

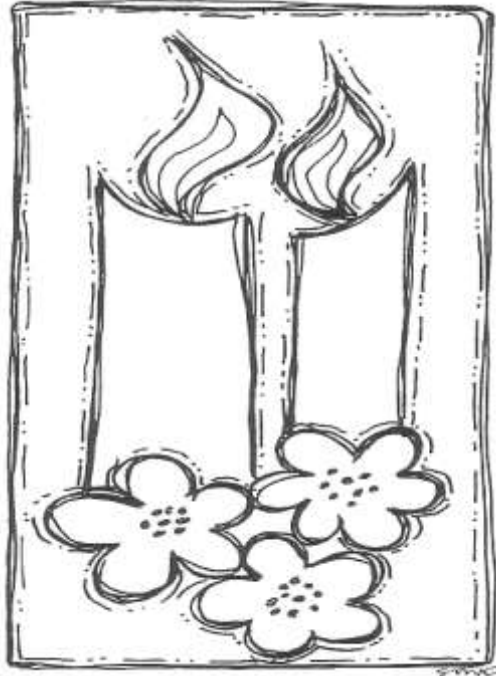
HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

Weekly Bulletin

4 December 2016

Second 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

8:00 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Revd Canon Margaret Campbell
Preacher: Revd Canon Margaret Campbell

10:00 am HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and Youth Group

Celebrant: Revd Canon Margaret Campbell
Preacher: Revd Canon Margaret Campbell

3:00 pm The Challenge of Advent

6.00 pm Youth Service



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 5.12.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 6.12.16	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation
Wednesday 7.12.16	12 noon 2.00 pm 4.00 pm 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Belonging and Caring meeting Meditation
Thursday 8.12.16	9.30 am 1.00 pm	Rainbow Centre HCN Office	Scrabble Wellness Clinic (by appt.)
Friday 9.12.16	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Playgroup Women's dinner
Saturday 10.12.16	6.00pm	Rainbow Centre	Youth Christmas Party

The Holistic Care Nursing office is open from 10am to 2pm Monday and Thursday except public holidays. Closed from 17 Dec through January.

WEEK BEGINNING 11 December 2016

Monday 12.12.16	10.00 am 10.00 am 1.30 pm	Worship Centre Kangara Waters Care Cntr Calvary Retirement Village	Covenant Care Communion Service Communion Service
Tuesday 13.12.16	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation
Wednesday 14.12.16	12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class (final) Meditation (final for year)
Thursday 15.12.16	9.30 am 1.00 pm	Rainbow Centre HCN Office	Scrabble (final for year) Wellness Clinic (final for year)
Friday 16.12.16	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup (final for year)

SAVE THE DATES

- #Sun 11 Dec—Prayer Vine meeting @ 2pm
- #Sun 18 Dec—Farewell lunch for Revd Katherine
- #Sat 24 Dec—**Children's Christmas service @ 4.30pm**
- #Sat 24 Dec—Christmas Eucharist with carols @ 9pm
- #Sun 25 Dec—Contemporary Christmas celebration with Eucharist and carols @ 9am.
Activities for children.



FROM OUR RECTOR ...

Dear friends,

In chapter 56 of *Pride and Prejudice*, the Lady Catherine de Bourgh visits the Bennets. She wants to speak with Elizabeth and insists that they walk outside to hold a conversation. There, Lady Catherine informs Elizabeth that she has heard a rumour that Darcy, her nephew, is planning to marry her. Such a notion, Lady Catherine insists, is ridiculous, given Elizabeth's low station in life and the tacit engagement of Darcy to her own daughter.

This is, of course, only a small snippet of the 61-chapter novel. It is enough to give you a good idea about the story and an educated guess of its ending. But no one would think to only read that chapter and say they had read *Pride and Prejudice*.

Every year we read the nativity story, only a few chapters in a very large book. And many people then think they have the whole story. It is enough to give you a good idea about the story and an educated guess of its ending. However, **many** think to only read this small part and say they know the story of the bible.

Advent is like the first 55 chapters of *Pride and Prejudice*. If you take time to follow it, you have a much better understanding of what the Christmas story is all about. I would go so far as to say it is essential to knowing what the Christmas story is all about.

I hope you have time to slow down and enjoy Advent. Reflect on the readings during the week, re-read them like a good book, look forward to the wonder of Christmas.

with God's blessings,

Margaret

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE ADVENT 2

In Isaiah 11.9. the prophet declares,
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of God,
as the waters cover the sea.
We light this candle as a sign of hope
that truth will prevail, and justice be done for all people.
(light candle)
As we pray and work
for truth, compassion and justice far and near –
Risen Christ,
light of the world,
shine in our lives and shine amongst us now.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

***I believe in God the Father almighty
maker of heaven and earth***

Advent is the time of year for getting ready for the mystery of Christmas. We are learning how to wait as we light another candle each week. Yesterday I went shopping with my niece and she chose part of her Christmas present which is now wrapped and under my tree which we decorated together. Hopeful anticipation is a key part of the season.

Which rituals and traditions are part of this time of the year for you? Sometimes we enjoy the comfort of familiar habits and other times due to choice or circumstance new rituals are developed. A few months ago I was visiting my friend Jazz in Melbourne and she had two copies of the book *Tokens of Trust* by Archbishop Rowan Williams on her shelf. She gave me a copy and we agreed to read it during Advent and then to talk about it over email or Skype. This shared reading has been an unexpected gift this Advent and because we are doing it together my usual good intentions are actually bearing some fruit.

Tokens of Trust is a series of lectures that have been turned into book chapters which examine aspects of Christian belief. It is like being included in a fireside chat or an evening picnic by the lake with Rowan Williams. His discussion looks at the Apostle's Creed and the Nicene Creed which are the statements formulated in the first three hundred years of the Church's existence. Each statement is not simply a theological checklist regulating religious belief. It is an invitation into a life, both communally and individually, which can be utterly transformed by the eternally trustworthy, unchanging love of God.

Chapter One asks the question, "Who Can We Trust?" For Williams, Christian belief is really about knowing who and what to trust. God's trustworthiness is largely revealed in the claim that in the events around Jesus Christ, God has at last made God's purposes clear. The world is designed for peace and for praise, this is God's agenda. Chapter Two is titled "The Risk of Love" and explores the realities of our world with its ambiguities and suffering. Following Julian of Norwich who gave the answer to all her visions of Christ as, "Love was his meaning", Williams writes,

At the heart of the desperate suffering there is in the world, suffering we can do nothing to resolve or remove for good, there is an indestructible energy making for love. If we have grasped what Jesus is about, we can trust that this is what lies at the foundation of everything (p. 10).

God as the source of love and life, can be trusted. This trust is akin to a place of refuge and a sense of homecoming to which we are all invited.

Rev Katherine Rainger





GPO Box 219
Canberra City ACT 2601
Ph: 02 6248 7771
director@stjohnscare.org.au
ABN: 40 172 941 355

White Ribbon Day 2016

The issue of domestic violence in Australia is a cause that has touched my heart and one which requires our urgent attention.

It is unacceptable that on average, one woman is killed every week in Australia as a result of intimate partner violence and that so far this year, 64 women and children have had their lives taken by perpetrators of domestic and family violence.

We see far too many women at St John's Care who are victims of domestic and family violence and we are all too aware of the devastating and long term impacts it has on people's lives.

Friday, 25th November, was the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (IDEVAW) and the White Ribbon has become the symbol for the day. The White Ribbon Campaign is an international violence prevention campaign and it is unique in that it aims to raise awareness among men and boys about the roles they can play to prevent violence against women. The campaign calls for men across Australia to speak out and take an oath. An oath swearing never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women.

I cannot sit back and do nothing, so I have become a White Ribbon Advocate. It is also my hope that in the new year St John's Care will seek accreditation as a White Ribbon workplace. I attended a White Ribbon breakfast at Parliament House recently where the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition and Deputy Leader of the Greens spoke about their multi-partisan commitment to addressing the appalling situation regarding domestic violence in this country. We certainly have a lot of work to do.

I was speaking to one of our long-term clients the other day and she said that things were going OK. Only OK I asked. She said that she was finally out of an all-consuming, long-term violent relationship and was just starting to be able to focus on other things. She lamented at just how difficult it was to get out of the relationship.

Another client recently said "I love him a lot and I just want him to change". These are the words of a woman who describes her relationship as being filled with distrust, control and abuse.

I invite all the men reading this to say aloud the White Ribbon oath – "I will stand up, speak out and act to prevent men's violence against women. This is my Oath."

Wish list: vegemite, pasta sauce, long life milk and cereal.

Stuart Davis Meehan
Director



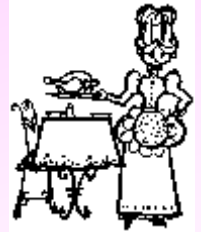
All Donations to St John's Care are Tax Deductible

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

TODAY

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.



ST. JOHN'S CARE CHRISTMAS GIFT BOX

is on the left hand side of the church near the choir, awaiting your contributions. Please no fluffy toys and don't forget the mums and dads. We need to deliver the box to SJC by **Monday 12 December**.



WANTED BLACK POT PLANT POTS

Anne Ranse needs 6–8" diameter (150-200mm) black plastic pots. No more than 25 required asap. Please leave outside HCN office.

WANTED
Libby would like to borrow for a week at Christmas: **Port-a-cot** and **Pram** for her visiting 3 month old grandson. Please leave a message in the office if you can help.

Parish Elections 2017

Elections are TODAY at the end of the 8am and the 10am services. Please stay for the vote.



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*



Christmas Gift tags available for sale

Located on book shelf and
in Rainbow Centre.
10c each or 6 for 50cents.

NURSING HOME CAROLS ARE BACK

Have you missed helping at the Aranda Carols? or never done it?

I need some singers and musicians for Kangara Waters on **Thursday Dec 22** to help lead the singing. It starts at 10:30 am but come much earlier to park.

[Ask me where we sing and park the week before, but I'd love to know that you would come well before that]



Anne Dudzinski

A GIFT FOR KATHERINE

Farewell to Katherine Luncheon & Presentation Sunday 18 December

Please bring a plate to share. The parish will be giving Katherine a farewell gift. If you would like to contribute to this please place your offering in an envelope marked "Katherine's Gift:" and place in the offertory plate or leave at the office or make an online transfer.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Today: Sandra Button
Tuesday: Elle Platt



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

Children's Christmas Service



The Children's Christmas service at 4:30pm on Christmas Eve is a wonderful celebration enjoyed by young and old. A great chance to invite neighbours, friends and family members.

All children will be invited to participate during the service and there are also some speaking parts for those who know that they'll be there. If you would like to help lead the service please see Katherine (children@holycovenant.org.au). We will be preparing during Children's Church on the 4th and 11th of December. We will also practice during and after the 10am service on the 18th of December. It would be helpful if cast members could plan to arrive at 3:30pm on Christmas Eve.

Advent Blessings, Rev Katherine

Congratulations to our Year 12 graduates:

- ♦ Bec Elkhuisen
- ♦ Jemima Mordike
- ♦ Elizabeth Troy

2016
Graduate

Good luck going into the future.

Bishop Stuart's **StuTube** for Advent 2016 is now available on the diocesan website, directly through YouTube and on Facebook also.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=84ZpFspuDvY>



Thank You Holy Covenant

Thanks to all of you for being so supportive and prayerful before, during and after my ordination last week. I'm very grateful to serve God alongside you all. In mid-January I'm going to Gladstone's Library in North Wales to work on my PhD. Gladstone's Library is a hub for film and theology which is my focus area. I'll also be visiting other universities and speaking with people about the work that they are doing and will have the opportunity to share some of my work. In May when I return, I'm going to be visiting the Northern Territory where two of the films I'm looking at *Ten Canoes* and *Charlie's Country* were set (the third film that I'm looking at is *The Tracker*). I'm making arrangements to stay in the community of Ramingining where *Ten Canoes* was filmed and developed. It is a very exciting time and I'm hoping to make some very good in-roads with my study. I'll then return to Canberra for the final 18 months of my PhD.

Rev'd Katherine Rainger
Holy Covenant Anglican Church,
Jamison

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- ◆ **Belconnen Christmas in the Park**, 10 Dec, from 5.30pm, Macadam St, Page Park, sponsored by Mosaic Baptist Church.
- ◆ **Canberra's 2016 Carols by Candlelight**, Stage 88 Commonwealth Park, 7pm Wed 14 December 2016.
- ◆ 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>.
- ◆ Wesley LifeForce will be conducting 2 **Suicide Prevention** workshops at Parklands Hotel & Apartments – 6 Hawdon Place, Dickson ACT 2602 on **Tuesday 28 February 2017 and Wednesday 1 March 2017**. You only need to attend one of the days. There is no charge to attend the workshop. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wl-3159-wesley-lifeforce-suicide-prevention-4hr-workshop-dickson-act-tickets-29663745060> Tues 28 Feb 2017 – 12.30pm-4.30pm

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Words are mere bubbles of water,
but deeds are drops of gold.
Proverbs



Thank you for your support!

Second Sunday of Advent

Preparing for disaster

Your gift can help provide community disaster kits so communities hit by a disaster have the means to respond. Please give hope this Christmas. Give to the Christmas Bowl appeal.

Julia Loersch/Act for Peace

FREECALL 1800 025 101
www.actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 64 493 941 795

Christmas Bowl

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ♦ For love to increase amongst the nations and peoples of all races and religions, ideologies and dreams, a love to match God's compassionate generosity to us. May all that we do, begin and end by loving our neighbour as ourself.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ♦ Take us out into the community as light to the world – and guide us to express our faith in such a way that people are attracted, not repelled; interested, not turned off. May we demand nothing, but offer much, and so reveal the love of the One who first loved us.

WORLD WIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- ♦ Diocese of Ballarat.
- ♦ Spouses and families of clergy and lay ministers and stipendiary lay ministers.

IN OUR DIOCESE

- ♦ Diocese of North Goulburn, West Goulburn and Marulan.
- ♦ Wollondilly Gardens Self Care Units; Goulburn Base Hospital Chaplaincy.
- ♦ New South Wales Police Chaplaincy.; West Goulburn Parish team Goulburn Correctional Centre.
- ♦ F5 Service at West Goulburn.

MISSION

- ♦ The work of the Christian Blind Mission Organisation in China and Niger.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ♦ Our parish family: Jey Hoole, Evelyn David-Hoole, Hannah, Mary, Sarah and Elizabeth; Nilantha Hulugalle; Neville and Dorothy Hurst; and Deranie and Phoebe Jackson.
- ♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer: Bev Barnes and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Thursday: The conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: **Delma Murry (died 2001)**

PARISH DIRECTORY

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR	Libby Warren Office: 6251 6100	E: office@holycovenant.org.au
PARISH OFFICE Open 10 am - 2 pm Tuesday to Thursday	89 Dexter Street, Cook, ACT 2614 PO Box 98, Jamison, ACT 2614 Tel: 6251 6100	E: office@holycovenant.org.au Web: http://holycovenant.org.au
WARDENS	Kathryn Body 0403 500 882 Merri Bacon 6251 1110 Nick Platt 6251 6170	
PRAYER VINE	Merri Bacon 6251 1110	E: prayervine@holycovenant.org.au
BULLETIN EDITORS	Wendy Elkhuisen, Phyl Holmes	E: weeklybulletin@holycovenant.org.au

DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY - 11 December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

8.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION	Celebrant: Canon Margaret Campbell Preacher: Canon Margaret Campbell
10.00 am	HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and Youth Group (final youth group for year)	Celebrant: Canon Margaret Campbell Preacher: Canon Margaret Campbell



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Libby Warren and Tony Willis	Dorothy and Neville Hurst
Readers	Rosemary Kennemore Tony Willis Margaret Campbell	Dorothy Hurst Doreen Matters Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Merrie Hepworth	Joan Williams
Organist	Mandy Squair	Pam Lane
Word & Prayer	Rhonda Thorpe	Joh Sheehan
Deacon		Anne Ranse
Cup	Rhonda Thorpe Rosemary Kennemore	Anne Ranse, Doreen Matters, Rob Maron, Phyl Holmes Extra Bread: Anne Dudzinski
Morning Tea	Mary Lynn Mather & Jocelyn Kirkland	Danni Ellis & Carol Kubanek
Children's Church		Mary, Jenny L, Katherine Morning tea: Deranie Jackson
Counters	Jenny Baines, Tony Willis	Quentin Grafton, Rob Maron
Flowers	Wendy Ward	
Cleaning	Youth Group	

MINISTRY TEAM

RECTOR	Revd Canon Margaret Campbell 0417 423 472	E: rector@holycovenant.org.au Day off: Monday HC Office: 9.30am-4.30pm (T,W,Th)
PASTORAL CARE CO-ORDINATOR	Revd Anne Dudzinski 0413 994 739	E: pastoralcare@holycovenant.org.au
HONORARY ASSOCIATE PRIEST	Revd Connie Gerrity 0429 423 725	E: connie@gerrity.id.au
HOLISTIC CARE NURSE	Archdeacon Anne Ranse 0406 379 599 (new phone no.)	E: nurse@holycovenant.org.au Days: Mon & Thurs (10am - 2pm)
HONORARY DEACON	Revd Susan Joy Nevile 0431 133 852	E: susanjoyn@gmail.com
CHILDREN'S WORKER	Revd Katherine Rainger 0401 142 851	E: children@holycovenant.org.au
YOUTH LEADERS	Elle Platt 0434 960 967 Jeremy Platt 0466 661 860	E: youth@holycovenant.org.au

SENTENCE: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Luke 1:78-79

READINGS:

Isaiah 11: 1-10
 Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-21
 Romans 15: 4-13
 Matthew 3: 1-12



8 am HYMNS

289 (v1, 2)
 272
 158
 273

PRAYER

Holy God,
 stir up your power within us,
 that in this time we may await with abundant
 expectation the fulfilment of your eternal
 presence in creation,
 for you live and reign among us,
 Maker, Saviour, and Giver of Life
 one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A



	8.00am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Kerin and Brian Cox	Prue and Ken Wedgwood
Readers	Mandy Squair Kerin Cox Anne Ranse	Neville Hurst Glenys Wimmer Andrew Hill
Intercessor	Paul Shelley	George Gerrity
Organist	Kath Arthur	Rhys Thorpe
Word & Prayer	Luc Rose	Tobias Nevile
Deacon	Anne Ranse	
Cup	Luc Rose Anne Ranse	Tobias Nevile, Phyl Holmes, Neville Hurst, George Gerrity Extra Bread: Katherine Rainger
Morning Tea	Beth Heyde, Jennifer Collier	Beth Heyde
Children's Church		Katherine, Mary, All together story, Morning tea: Phyl Holmes
Counters	Rhonda Thorpe; Ted Lilley	Merri Bacon, Reg Holmes