

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

**18 September
2016**

**Eighteenth
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 Connie Gerrity
Preacher: Revd Katherine Rainger

10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church

Celebrant: Revd Connie Gerrity
Preacher: Revd Katherine Rainger



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 19.9.16	10.00 am 9.30 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Covenant Care Crafty Crew
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

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

WEEK BEGINNING 25 September 2016

Monday 26.9.16		Worship Centre	Covenant Care in recess for holiday
Tuesday 27.9.16	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation
Wednesday 28.9.16	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 29.9.16	9.30 am 1.00 pm	Rainbow Centre HCN Office Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Wellness Clinic (by appt.) EFM in recess
Friday 30.9.16		Worship Centre	Playgroup in recess

SAVE THE DATES

- # Sat 24 Sept—~~Women's Afternoon Tea at Tilleys~~
- # Weds (5 Oct -2 Nov) - Journal Writing as Creative Tool
- # Thurs 6 Oct—Community Lunch
- # Tues 1 Nov—Induction of Revd Canon Margaret
- # Sat 5 Nov—Mini-fete and Plant Sale
- #Sun 13 Nov—The Spirit of Listening



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Luke 16: 1-13. Where Is the Balm in Gilead?

Today's readings (Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1 and Luke 16:1-13) seem very pertinent to what is going on in today's world. As we watch what is happening in war-torn areas like Syria, particularly to the children, we, like Jeremiah, might feel helpless to do anything but lament: 'Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Where is God in this?' And in some parts of the world this isn't an occasional crisis but a way of life leading to intergenerational trauma. Sometimes all we can do is bear witness, weep and not close our hearts – this is our prayer.

The wheeling and dealing of the Dishonest Manager in the gospel reading also has a contemporary ring. I leave it to you to connect the dots! So what are we to make of this parable? Surely Jesus is not commending such wheeling and dealing, springing as it does from self-preservation on the part of the manager. Apparently parables are meant to subvert our way of looking at things, to make us think. They are not just moral tales telling us how to behave, much less practical advice on fiscal management. They actually address the wellsprings of behaviour – how we see the world and what motivates us. This is where real change needs to happen.

Against a sense of scarcity – a belief that we will never have enough or be enough – is Jesus' vision of the kingdom of God where there is enough to go around (admittedly some redistribution might be needed and some reassessment of what is enough). The final statement, 'No slave can serve two masters ... You cannot serve God and wealth' (v.13) gets to the heart of the matter. Although Jesus is using the language of economics, he is not referring just to money. Our sense of scarcity might apply to status, power, success, a specific relationship, or whatever we think will make us feel that we are enough. And we can rely on advertising to give us fresh ideas about what we need!

There is a difference between working to earn a living – and if we are lucky using the gifts we have been given – and being driven to 'sell our souls' to satisfy our sense of scarcity in some of these areas.

Besides, Jesus teaches that none of our strategies will suffice. 'True riches' (v.11) are *entrusted* to us. Our gifts and life are not our own – they are on loan, so to speak. It is only as we give up our strategies for self-preservation, the tendency to withhold rather than share, that we experience the grace of abundance, or enoughness. Of course this isn't achieved in one grand gesture. Habits of faithfulness and accountability (vv.8-13) can be helped by daily practices of gratitude and mindful, prayerful reflection on how we have lived our day in light of the world's needs.

Frances MacKay





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Director's Weekly Edition 14/9/16

Advocacy for our most Vulnerable

I want to share with you an opportunity that I was able to take advantage of this week to provide advocacy on behalf of all our clients who are living in poverty, which is most of them.

Having been away at the National Anglicare Conference for most of last week (I will write about this soon), I received a call on Monday morning at 8am from Jeremy Halcrow, CEO of our partner organisation Anglicare, asking if I was interested and available to participate alongside Dr. Cassandra Goldie, CEO of the Australian Council of Social Service, in a Cross Bench Investigation into the impacts of the Omnibus Bill, to be held later in the morning. The Bill included a cut to the Newstart allowance, pensions and family payments through the removal of the energy supplement.

I understand that Senator Siewart, the Chair of the public briefing, wanted to hear from someone who provided direct emergency relief services to people that would be affected by the Bill.

Of course I said yes. Within a couple of hours, I was sitting in the bowels of Parliament House before new and old Senators of our Federal Parliament including Senators Di Natale, Siewart, Xenophon, Hinch, Lambie, Whish-Wilson and Waters. I was telling them about what we do at St John's Care, how many people we assist and the negative impacts that I thought would be experienced by our clients, if the Bill were to be passed.

I agree with ACOSS which states in a recent media release about the Bill that "people who are unemployed, living on \$38 per day [which is well below the poverty line and has not otherwise been increased in real terms since 1994], face losing a minimum of \$4.40 a week, while someone earning \$200,000 would receive \$6 a week in personal income tax cuts. For people on Newstart, \$4.40 buys essentials like bread and milk. A \$6 per week tax cut for someone on \$200,000 is loose change." And further that "A proposal to cut the Energy Supplement flies in the face of an overwhelming consensus from business, unions and the community sector that the Newstart payment needs to be increased."

I was pretty pleased to receive an email from Cassandra Goldie saying amongst other things: - "Stuart thank you so much for yesterday. It was really important you were there and I know it made a difference." Let's hope so.

PS: Since writing this edition I have been advised that the Omnibus Bill was passed yesterday with some amendments, including keeping the energy supplement in place. Good news!

Wish list: kids lunch snacks, small jars of vegemite, lentils, small tins of fruit, tinned meat.

Stuart Davis-Meehan, Director

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ♦ We pray for the people in Palestine and Israel and the land considered to be holy by Muslims, Jews and Christians.
- ♦ We also pray for continued ceasefire in Syria so that children can play in the streets and no more blood will be spilled in war.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ♦ We pray for the gun amnesty where illegal firearm owners across Australia could soon have a chance to surrender their guns without penalty.
- ♦ We pray for Christian unity at local, national and world levels, National Council of Churches in Australia, NSW Ecumenical Council, ACT Churches Council.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ♦ We pray for the churches in Southern Ohio, USA and Southern Philippines.
- ♦ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people in the dioceses of North West Australia and Perth.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ♦ We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Yass Valley, Boorowa and Murrumbateman-Harden.

MISSION

- ♦ We pray for TEAR Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Support Program, known as 'Dhumba', a program that aims to build relationships through good communication, listening and talking together.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ♦ We pray for the Parish Council meeting this week.
- ♦ We pray for the 15 parishioners on retreat at Galong.
- ♦ We pray for the following members of our parish family: Bruce and Bev Barnes; Trish Barnes; Tamara Batterham; Peter and Ann Bazeos; and Chris and Clare Bleijs.
- ♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Glenys Wimmer, Bev Barnes, Elaine Dennis and those known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Tuesday: **Thomas Gould (died 1997)**

Wednesday: **Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist and Martyr**

HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

**Mini-Fete &
Plant Sale
5 November**



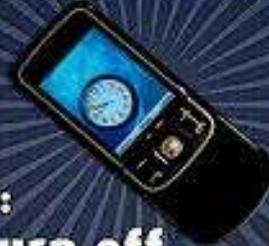
Organisers Needed

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 and the plant sale and we are looking for some convenors for e.g. **cafe** (with scones/other temptations), **white elephant**, **sausage sizzle etc.** 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!!

**This is a place
of worship**



**Please:
turn off
& mute
your mobile phone**

**all great changes
are preceded
by chaos**

Women's Afternoon Tea **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!



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today: Ann Menzies, Michael Allen
Wednesday: Joyce Cole, Emily Trigge
Thursday: John Painter

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

COMMUNITY LUNCH Thursday 6 October 11.30 for 12 noon

You are invited to our third community lunch for this year. Please invite any others in our community, especially those who may feel isolated and may appreciate a nice lunch, some fellowship and a great keynote speaker.

Cost: \$5.00

We have sign up sheets for:

- Attending
- Offers of making slices (including gluten free)
- Able to assist at the lunch. **Penny needs helpers!**



We will be treated to a presentation by Richard Scutter so tell your friends and relatives to share in the fellowship.

For catering purposes please register on the sign-up sheet(s). If you have any questions please call Penny Lilley ph 6251 2592.

World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel 18th-24th September

Today is the start of the World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel. It is a chance to pray and learn more about the history and contemporary situation in the land that is considered holy by Muslims, Jews and Christians. A resource to help you pray and learn called "A visit to Palestine-Israel" is on the font for you to take for your reflection. The heads of churches in Jerusalem invite churches around the world to pray with them using this prayer:

The Jerusalem Prayer

O God,

*We give thanks to you for every
community around the world that is
praying with us this day for peace.*

*In your unfathomable mystery and love
for all,*

*let the power of your redemption and
your peace*

*transcend all barriers of cultures and
religions and fill the hearts of all who*

serve you here, of both peoples -

Israeli and Palestinian -

and of all religions.



Notes from Synod 2016 ...

Synod was held last weekend in Goulburn, with uplifting services and great fellowship, as always. We were inspired at several stages by Bishop Rob Gillion of the Riverina Diocese – what a change his life in that Diocese is from his previous times as an actor and then in the church (London and overseas), still using his theatrical skills. He is bringing hope and joy to the people in Riverina Diocese and he would be pleased to have support from people in our Diocese.

- ◆ A major effort to identify all the assets of the Diocese has reached a successful conclusion, and the financial management of the Diocese has been a major focus, enabling several challenges to be met. Contributions from parishes are to remain at the same level as in previous years.
- ◆ The Anglican Investment and Development Fund is in a strong position to continue to support Diocesan developments—and would benefit from further individual investments.
- ◆ The Jamieson development on Constitution Avenue is in the process of returning about three times as many dollars to the Diocese as would have been attained by just selling the land.
- ◆ A booklet was introduced, 'Being Christ's Body: A conversation starter about Same Sex Marriage', prepared under the banner of the Public Issues Commission (PIC). Bishop Stephen Pickard, Convenor of PIC, expresses hope 'that these conversations might help us respond with greater pastoral awareness and sensitivity'. The PIC also sponsored a motion about climate change (passed by a large majority), commending actions taken by parishes, encouraging use of wide-ranging supportive resources, and advising parliamentarians of our actions to mitigate climate change.
- ◆ A key decision made by Synod, after substantial debate, was in response to the Report and further work of the Episcopal Election Review Committee. Synod determined that its 'in principle' preferred option was one whereby a committee checks all names submitted and nominates them all to the Synod, followed by election of the Bishop by Synod. The next step is for an Ordinance on this basis to be introduced to Synod next year.
- ◆ We received many reports on the work of various Diocesan bodies and heard presentations from some of them – eg Property Development Commission, Property Trust, Anglican Investment and Development Fund, Anglicare, Disability Ministry, Mothers' Union, Synergy Youth and Children's Ministry, St Mark's National Theological Centre, the Episcopal Taskforce on Older People and Ministry (presented by Ven. Anne Ranse), Anglican Schools Commission, Radford College, Special Religious Education and the Pelican Foundation.

Beth Heyde

NEED A TIME OUT?

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



The Challenge of Advent

Sunday 6 November
3.00pm to 5.00pm
in Rainbow Centre

Facilitated by Frances MacKay.



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

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Holiday Happenings at Kippax Uniting Church, Thurs 29 Sep and 6 Oct. 10am-2pm
- ◆ Journal Writing as a Creative Tool for Reflection, Weds (5, 12, 26 Oct, 2 Nov) in Rainbow Centre
- ◆ 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.

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY - 25 September – 19th after Pentecost

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



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Peter and Carol Sherman	Prue & Ken Wedgwood
Readers	Rosemary Kennemore Tony Willis Katherine Rainger	Christine Mitchell Andrew Hill Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Anne McDowell	Joh Sheehan
Organist	Mandy Squair	Clare Lawlor
Word & Prayer	Rhonda Thorpe	Tobias Neville
Deacon	Katherine Rainger	Anne Ranse
Cup	Rhonda Thorpe Katherine Rainger	Tobias Neville, Anne Ranse, Doreen Matters, Phyl Holmes Extra Bread: Anne Dudzinski
Morning Tea	Mandy Squair & David Meggs	Helen Boulton & Dorothy Hurst
Children's Church		In recess for holidays
Counting	Colin Lyons, David Kennemore	Quentin Grafton, Neville Hurst
Flowers	Phyl Holmes	
Cleaning	Carol and Peter Sherman	

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TODAY

SENTENCE: You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.
2 Corinthians 8.9

READINGS:

Jeremiah 8:18 to 9:1
Psalm 79: 1-9
1 Timothy 3:14 to 4:6
Luke 16: 1-13



8 am HYMNS

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PRAYER

O God,
you are rich in love for your people:
show us the treasure that endures
and, when we are tempted by greed,
call us back into your service
and make us worthy to be
entrusted with the wealth that never fails.
We ask this 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	Libby Warren	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	Katherine Rainger
Cup	Katherine Rainger Steve Daniels	Katherine Rainger, 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
Counters	Clive Rodger, Ted Lilley	Reg Holmes, Harris Boulton