

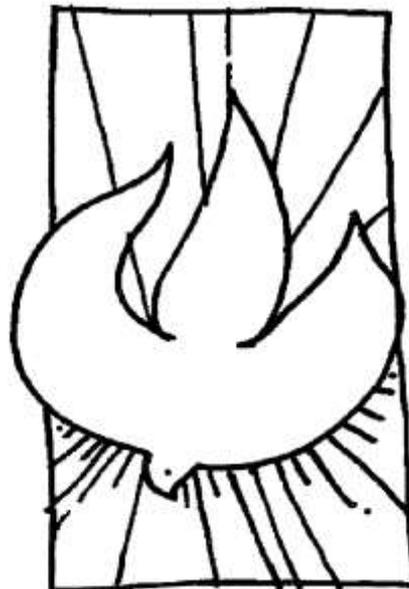
HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

**25 September
2016**

**Nineteenth
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 Connie Gerrity

10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION,
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Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH			
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

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

WEEK BEGINNING 2 October 2016			
Monday 3.10.16		Worship Centre	Covenant Care in recess for holiday
Tuesday 4.10.16	12.30 pm 4.00 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation Belonging and Caring meeting
Wednesday 5.10.16	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 Journal writing as a creative tool
Thursday 6.10.16	9.30 am 11.30 am 1.00 pm	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre HCN Office Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Community Lunch Wellness Clinic (by appt.) EFM in recess
Friday 7.10.16		Worship Centre	Playgroup in recess

SAVE THE DATES

- # 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 16:19-31. The Beggar at the Gate

This reflection is written against the backdrop of Malcolm Turnbull's address to the Special Summit on Refugees and the thwarted attempt to deliver humanitarian aid in Syria.

Last week I suggested that the parables are not just moral tales about good behaviour, nor slick answers to complex questions. They are meant to stop us in our tracks rather than reinforcing our existing mindsets (prejudices?). Admittedly, the Rich Man and Lazarus looks like a moral tale: justice seems to be served because the rich man who has lived a life of privilege and closed his heart to the beggar at his gate, must endure the flames of Hades, while Lazarus is transported by angels, presumably to heaven, to be with Abraham.

But surely the moral lesson cannot be to encourage people to give alms to avoid the fires of hell, even if these are taken metaphorically. Self-preservation is hardly the loftiest motivation for behaving compassionately. So what is Jesus trying to subvert here? Jesus' contemporaries would not have seen these two characters in the same light as we do. They would not have been on the side of the underdog. At least the rich ones wouldn't. They believed that prosperity was a sign of God's favour, while poverty and illness were signs of God's disfavour. So what has changed, I hear some of you say.

Of course Jesus wants me to notice the person at my gate and to relieve their suffering if I can – not out of a spirit of 'do-goodery', but recognising that I am not so different from that person. I may not be needy in precisely the same way. But it is often a case of 'there but for the grace of God go I', not expressed as a pious afterthought, but as really knowing how much we owe to luck rather than just deserts in being born in a particular country, into a particular family, within a particular socioeconomic group. Our grounds for entitlement are pretty flimsy. Do we also need to acknowledge that we, sometimes unwittingly, participate in economic and social structures that perpetuate inequality? Perhaps the parable also reminds us that we ignore our inner beggar at our peril.

What is it about being rich that is spiritually dangerous? Perhaps it is the pride and sense of entitlement that comes with presumed wealth of any kind. Or the fear arising from perceived scarcity that causes us to lock the gate or close our borders. In any case, Jesus reminds us that inner transformation won't come from being warned about consequences. Perhaps it is only the poverty of spirit that comes from heartbreak or failure of some kind that opens individuals to change. But what about the need for global change I signalled at the beginning of this reflection?

Frances MacKay





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National Anglicare Conference 2016

I mentioned last week that I would write about the Anglicare Australia National Conference that I attended in Darwin recently, and so I am.

It was really my first conference since coming to St John's Care, although I did attend the opening service and smoking ceremony of the previous conference held in Canberra, soon after I started.

The conference title was "Creative Edge" with the themes of "innovation, challenge, identity and place". Indigenous and domestic violence themes also permeated. Our own Anglicare CEO, Jeremy Halcrow was the Conference Chair.

Apart from just being in Darwin, the highlights of the conference for me were:

- ◆ The Welcome to Country by Mr. Richard Fejo of the Larrakia Nation, including the playing of the didgeridoo in the Cathedral. I think there should be more didgeridoo played in Church.
- ◆ The keynote address by General David Morrison AO and 2016 Australian of the Year. He spoke for over an hour without notes and then answered questions. He was so impressive.
- ◆ A presentation by Charlie King and Kevin Baxter about the NO MORE Campaign against domestic violence. Kevin, a Tiwi man, shared his very moving story of being both a perpetrator and victim of domestic violence.
- ◆ A presentation by Professor Simon Biggs on the purpose of a long life – beyond the economics of ageing.
- ◆ A performance of traditional dance by "One Mob", a group of young Aboriginal men from the local prison.
- ◆ The National Anglicare Awards at Government House. We were nominated in the Partnership category for an award. I thought we should have won. We didn't.
- ◆ I was able to catch up with friends from the Samaritans Foundation in Newcastle.
- ◆ I developed a much greater appreciation of the work of Anglicare across the country. Anglicare Australia is a network of 36 independent agencies which provides services to 1 in 30 Australians in any given year.

I was also able to stay on for a couple of days with my family. We visited Litchfield and Kakadu National Parks and we were able to revisit Ubirr, which is famous for its Aboriginal rock art galleries and the amazing views over Arnhem Land. It is probably the most spiritual place I have ever been.

My thanks to Jeremy and his team for his invitation to the conference and for his ongoing support of our partnership.

Wish list: biscuits, long life milk, tinned fruit

Stuart Davis-Meehan, Director



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ♦ We pray for the United Nations and its agencies, for peace keepers, those who care for refugees, and for all humanitarian projects. We give thanks for the amazing work done in the worst circumstances in the most dangerous places.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ♦ We pray for the Tasmanian farmers who have been left, without government assistance, with a huge clean up task after devastating floods.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ♦ We pray for the churches in South West Virginia, USA and Canterbury, England.
- ♦ We pray for the bishops, clergy and people in the Diocese of The Northern Territory.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ♦ We pray for the clergy and people in the parishes of Cooma, Berridale and Snowy Mountains and Southern Monaro.
- ♦ We pray for Cooma Correctional Centre, particularly the chaplain Jenni Roberts.

MISSION

- ♦ We pray for the work of Amnesty International as it seeks to protect and defend human rights.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ♦ We pray for safe travel for those going on holidays.
- ♦ We pray for the following members of our parish family: Kathryn and John Body; Graham Bonnett; Harris, Helen and Tanya Boulton; Heather and Alan Boyd; and Bea Brickhill.
- ♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Phil Perman, Bev Barnes, Elaine Dennis and those known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Tuesday: Vincent de Paul, priest, worker with the poor (died 1660)

Thursday: Michael and All Angels

HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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

Lord,
Hear
Our
Prayer

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 titled 'Touching Poetry and Words'. 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.

Retreat at Galong 16-18 September

The parish retreat last weekend was nourishing to our souls and restful to our bodies, with the gentle teaching from Alice-Anne in the warmed comfort that defied the discouraging weather outside. (Of course we had to traverse the icy corridors to get there!) There was something restful too in the beauty of the surroundings, seen from every window, with great swirls of yellow flowering Canola, in the paddocks opposite. A painter's delight!

The theme of the retreat was: "Living the Blessing, Becoming a Blessing", with four presentations, solidly based on Scripture, each followed by a period of silent reflection and application to one's personal situation. Insights could then be shared in small groups, with just one or two others, as we might choose (some feeling reluctant to share deeply personal thoughts). It was often deeply touching, and courageous, as people revealed their vulnerable inner selves and personal lives in the confidence that nothing said went outside the walls of that room. Writing/journaling often brought further insight.

Much of the program was in silence, so as not to intrude on others' reflections, and there was plenty of un-programmed quiet time to read, write, rug up and walk in the lovely countryside or snooze if that is what busy, working people's bodies needed most. But meal times were convivial and talking was OK, with abundant food that was good but not fancy. One might almost go on the parish retreat for a little holiday from busy daily life!

But the spiritual food provided for our souls by Alice-Anne, a spiritual Director who has followed the contemplative path for most of her life despite raising a family, was the best part of all and gave encouragement to us "ordinary" folk who struggle to find time to meet the needs of our souls in daily life.

Jean Groves, Sept 2016

Notes from Parish Council meeting 20 September 2016 ...

- ◆ Reports were received from parish working groups and ministry teams, with appreciation for their work, and decisions were made where needed.
- ◆ The Wardens are organising the Induction Service for our new Rector on 1 November, including invitations to people from outside the parish. It will be quite an evening!
- ◆ Briefing is being prepared for the new Rector on a range of aspects of parish life.
- ◆ The office in the Rainbow Centre will be repainted and consideration given to longer term office accommodation for the new Rector.
- ◆ The financial situation of the parish remains strong; donations by the parish for wider work were authorised, to the (budget-approved) value of \$12,000.
- ◆ Planning for the mini-fete and plant sale is advancing well (see notice elsewhere in the Bulletin).
- ◆ The Covenant Care management committee has undertaken a strategic planning exercise.
- ◆ Receipts for donations to the Safe Shelter are still to come, but will be received before long.
- ◆ The stages of information provision to new people as they are welcomed to the parish were decided. First is the brief Welcome brochure, then a little later a handbook with information about the parish and contact information for clergy, ministry teams, wardens, working groups, parish council and other office holders. This will now include a statement about Safe Ministries at Holy Covenant, which will be useful for all parishioners in due course when the form of the full parish roll is finalised.
- ◆ Parish Council considered the Safety and Hazard Audit checklist prepared by the Workplace Health and Safety team. Most recommended actions have already been undertaken by the Resources Team and further consideration will be given to the remaining points. The WH&S policy for the parish is accessible on the web site, and the major work of this team is a significant foundation for the parish. Reporting of relevant incidents is now carried out in accordance with Diocesan requirements.
- ◆ Political advertising on the public land below the Worship Centre was noted; PC considered it was not appropriate for the parish to take any action to have such advertisements moved.



Children's Church and Playgroup

is in recess for school holidays from
24 September to 7 October

Children's Church resumes **9 October**
Playgroup resumes **14 October**



Mini-Fete & Plant Sale 5 November

Organisers Needed



Planning is advancing for this significant day in parish life. Sandra Ross will again mastermind the advertising. (Hope those plants are growing...)

We have convenors for:

- ♦ the plant sale
- ♦ book sale
- ♦ white elephant stall (Anne Ranse)
- ♦ sausage sizzle (Simon De Vere and Quentin Grafton)

We still need convenors for:

- ♦ cafe - though there is one *possible* convenor (note: Naomi Cole will make scones; Kathryn Body will also provide some other temptations, any others?)
- ♦ any other good ideas!

Please let Beth know if you can be involved (heyde@westnet.com.au).

(There will not be a cake stall, as such efforts are being reserved for the Jamison centre late in the year alongside another St John's Care collection)



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Rhonda Ustick, John Body
Thursday: Jenny Baines, Roger Hallows
Friday: Liam Harper, Shirley Campbell

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

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: Writing paper, pens and your journal if you have one.



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.

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

- ♦ Holiday Happenings at Kippax Uniting Church, Thurs 29 Sep and 6 Oct. 10am-2pm
- ♦ 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.



Rob Miner's Sermon

2 Oct—Facing Mortality

Please note there will be no first (OT) reading or psalm for 2, 16 and 30 October

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY - 2 October – 20th after Pentecost

8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION	Celebrant: Revd Rob Miners Preacher: Revd Rob Miners—'Facing Mortality'
10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION	Celebrant: Revd Rob Miners Preacher: Revd Rob Miners—'Facing Mortality'
3.30 pm	Rainbow Fellowship	

	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Carol and Peter Sherman	Sandra Ross, Reg Holmes
Readers	- Mandy Squair Katherine Rainger	- Reg Holmes Katherine Rainger
Intercessor	Paul Shelley	Joan Williams
Organist	Heather Shelley	Pam Lane
Word & Prayer	Steve Daniels	Joh Sheehan
Deacon	Katherine Rainger	Katherine Rainger
Cup	Katherine Rainger Steve Daniels	Katherine Rainger, Phyl Holmes, Tobias Nevile, Doreen Matters Extra Bread: Anne Dudzinski
Morning Tea	Ann Menzies, Carol Sherman	Youth Group
Children's Church		In recess for holidays
Counting	TBA	
Flowers	Mary Lynn Mather	
Cleaning	Andrew Feitz	

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SENTENCE: And all the angels sang, Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power might be our God forever and ever!
Amen. Revelation 7:12

READINGS:

Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6: 6-19
Luke 16: 19-31



8 am HYMNS

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PRAYER

Everlasting God,
you have ordained and constituted in a
wonderful order
the ministries of angels and mortals:
Mercifully grant that,
as your holy angels always serve and
worship you in heaven,
so by your appointment
they may help and defend us here on earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**



	8.00am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Peter and Carol Sherman	Prue & Ken Wedgwood
Readers	Rosemary Kennemore Tony Willis Anne Ranse	Neville Hurst Andrew Hill Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Anne McDowell	Joh Sheehan
Organist	Mandy Squair	Heather Shelley
Word & Prayer	Rhonda Thorpe	Tobias Neville
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
Cup	Rhonda Thorpe Anne Ranse	Tobias Nevile, 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
Counters	Colin Lyons, David Kennemore	Quentin Grafton, Neville Hurst