rohr say that God comes disguised as our life?

The scriptures offer many images of God. What does it say about God that he/she tirelessly seeks what (or who) is lost and brings them home before proceeding to celebrate with neighbours? Writers in the contemplative tradition emphasise that we can never be outside of God's presence because God is to be found within us and in the people and events of our lives. And nothing [except ourselves?] can separate us from the love of Christ.

Frances MacKay





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A big 'whoa' kind of moment

Her Canberra published a heart touching story on 26 August about Jenae, who is now 16. Jenae initially talks about the struggles of her family's experience with domestic violence and mental abuse, as well as her life after deciding to leave home at the age of 12. She continues to explain how her circumstances influenced her use of drugs, drinking, couch surfing and sleeping rough on the streets. Despite Jenae coming in contact with various supporting agencies and counselling services, she just could not break free from the cycle.

She describes the 'whoa' kind of moment for hope and positive change when she first met Zack from Youth Care Canberra, who had something different to offer than all the other supporting services she had previously accessed.

She says "he talked to me in such a unique way that it didn't even feel like counselling. He didn't have a notebook and it wasn't textbook, it was just talking and all of a sudden I felt better.... I know that if Zack was there when I was 12, I wouldn't have touched half the stuff that I did touch or been at half the houses that I was at. It was just a matter of finding someone I could talk to, someone I could just have a chat to when I was feeling down, and just to know that I was not alone".

Since having been supported by YCC, Jenae has moved back with her mother and is now holding down a full apprenticeship. She still occasionally touches base with YCC, especially if she is having a difficult day.

Jenae's story can be said to be one of many, but the question that I gravitate towards as a proactive community worker is that how is it that despite so many opportunities presented to various supporting agencies, hope for positive change is so minute? What are the practical lessons that can be learnt which have been missed from Jenae's story despite the social services sector consisting of highly trained and qualified practitioners? Is it that we have become overly focused on agency protocols and service delivery frameworks so that service has become harder to deliver? Or is it that we underestimate the power of active listening?

You can access the full story at <http://hercanberra.com.au/cplife/youthcare-canberra/>

Saerah Shah

Wish list: Biscuits, Vegemite and Peanut Butter

All Donations to St John's Care are Tax Deductible



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ◆ We pray for an end to child labour, to the exploitation of workers in places like Bangladesh and the Gulf States, pray for the welfare of all migrant workers, and for an end to slavery wherever it still exists.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ We pray for cooperation between those organisations that fight bushfires, and give thanks for the many volunteers who work with them.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ◆ We pray for the churches in Myanmar and Nigeria.
- ◆ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people in the dioceses of Gippsland and Grafton.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ◆ We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Gungahlin, Kaleen-Giralang-Lawson, Ginninderra and Charnwood.
- ◆ We pray for the work of Christian education in all schools, and the continuing development of accessible schools in the Diocese. Particularly we pray for Burgmann Anglican School and the Anglican Schools Commission.

MISSION

- ◆ We pray for the work of Compassion Australia fostering emotional, physical, and spiritual development of children in poverty around the world.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ We pray for the Communications Team meeting this week.
- ◆ We pray for Lindsay McDowell and his work towards Act of Recognition.
- ◆ We pray for Clare Bleijs and our Youth Group who are helping at the Calvary Communion Service today
- ◆ We pray for the many activities in the parish this week and for ongoing community building, including Covenant Care, Holistic Care Ministry, Wellness ministry and ministry to aged care facilities.
- ◆ We pray for the following members of our parish family: Michael Allen, Alison Campbell and their children Imogen, Darcy and Xanthe; Roger, Rika, Katy and Sophie Amos; Robert and Kath Arthur, Merri Bacon and Jenny Baines.
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Glenys Wimmer, Bev Barnes, Elaine Dennis and those known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Today: **David Frew Durie (died 1999)**

Friday: Cyprian of Carthage, bishop and martyr

Lord,
Hear
Our
Prayer

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!!



SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

From 9am till 12 noon

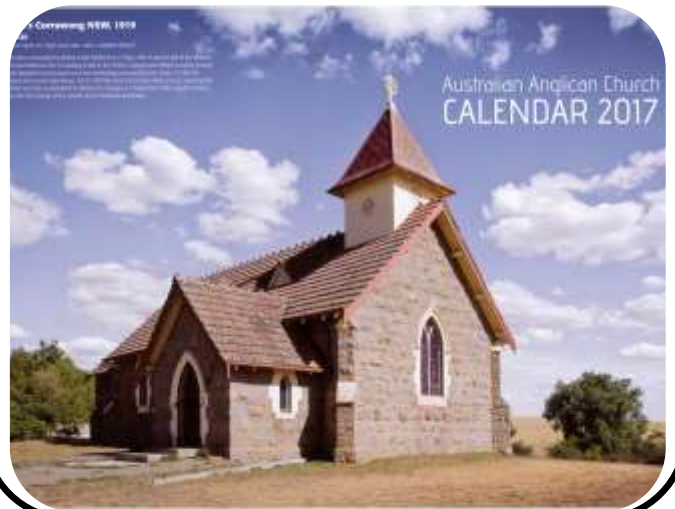
Come and help keep our buildings and grounds clean and tidy. Delicious morning tea provided.

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

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.



Suffering is given to you that you might open your eyes to the truth.

Anthony De Mello

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Today:	John Dau
Monday:	George Gerrity
Tuesday:	Chris Olsson
Wednesday:	Bruce Barnes
Thursday:	Tanya Boulton, Tamara Batterham

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

The Very Reverend Susanna Pain
Dean of Sale



The new Dean with three previous Deans of Sale (including Don Saines and Alan Huggins who will be known to some people in our congregation)

The Very Reverend Susanna Pain Dean of Sale



Susanna with Bishop Genieve Blackwell who was an Assistant Bishop in our Diocese before moving to Melbourne

Some of the Holy Covenant contingent. Others included Des Pain, Kate King, Merri Bacon, Libby Warren, Bob Arthur, Gill & John Painter, Mark Webb, Janet Hartmann and Wendy Elkhuisen. It was a wonderful weekend!



*Women's
Afternoon Tea at Tilleys* **3 pm, Saturday 24 September**
Tilley's Cafe
Corner Brigalow & Wattle St Lyneham



Spring has sprung - a great time to catch up again. It's very casual - just come for a little or a longer while, whatever suits you. There is a sign-up sheet on the sign-up board or contact Phyl Holmes - 62512007, phylandreg@optusnet.com.au so we can book tables. Feel free to invite any friends.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

NEED A TIME OUT?

Quiet Afternoon: Responding to the Invitation of Spring TODAY



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.



Journal Writing as a Creative Tool for Reflection

This series will explore approaches to journal writing that can enhance our spiritual journey.

When: Wednesday evenings (5, 12, 26 October, 2 November)

Time : 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm

Where: Rainbow Centre

Facilitators: Mary Lynn Mather and Frances MacKay

Bring: TBA



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.

The Spirit of Listening

Sunday 13 November

11.45am in Worship Centre



Revd Dr Sarah Bachelard, founder of Benedictus Contemplative Church, will be drawing on her presentation at the Edge of the Sacred Conference in Alice Springs in July.

The title of the conference is 'Exiled from Country—Deep Listening to the Spirit of Place'. She asks: What are the elements of listening that lead to deep connectedness to people and place?

This is the final **DEEP DIVE** for this year so mark it in your calendar.

Spring Christian Holiday Program

For youth with intellectual and physical disabilities



October school holidays at Black Mountain School

2 to 7 October

Do you have a current WWVP card and Safe Ministry certificate?

Synergy are looking for experienced individuals interested in volunteering in the Spring Holiday Program. The program is designed to give youth with disabilities an optimal experience.

The daily schedule will include sensory friendly daily prayer services, modified learning bible stories, crafts, singing, dancing, flower arranging and other activities.

Use your teaching or disability support experience to support youth in years 6 to 10. Pre-camp training is provided to all volunteers.

Contact Andrea de Vaal Horciu phone 0404 256 714 or email horciu@btinternet.com

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- ♦ Q & A Forum: Refugees—Do their lives matter? Thurs 15 Sept, Hawker College.
- ♦ CES forum: Strategy, not Charity: why we need effective aid now, chaired by Bishop George, Wed 21 Sep.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Awakening the Creative Spirit: The Arts in Spiritual Direction, Tues 18 Oct, \$30/35 RSVP by 7 Oct to mob 0414 790 201 or aamacnaught@iinet.net.au.
- ♦ 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 - 18 September – 18th after Pentecost

8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION	Celebrant: Revd Connie Gerrity Preacher: Revd Katherine Grainger
10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION	Celebrant: Revd Connie Gerrity Preacher: Revd Katherine Grainger



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Carol & Peter Sherman	Helen & Harris Boulton
Readers	Kath Arthur Mary Lynn Mather Katherine Rainger	Kate King Harris Boulton Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Robert Arthur	George Gerrity
Organist	Kath Arthur	Pam Lane
Word & Prayer	Steve Daniels	Joh Sheehan
Deacon	Katherine Rainger	Anne Ranse
Cup	Katherine Rainger Steve Daniels	Anne Ranse, Leo Wimmer, George Gerrity, Vera de Vere Extra Bread: Anne Dudzinski
Morning Tea	Pam Lane, Jennifer Collier	TBA
Children's Church		Mary, Catherine, Christine. M/T: Jo James
Counting	Clive Rodger, Jenny Baines	Reg Holmes, Harris Boulton
Flowers	Jen Collier	
Cleaning	Lindsay & Anne McDowell	

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TODAY

SENTENCE: I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.
Luke 15:10

READINGS:

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
 Psalm 14
 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-19a
 Luke 15: 1-10



8 am HYMNS

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PRAYER

Transforming God,
 may you move us from where we are
 to where you would like us to be:
 from our past, into your future,
 from our hurts, into your healing,
 from our silence, into your song.
 May you move us with your grace
 that acknowledges all we are,
 and longs for who we shall be.
 May you move us into life,
 into love,
 into worship.

AMEN



	8.00am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Kerin and Brian Cox	Dorothy and Neville Hurst
Readers	Kerin Cox Steve Daniels	Phyl Holmes Dorothy Hurst Neville Hurst
Intercessor	Merrie Hepworth	James Ellis
Organist	Kath Arthur	Jerry Platt
Word & Prayer	Paul Shelley	Tobias Nevile
Deacon		
Cup	Paul Shelley Rosemary Kennemore	Phyl Holmes, Tobias Nevile, James Ellis, Neville Hurst Extra bread: Katherine Rainger
Morning Tea	Heather and Paul Shelley	Danni Ellis, Judith Ann Daniells
Children's Church		Katherine, Christine, Prue M/T: Deranie Jackson
Counters	Rhonda Thorpe, Colin Lyons	Simon de Vere, Chris Olsson