

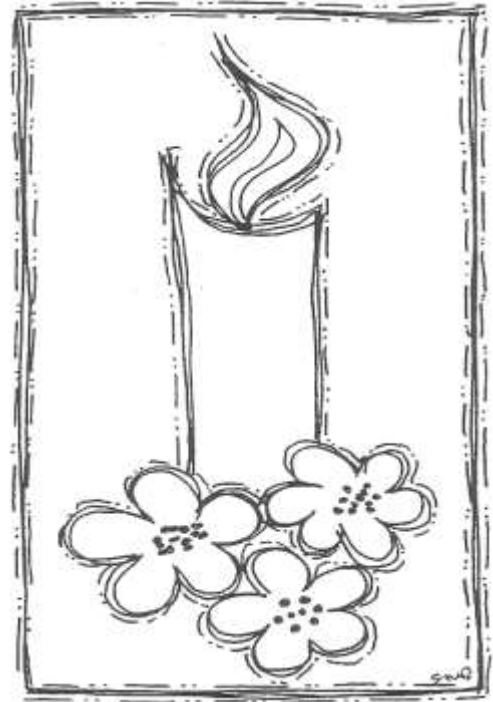
# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

## Weekly Bulletin

**27 November 2016**

## First Sunday of Advent



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

<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> Celebrant: Revd Katherine Rainger Preacher: Revd Katherine Rainger
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and Youth Group</b> Celebrant: Revd Katherine Rainger Preacher: Revd Katherine Rainger
<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>BAPTISM</b>



*Please join us for morning tea after the Services*

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

<b>Monday</b> 28.11.16	10.00 am 10.00 am 1.30 pm	Worship Centre Kangara Waters Care Cntr Calvary Retirement Village	Covenant Care Communion Service Communion Service
<b>Tuesday</b> 29.11.16	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation
<b>Wednesday</b> 30.11.16	12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation
<b>Thursday</b> 1.12.16	9.30 am 11.30 am 1.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre HCN Office Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Christmas Community Lunch Wellness Clinic (by appt.) EFM (final for year)
<b>Friday</b> 2.12.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
<b>Saturday</b> 3.12.16	9.00 am 2.00 pm	Jamison Centre Worship Centre	St John Care Food Collection Youth music practice, baking

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

## WEEK BEGINNING 4 December 2016

<b>Monday</b> 5.12.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
<b>Tuesday</b> 6.12.16	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation
<b>Wednesday</b> 7.12.16	12 noon 2.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class
<b>Thursday</b> 8.12.16	9.30 am 11.30 am 1.00 pm	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre HCN Office	Scrabble Christmas Community Lunch Wellness Clinic (by appt.)
<b>Friday</b> 9.12.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
<b>Saturday</b> 10.12.16	6.00pm	Rainbow Centre	Youth Christmas Party



### SAVE THE DATES

- # Sat 3 Dec—Youth activity
- # Sun 4 Dec—Voting for 2017 Wardens and Councillors
- # Sun 4 Dec—Challenge of Advent @ 3pm
- # Sun 4 Dec—Youth Service @ 6pm
- # Fri 9 Dec—**Women's Dinner**

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

**Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

(Isaiah 2.5)

The weapons of war turned into tools of agriculture? What a remarkable image. What a profound hope. What a provocative political agenda: training for peace; always peace, no more war.

So, hundreds of years after God's dreaming as recorded in Isaiah 2, what difference does Christ make?

Building on last week's reflection I borrow again from Sarah Bachelard a tiny preposition: *from*, rather than *at*. Looking *from* the resurrection rather than *at* it changes everything. That is, *from* the resurrection, there is no life, no death, no height nor depth, not time (present or future), angels or demons or anything in the whole of creation that can block us from God's love. Looking *from* the resurrection affirms, there is no line between male female, slave free, insider outsider, us them. Looking from the resurrection changes everything, and all is redeemable, even death, even evil.

I have been annoyed for a very long time reading the parable of the Good Samaritan. When love is what is demanded, the lawyer, knowing this, pursues Jesus the teacher for a loop hole with the question: 'who is my neighbour?' But Jesus never answers this question. Crickey this has annoyed me. But now I may be nearer to why. The story we call the good Samaritan makes it plain: it is the wrong question! There is no line marking in and out, us them. From the resurrection, can't you see, EVERYONE is neighbour. The question is not 'who' but how: 'how do we live'. And the story Jesus tells makes it plain: copy the outsider, the foreigner who we are trained to despise (the Samaritan), copy this one! See from the resurrection, all is one. Copy this outsider – who is Jesus – and there already, we are being trained into peace making not war mongering.

**He will teach us his ways ... so that we may walk in his paths ... nations ... they will beat their swords into plowshares ...and their spears into pruning hooks ... Nation will not take up sword against nation ... nor will they train for war anymore ... come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

*Revd Richard Browning*





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## It's Advent – a Time of Preparation

This Sunday is the start of Advent in the Church's calendar. It is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

We at St John's Care are already busy in our preparations for our Christmas programs: our Present Room, Christmas Hampers and lunch on Christmas Day. I quite like the following which I found on the Common Grace website:

“Most of us long to be present in the moment at Christmas time. We want to be able to think deeply about the meaning of Christmas. We want to be able to pull back a bit from the craziness of attending parties and buying gifts and gathering with loved ones and take time for gratitude. We want to find enough head-space and heart-space to include those who find Christmas lonely and difficult at our tables and in our budgets.”

The recently released Roy Morgan poll states that “about half a million Australian children will likely wake up on Christmas morning without any presents as the financial burden of the season weighs on families.”

Our Present Room aims to address this on a local level. Families that are doing it tough can come and choose a present for each of their children along with some “stocking fillers” and a book. The Room is open from 6<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> December from 9.30am – 2pm Monday to Friday.

Last year we were able to provide over 600 major presents and we expect to be able to do the same this year. Families will also receive a hamper of Christmas goodies, either donated by Belconnen Rotary or made up from goods donated to us.

This week I ask you to consider donating a present for the **Present Room**. It can be for a boy or a girl aged up to 18 years. Gift cards from stores such as EB Games, Rebel Sport and JB Hi-Fi are a good choice for teenage children who can otherwise be particularly hard to buy for. This is the age group we need most help with. However, I understand that demand for iTunes and Google Play cards is quite low. Books, games and puzzles would also be helpful.

Presents can be dropped off at St John's Care from 9.30am – 2pm Monday to Friday. We ask that the presents not be wrapped, as we prefer to offer our clients the opportunity to select presents appropriate for their children.

**Wish list:** long life milk, small fruits for school lunches, school lunch snacks, shampoo.

**Stuart Davis Meehan, Director**



**(Ed: Our Christmas box will be in the Worship Centre until 12 Dec. Please do not wrap presents.)**



All

*Donations to St John's Care are Tax Deductible*

### FROM OUR RECTOR ...

Dear friends,

I know that in Advent we spend lots of time telling you to slow down and not think of Christmas yet, but to enjoy the waiting, however.....

I'm going to write a little today about Christmas – the Christmas service times.

If there is any time when we should come together as one big family and celebrate together, it's Christmas. I've been looking at the service register and noticed the trends happening to numbers at Christmas and so this year I have proposed to the Wardens that we change the Christmas service times.

It seems that less and less people have been coming to the (midnight) 11 pm service, and between 90-100 to each of the morning services. The midnight service has been fairly traditional, as has the 8 am Christmas morning, with the expectations that families will come to 10 am.

Do you remember what time you all got up at Christmas when you were a child? What time do your children and grandchildren get up? How busy it was to get to Grandmas in time for lunch? 10 am for church is not the best time. And I'm also guessing that some of you who used to attend at 11 pm are finding that hard as well, and swapping to 8 am.

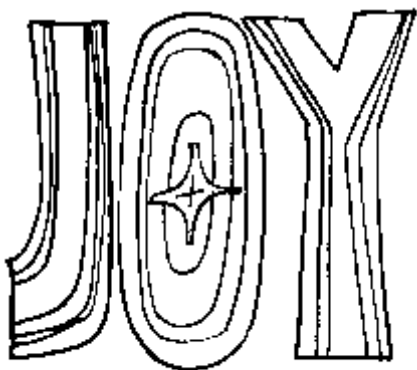
This year we will try **Christmas@9**.

9pm Christmas Eve will be a traditional Eucharist with carols. 9am Christmas Day will be a contemporary Eucharist with carols, and a spot for the children.

I hope you will be able to attend. Let's give it a try and discuss how we went in the New Year.

God's blessing to you

Margaret



### Christmas Times

**Sat 24 December**

4.30pm Children's Christmas service

9.00pm Christmas Eucharist with carols

**Sunday 25 December**

9.00am Contemporary Christmas celebration with Eucharist and carols. Activities for children.

### Christmas Community Lunch @ Holy Covenant Thursday 1 December 11.30 for 12 noon

You are invited to our Christmas Community Lunch. Please invite any others in our community, especially those who may feel isolated and may appreciate a nice lunch, some fellowship and some Christmas carols.

**Cost: \$5.00**

We will have sign up sheets for:

- Attending
- Offers of making slices (Christmas theme please)
- Able to assist at the lunch. **Penny needs helpers!**



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

### ST JOHN'S CARE COLLECTION AT JAMISON SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER

St John's Care are running low on their supplies. We are having our end of year collection at Jamison Plaza on Saturday 3 December. This event provides a major contribution of food and groceries to St John's Care.



#### **More volunteers are needed:**

- 1 more volunteers every hour from 9am to 1pm (to hand out product lists)
- 1-2 volunteers from 10am to 1pm to move shopping trolleys of products to cars
- Additional car and driver from 10am to 1pm to transport bags of groceries to church and then unload. – speak to Harris about this.

If you can help with any of these activities, please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the notice board.

Any enquiries, contact Harris Boulton (6251 2078 or [hhboulton@gmail.com](mailto:hhboulton@gmail.com))

### Parish Elections 2017

Nominations close at 12 noon TODAY. With more nominations than vacancies, an election will be held on Sunday 4 December at the end of the 8am and the 10am services. Canon Margaret will provide more details about the process next week. Please stay for the vote.

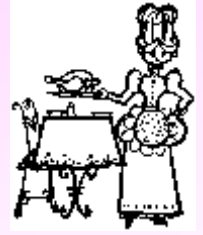


## WANT TO KNOW WHAT MAKES US TICK?

Then come to the Women's Dinner when **Canon Margaret Campbell** our newly appointed Rector will enlighten us.

**Friday 9 December 7pm in the Rainbow Centre**

This will be a great opportunity to gather again around food and fellowship and to talk to and listen to Margaret's stories. We have booked the Rainbow Centre and will enjoy takeaway from Pide Hut with vegetarian and gluten free options. Cost is \$20.



## Quiet Afternoon: The Challenge of Advent

**Sunday December 4  
3-5pm in Rainbow Centre.**

Advent is to Christmas what Lent is to Easter – a time of preparation and waiting. It is all too easy in the frantic busyness of the season to lose connection with the Love, Joy and Peace that we – and our world – so much need.

Give yourself the gift of time out for quiet reflection as well as some sharing with others.

Facilitated by Frances Mackay.  
Sign up sheet is on the board.



## Prayer Vine meeting Sunday 11 December at 2pm Rainbow Centre

The prayer vine will meet with Canon Margaret to pray for the Parish and for those in special need of prayer. Regular members and others interested in joining the prayer vine are invited to attend. Afternoon tea will be served afterwards to enable an opportunity to fellowship together. Now that Canon Margaret is on board, we will aim to have a time of prayer together a few times each year.

If you are not able to attend this time we will gather again sometime early in the new year. with thanks, Merri

## Prayer

*A man stands tallest  
when he's on his knees*



## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Today: Lexie Winders, Lucy Thorpe  
Monday: Natalie Ashcroft  
Tuesday: Margaret Meggs  
Friday: Connie Gerrity, Dorothy Parsonage



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

### Notes from Parish Council meeting 14 November ...

- Nominations for Wardens and Parish Councillors close at noon on Sunday at noon on Sunday 27 November (with elections on 4 December if needed).
- The success of the mini-fete and plant sale was again acknowledged, and the date for the next one has been set for 28 October 2017.
- A subgroup of Parish Council will be working with the Rector and the Finance Committee to develop the Budget for the coming year.
- Advice is being sought on a new projector and other items.
- Some security enhancements will be undertaken for the Rector's Office and the Rainbow Centre.
- Christmas service times and advertising strategies were decided (yes, it is as close as that to the end of the year!)
- General communication/advertising strategies for the parish, including Facebook, are being discussed further. (Please use only the following e-mail address for contacting the Rector: [rector@holycovenant.org.au](mailto:rector@holycovenant.org.au))
- Discussions are to be held with the Department of Health about the Covenant Care Day Hospice.
- Reports were received as usual, with thanks, from all the parish teams.



### COVENANT CARE TURNS 5

Last Monday, Covenant Care celebrated its 5th anniversary. The program continues to be an outstanding success. The clients experience a wonderful day out each Monday. Their carers enjoy the welcome break. These are some of our lovely clients and extraordinary volunteers, led by our own Anne Ranse.

### Baptism TODAY of Madison Stewart

2.00pm

Andrea and Timothy Stewart are bringing their daughter Madison for Baptism today. **All are welcome to attend** and support them. Please keep Madison and her family in your prayers.





**Help for Aged Ministry  
with  
Spiritual Reminiscence and  
Dementia Care**

presented by

**Archdeacon Anne Ranse**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016**

**9.30am – 12.30pm**

at

**St John the Baptist Anglican Church  
Constitution Avenue Reid,**

This seminar is open to people of all ages across the churches and community

**Cost:** \$10 for workers;

\$5 for pensioners/concession

Registration forms at rear of church.

**Safe Shelter donation  
receipts**

Thanks again to those who kindly donated to the retiring collection for Safe Shelter. Receipts have now been received from Rotary who handled the donations. If you requested a receipt, you can collect it from the counter in the office.

Your donation will be used to assist in setting up the hall at All Saints Church, Ainslie to make it suitable and safe for emergency overnight accommodation for homeless men from next winter.

Thank you again for your commitment to giving everyone a warm, safe bed.



**Safe Shelter in Canberra**  
A Combined Churches and Community Project

**ON THE NOTICE BOARD**

- ♦ **St Luke's Deakin** is inviting former parishioners/ friends of St Luke's/ clergy and others to a **Thanksgiving Service on Saturday 3 December 2016, 4.00pm, St Luke's Church, Deakin ACT.** This is followed by a bring and share dinner at 6.00pm. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**
- ♦ **MU Australia Advent Service and Christmas** lunch, Thurs 3 Dec commencing 11am, All Saints Ainslie RSVP by 25 November.
- ♦ You are invited to join the annual **Canberra Mission Focus on 17-18 February** at Radford College. Richard Chin, the National Director of the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AFES), will be unpacking Psalm 98 on Friday night and the book of Habakkuk on Saturday, to explore what it means to "Experience God". This is a family friendly event, with a crèche, primary school (Kindergarten - Year 5) and Middle School (Year 6 - 9) program. Registration before the event is essential. Registrations are now open at <http://www.cms.org.au/cmfi>.
- ♦ The **Calvary Hospital Auxiliary** is holding a Christmas Craft and Present Stall on Thurs, Fri 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec from 8am - 4pm in the main foyer of the hospital. Please come along and buy your Christmas presents while supporting the work of this very dedicated organisation.

# PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

## IN THE WORLD

- ♦ World AIDS day on Thursday 1 December - blessings to sufferers and their carers.
- ♦ Give thanks for China giving shelter to more than 3000 people who have fled Myanmar after fighting between the government and rebels.

## IN AUSTRALIA .

- ♦ On the International Day of People with Disability on Saturday, we give thanks for their contribution to our society and pray for those organisations that work to promote and encourage support for their dignity, rights and well-being

## WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ♦ Diocese of Willochra, Adelaide and Armidale.

## IN OUR DIOCESE

- ♦ Open Sanctuary @ Tilba Tilba.
- ♦ Moruya and Batemans Bay.
- ♦ Boomerang Meeting Place, Mogo.
- ♦ St Peter's Anglican College.



Prayer Concerns

## MISSION

- ♦ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministry and Bimbadeen Training College, Cootamundra.

## IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ♦ Our parish family: Hilary and Bob Harris; Karina Harris; Janet Hartmann and Mark Webb and Imogen; Brian and Merrie Hepworth; Beth Heyde; Andrew Hill; Tam Hnatiuk and Phyl and Reg Holmes.
- ♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Bev Barnes and anyone known to us personally.

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Nil

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## DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY - 4 December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	Celebrant: Canon Margaret Campbell Preacher: Canon Margaret Campbell
<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and Youth Group</b>	Celebrant: Canon Margaret Campbell Preacher: Canon Margaret Campbell
<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>Challenge of Advent</b>	



	8.00 am	10.00 am
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Kerin and Brian Cox	Prue and Ken Wedgwood
<b>Readers</b>	Mandy Squair Kerin Cox Anne Ranse	Doreen Matters Kate King Andrew Hill
<b>Intercessor</b>	Paul Shelley	George Gerrity
<b>Organist</b>	Kath Arthur	Rhys Thorpe
<b>Word &amp; Prayer</b>	Luc Rose	Tobias Nevile
<b>Deacon</b>	Anne Ranse	
<b>Cup</b>	Luc Rose Anne Ranse	Tobias Nevile, Phyl Holmes, Doreen Matters, George Gerrity Extra Bread: Katherine Rainger
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Beth Heyde, Jennifer Collier	Beth Heyde
<b>Children's Church</b>		Katherine, Mary, All together story, Morning tea: Phyl Holmes
<b>Counters</b>	Rhonda Thorpe; Clive Rodger	Merri Bacon, Reg Holmes
<b>Flowers</b>	Phyl Holmes	
<b>Cleaning</b>	Penny and Ted Lilley	

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**SENTENCE:** Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

*Isaiah 2.3a*

**READINGS:**

Isaiah 2: 1-5  
 Psalm 122  
 Romans 13: 9-14  
 Matthew 24: 36-44



**8 am HYMNS**

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**PRAYER**

God of glory,  
 we know that you are coming at an  
 unexpected hour.  
 Come to us now, in spirit and truth.  
 Take us into your presence  
 and make us ready for your reign of peace,  
 through Christ our Saviour, **Amen.**



	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Carol and Peter Sherman	Sandra Ross and Reg Holmes
<b>Readers</b>	Kath Arthur Robert Arthur Anne Ranse	Jayne Murray Reg Holmes Anne Ranse
<b>Intercessor</b>	Merrie Hepworth	Bruce Barnes
<b>Organist</b>	Kath Arthur	Clare Lawlor
<b>Word &amp; Prayer</b>	Luc Rose	Joh Sheehan
<b>Deacon</b>	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
<b>Cup</b>	Anne Ranse Luc Rose	Anne Ranse, Tobias Nevile, Leo Wimmer, Phyl Holmes Extra Bread: Margaret Campbell
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Mandy Squair, Jen Collier	Gwen Hollows, Judith Ann Daniells
<b>Children's Church</b>		Rika, Jenny L, Susan Joy, Prue Morning tea: Deranie Jackson
<b>Counters</b>	Bob Arthur, David Kennemore	Chris Olsson, Merri Bacon