

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

12 March 2017

SECOND SUNDAY IN
LENT

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' (John 3.8)

"The Holy Spirit, 'giver of life', plays sax. What else? She spreads a sense of the musicality of life, building amazing improvisations on the underlying melody of the other players, warmly, freely and hopefully, to all who have ears to hear and hearts to feel." Graeme Garrett

Ask the Holy Spirit to move in the Church and inspire the church to improvise.

IN THE PARISH TODAY

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| 8.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Canon Margaret Campbell |
| 10.00am | HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church & Youth Group
Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Canon Margaret Campbell |
| 6.00 pm | Youth Service (including Youth Alpha) |



A **HEARING LOOP** is available. Please sit anywhere in the church and have your hearing aid on the T setting.

Please join us for morning tea after the service

WELCOME TO HOLY COVENANT

It is my prayer that you will find God's grace and peace with us today. A detailed parish information brochure is available at the sound desk alcove.

For your information today:

The **8 am service** uses a green prayer book and a red hymn book. The service assistant will tell us the **page** number for the green book and the **hymn** (not the page) number for the red book.

The **10 am service** has everything needed on PowerPoint. Some parts of the service like the Hymn of Praise and the Gloria are sung. The musical settings are available in a black plastic folder on the bookcase at the door of the church.

COMMUNION We are an Anglican community and share the common cup. If you would prefer not to (or you are not feeling well today) an intincting cup is available. Hold your wafer of bread and an assistant will bring the small cup to you.

Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask the priest distributing the breads.

God invites us **all** to share this holy meal. Regardless of your denomination (or none) you are welcome to participate. If you are uncomfortable with this, please come for a blessing.

You may like to light a candle in the **CHAPEL** at the back of the Worship Centre following communion.

MORNING TEA Following both services tea and coffee are served from the kitchen. Raisin toast (self-service) is also available. We love to have a chat. Please join us.

TOILETS are found through the door past the kitchen. A baby change area is located in the Disabled toilet. Please take all used nappies with you.

Parish Council are committed to a **safe work and meeting space**. If you have any issues with the physical

surroundings, please speak with a warden.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Emergency evacuation diagrams are displayed at the back and front of the Worship Centre.

First aid boxes are found in the kitchen. Please ask for help if you need it.

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG

PEOPLE have their own groups during the 10 am service. The young people start in the service and go out with their leaders after the first hymn, returning to share communion with the whole community. You are welcome to stay with your child. Don't worry about missing the sermon 😊 it is recorded and available on the web page.

Our parish supports the work of **ST JOHN'S CARE**, a relief agency of St John's Church, Reid. Donations of non-perishable food can be placed in the basket found near the door of the church.

GIFT-GIVING Our church is self-supporting. Your donations will help us continue Jesus' work: a space to worship God, care for the vulnerable amongst us, teach and nurture our children and provide hospitality to the community.

During the third hymn a plate will be passed amongst the congregation. Please contribute as you are able.

Regular Holy Covenant worshippers may wish to give via direct debit to our bank account – Commonwealth Bank, Jamison, BSB: 062 907 Account: 802 588.

We are committed to ensuring our community is safe for all who worship or visit here. The Diocesan hotline number is 1800070511 if you have any concerns.

With God's blessings,

Canon Margaret, Rector

FROM OUR RECTOR ...

Dear friends,

In today's bulletin we have a two page THANK YOU (requested at the AGM) to ALL who contribute to our Holy Covenant family. It is written with trepidation, because it is very easy to miss someone or something and we do not, of course, want to cause any hurt by omission.

So a huge thank you to everyone, whether you have been included or not.

Of course, our family would not be complete unless we also acknowledged *everyone* who comes. Our community is made up of every single person – without your presence we would be all the poorer. By your being here, you uphold us all in your belief that an important aspect of faith is worship, week by week. You encourage all of us to also come, each week, to draw from our Lord and this community the love and strength we all need to continue our daily Christian walk.

So a huge thank you to absolutely everyone!

I have been here for over four months now. As you know, new rectors bring new ideas and change. Some of this may be obvious to you, other things you may not be aware of. Can I **please** encourage you all, if you are concerned about things that are different, to have a chat to **me** about it. I'm very happy to listen to your thoughts, and discuss my ideas. Sometimes I try something and it is seen by others in a very different way to how I intended. I need that feedback.

If you speak to a volunteer about things you're not happy with, they may not be able to do anything, because I've asked them to do otherwise. I really value all the help I receive in the daily tasks of making the parish run smoothly, and I don't want to make life hard for those who volunteer. Please bend *my* ear – it's pretty tough but also very open to listening.

How are you all going keeping a Holy Lent? I am really enjoying the ABM study *Into the Desert* that I've downloaded on my phone – I was struck by the following statement from Day 5. How much space can I make in my life for God? How easy is it to fill it up with busyness and ignore God?

There is no space that God opens up in our lives that God does not fill.

Margaret

Margaret's gatherings

I'm still keen to meet you all. I offer an open invitation to have afternoon tea with me on the second Friday of each month (next is 10 March with April is to be advised) from 2.30pm till 4pm at the Southern Cross Club Jamison, or lunch on the third Friday of each month (next is 17 March) from 12 noon till 1.30pm at the tables outside Aldi on the ground floor of Belconnen Mall.

VOLUNTEERING

At the AGM it was requested that all the rostered positions be published in the Weekly Bulletin. We on Parish Council want to express our sincere gratitude to all volunteers. You all help to keep Holy Covenant connected, maintained and a wonderful parish to be a part of.

If we have omitted a group/role please contact the editor at weeklybulletin@holycovenant.org.au to have it listed next week.

Rosters for services:

- ◆ Children's Ministry
- ◆ Collection Counters
- ◆ Cup/Extra Bread
- ◆ Deacon
- ◆ Flower roster
- ◆ Friday printing and other duties
- ◆ Intercessors
- ◆ Keyboard
- ◆ Morning Tea
- ◆ Readers
- ◆ Sidespersons
- ◆ Sound system operation
- ◆ Tracking sheet and PowerPoint preparation
- ◆ Word & Prayer
- ◆ Youth Ministry



Other rosters:

- ◆ Breathing Space program
- ◆ Casserole bank
- ◆ Cleaning roster
- ◆ Kitchen duties (tea towels, supplies etc.)
- ◆ Lawn mowing
- ◆ Roster Coordinators
- ◆ Safe Ministry support group
- ◆ Sanctuary linen

Other contributions for acknowledgment, beyond rosters:

- ◆ Artistic offerings
- ◆ Bearers of food—jams, post-service celebrations etc.
- ◆ Building maintenance
- ◆ Calvary Hospital services and on-call chaplaincy
- ◆ Calvary Retirement Village and Kangara Waters fortnightly services
- ◆ Choir and Musicians
- ◆ EfM mentoring
- ◆ Information Technology—Webmaster, Website, Technology support
- ◆ Jamison food collection for St John's Care
- ◆ Mini-fete volunteers:
 - ◇ Café & barbeque
 - ◇ Plant sale
 - ◇ White elephant stall
 - ◇ Book stall
 - ◇ Overall coordination
- ◆ Parish Dinner/Auction, Community lunches and men's and women's events coordination and support
- ◆ Prayer Ministry
 - ◇ Meditation Group Leaders
 - ◇ Prayer Vine coordination
- ◆ Rainbow Fellowship volunteers
- ◆ Repairers/preparers of props for Easter/Christmas etc.
- ◆ Safe Ministry and WWVP coordination
- ◆ St John's Care
- ◆ Volunteers involved in these ministries:
 - ◇ Belonging and Caring
 - ◇ Communications
 - ◇ Covenant Care
 - ◇ Finance
 - ◇ Holistic Care Nursing
 - ◇ Pastoral Care
 - ◇ Resources Coordination
 - ◇ Staff (stipendiary and honorary, ministry and administrative)
 - ◇ Wardens
 - ◇ Workplace Health and Safety
 - ◇ Youth Ministry
- ◆ Weekly Bulletin Editorial Team
- ◆ Working Bees

Thank  You!

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ST JOHN'S CARE



ST JOHN'S CARE (SJC)



SJC is based at St John's Anglican Church, Reid. Its aim is to 'bridge the gap and break the cycle of disadvantage, isolation and economic hardship' experienced by members of the community. Rhonda Thorpe works at SJC three days a week as the Operations Manager and seven members of our congregation are weekly volunteers: Kathryn Body, Steve Daniels, Beth Heyde, Pam Lane, Penny Lilley, Ann Menzies and Merrie Hepworth.

Our main form of assistance to our clients is a non-judgemental listening ear and the provision of **EMERGENCY FOOD** (fresh fruit and veggies, meat, eggs, cheese and non-perishable food) to an average 100 + clients (families) each week. No doubt you have read our "Wish list" of supplies at the end of our weekly article in the Bulletin. Please respond generously to this list as our **current stocks of food items are very low** and may not get us to the Anglicare Winter Appeal which begins in May.

How else can you assist? We keep a small stock - due to limited space - of new and used **clothing** (including new underwear), **blankets, sheets and towels** and household items (china, glasses, kitchen items and cutlery) - so contributions of these are welcome and valued by our clients.

As a guide, the **clothing** (which should be clean/in good condition) needed is:

- ◆ men's jeans, tracksuits, casual trousers
- ◆ men's long sleeved shirts; polo or T/shirts
- ◆ ladies tops, blouses (without collars, preferred) and T/shirts
- ◆ ladies jeans, casual slacks and track suits
- ◆ children's clothing

St John's Care also offers: limited assistance with bills; My Way cards; financial counselling referral; prescriptions; advice on a range of issues; a monthly lunch.

Should you wish to **contribute** to the work of SJC with a cash donation or a regular monetary donation, this can be arranged by contacting the SJC office. *These donations are tax deductible.*

More information about SJC and a full list of the services provided is given at: www.stjohnscanberra.org or you can contact SJC on: 6248 7771 or at programs@stjohnscare.org.au or speak with Rhonda Thorpe after the 8 am Service.

Merrie Hepworth
Wednesday Volunteer
March 2017

Be Bold for Change

I hope you had an opportunity to celebrate or at least recognise International Women's Day on Wednesday 8th March. The theme for this year's day was #BeBoldForChange.

I was driving in to work listening to ABC Radio Canberra which was celebrating by having an all women line up of announcers on air throughout the day. Their aim was to focus on equality and highlight the extraordinary breadth of talent of their women broadcasters, journalists, content makers, and behind the scenes staff.

Yesterday, I heard about a project in Melbourne called "Equal Crossings" where 10 female pedestrian figures have been installed at the pedestrian crossing lights at the intersection of Swanston and Flinders St. The Committee behind the project said that "having green or red silhouettes only of men at traffic lights reinforces unconscious bias by discriminating against women." Some have commented that this is political correctness overload, but I disagree. It may be a small thing, but it sends an important and powerful message.

These broadcasts made me think about the amazing contribution that women make to St John's Care and have been doing so for 25 years. It's a guess, but I think that at least 95% of our volunteers are women and what wonderful women they are. I am continually told by clients about how warm, welcoming and helpful our volunteers are. A long term homeless client recently told me that coming to St John's Care was like being around family and friends.

The International Women's Day website suggests a range of action that you can take to help forge a better world – a more gender inclusive world and I commend them to you:

- Challenge bias and inequality
- Campaign against violence
- Forge women's advancement
- Celebrate women's achievement
- Champion women's education

Lastly, I would like to congratulate the Executive Director of Karinya House, Marie-Louise Corkhill, who was this week named 2017 ACT Woman of the Year. At the presentation, ACT Minister for Women, Yvette Berry challenged us to take on gender inequality and discrimination together by creating change in our own circles of influence.

NB: We will be holding a briefing at St John's Care on Saturday 25th March at 2pm for all those interested in volunteering at our monthly Majura Park Shopping Centre pantry collections.

Wish list: toilet rolls, cereal, soap and tinned meat.



Stuart Davis-Meehan, Director

All Donations to St John's Care are Tax Deductible

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Lent 2 (Jn 3:1-17) Jesus and Nicodemus

The encounter between Jesus and Nicodemus begins on a dramatic note. We are told that Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews, visits Jesus by night. Obviously, he is favourably impressed by what he has heard and seen Jesus do, and now presumably he wants to discuss other questions with him, preferably without advertising this to his colleagues. Jesus cuts to the chase and answers the question that Nicodemus has *not* asked: 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above' (you may be more familiar with 'born again'). Understandably, Nicodemus is puzzled by these words – especially as he takes Jesus literally. Even allowing for the probability that this is a summary of a much longer conversation, what follows would hardly have been illuminating or encouraging for Nicodemus. (It would have made more sense to John's first audience decades later because they had Paul's writings to assist them.)

Yet this is not the end of the story of Nicodemus and Jesus. Nicodemus appears twice more in John's gospel, and each appearance tells us more about the man and his growing support of Jesus. In Jn 7: 51 he speaks up for him to the Pharisees who want to arrest him because of his growing popularity: 'Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?' Finally we hear how he assists Joseph of Arimathea in preparing Jesus for burial (Jn 19:38-42). He was there when the disciples were nowhere to be seen.

I wonder what brought about this radical change in him? In an age of quick fixes, Nicodemus' story reminds us that sometimes conversion takes time, birthing requires gestation, and regeneration requires dying. Sue Monk Kidd (*When the Heart Waits*, p.27) writes:

I once visited a church where the preacher invited people with heartaches and problems to come to the altar. 'God will take care of what is bothering you right now,' he proclaimed. Not a word about the desert between our wounds and our healing, our questions and our answers, our departures and our arrival. Nothing about the slow, sacred rhythms of our spiritual becoming or the spiral of descent and ascent that make up waiting.

Who or what supports us to enter that '*desert between our wounds and our healing, our questions and our answers*', the place of waiting on God that Sue Monk Kidd describes here?

Frances MacKay



Nicodemus helps to take down Jesus' body from the cross, Michelangelo's Pietà.

WITHIN THE PARISH

SATURDAY 18 MARCH

From 9am till 12 noon

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

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



Crafty Crew

Thank you for your support in providing used greeting cards. The Crew have enough—so—please no more. Instead, come and join them every 3rd Monday morning in the Rainbow Centre.

Roster unavailability

For those of you normally on roster, please indicate for **April, May & June** those dates you are not available.



Wanted: THYME



The garden bed outside the office is developing nicely however we need lots of Thyme to plant the length beside the path. If you are growing it at home and are able to contribute cuttings or damp roots please bring them to the Working Bee.

You have 1 month to secure booking for ABC tour in 2018

Margaret will be leading a trip to the UK exploring our Christian heritage, finishing at Iona. To secure your place, register and pay \$500/person deposit before 14 April 2017.

Refugee group

Holy Covenant has an email group that shares stories and opportunities for action and prayer to support refugees. If you would like to join us send an email to deranie@hotmail.com



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK



Today: **Phil Trigge**
Monday: **Mandy Squair**
Wednesday: **Margaret Martin, Rob Maron**

If you would like your name in the Birthday Book, tick the box on the permission form and place it in the purple box.

PRAYER POINTS FOR WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ◆ We pray for World Health Organisation and other health partners supporting the refugees who have fled fighting and hardship in Syria.
- ◆ We also pray for the famine in Africa - for the World's generosity and commitment to help.
- ◆ We pray for all those in refugee camps, including in Jordan, Greece, Kenya, Hungary, Manus Island and Nauru.
- ◆ All Members of Parliament to make just and humanitarian decisions.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ We pray for the Deniliquin family involved in the Murray River drowning near Moama last week. In particular we pray for the young boy coming to terms with the loss of his little brother and his own near death experience in horrific circumstances.

IN THE CHURCH

- ◆ Church of England in York and Canterbury, UK.
- ◆ Dioceses of Newcastle and North Queensland.
- ◆ Ministry with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island People of Australia.
- ◆ St Paul's, Manuka, St David's Red Hill and St Luke's, Deakin
- ◆ St David's Close Self Care Units, Red Hill:
- ◆ Aged Care Chaplaincy to:
 - ◆ Morling Lodge Nursing Home;
 - ◆ Jindalee Nursing Home;
 - ◆ Carey Gardens Aged Hostel in Red Hill
 - ◆ Mountain View Aged Care Facility
 - ◆ Aged Care Chaplains Calvary John James Hospital
 - ◆ Parliamentary Christian Fellowship: Chaplain



IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ All members of our parish family including Merri Bacon, Jenny Baines, Bev and Bruce Barnes, Trish Barnes and Tamara Batterham..
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer including Bev Barnes, Heather Campbell and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Saturday: **Annie (Nancy) Lee** (died 1995)

IN THE PARISH NEXT SUNDAY 19 March

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| 8.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION
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| 10.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church & Youth Group
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ROSTER TODAY

	8am	10am
Sidespersons	Elizabeth Grant, Tony Willis	Jo and Gareth James
Readers	Kath Arthur Tony Willis Anne Ranse	Chris Olsson Neville Hurst Simon De Vere
Intercessor	Jennifer Collier	George Gerrity
Organist	Heather Shelley	
Ministry of the Word	Paul Shelley	Joh Sheehan
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
Cup	Paul Shelley, Anne Ranse	Phyl Holmes, Leo Wimmer, George Gerrity, TBA Extra Bread: Anne Ranse
Morning Tea	Jen Collier, Jenny Hall	Dorothy Hurst, Helen Boulton
Children's Church		Rika, Sophie, Elle Morning Tea: Deranie
Counters	Jen Collier, Jenny Baines	Simon De Vere, Chris Olsson
Saturday 18 March	Cleaning: Trigge family	Flowers: Nil during Lent

Tues	14 Mar	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation
Wed	15 Mar	9.30 am	Worship Centre	Tai Chi
		12 noon	Worship Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch
		2.00 pm	Worship Centre	Ever Active Exercise Class
		6.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	Meditation
Thurs	16 Mar	7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre	Lenten Book Discussion
		9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
		1.00 pm	HCN Office	Wellness Clinic (by appt.)
		2.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	Book Club
		5.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	CC@HC volunteer training
		7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre	EfM
Fri	17 Mar	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
		10.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Lenten Book Discussion
		12 noon	Outside Aldi in the Mall	Lunch with Margaret
Sat	18 Mar	9.00 am	Church grounds	Working Bee
		4.00 pm	John Knight Park	Youth activity-Wide Games Night

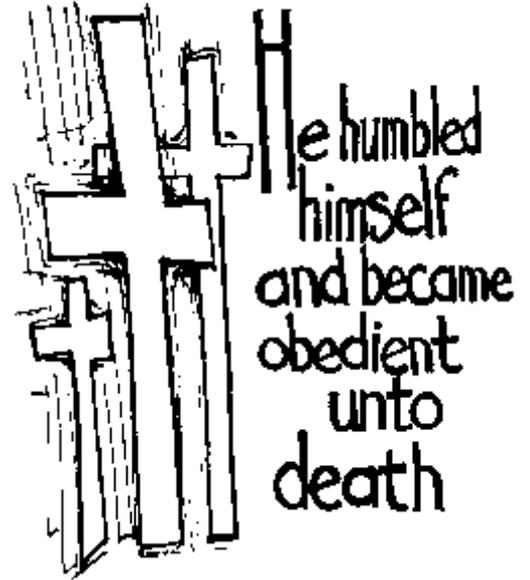
Mon	20 Mar	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Crafty Crew
		10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tues	21 Mar	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation
Wed	22 Mar	9.30 am	Worship Centre	Tai Chi
		12 noon	Worship Centre	Holy Communion and BYO Lunch
		2.00 pm	Worship Centre	Ever Active Exercise Class
		6.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	Meditation
		7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre	Lenten Book Discussion
Thurs	23 Mar	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
		1.00 pm	HCN Office	Wellness Clinic (by appt.)
		7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre	EfM
Fri	24 Mar	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
		10.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Lenten Book Discussion

IN THE SERVICE

DATE:	READINGS:	HYMNS
12 Mar	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 3 sung -TIS 76 Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	414 (219(ii)) 241 600(ii) 619 (234)

COLLECT

God of mercy,
you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy,
and always ready to forgive:
grant us grace to renounce all evil and to
cling to Christ,
that in every way we may prove to be
your loving children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**



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