

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

26 March 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY IN
LENT

Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' (John 9.40)

"May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy." (A portion of A Franciscan blessing)

Sit with the words of the blessing, and let them stir your spirit.

IN THE PARISH TODAY

8.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Revd Prof Dr John Painter

Preacher: Revd Andrea de Vaal

10.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church & Youth Group

Celebrant : Revd Anne Dudzinski

Preacher: Revd Andrea de Vaal

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.

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



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

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Lent 4 John 9:1-41. Jesus and the Man Born Blind.

I stumbled when I saw. (Gloucester in *King Lear*)

One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see. (Jn. 9: 25)

I am not usually a fan of TV ads but I do enjoy the 'Should have gone to Specsaver' ads where the humour lies in the gap between what the character sees and what is *really* happening. Being born blind is certainly not something to laugh at, but there are some wonderful ironies emerging from today's story too.

At the outset Jesus makes it clear that the man born blind is not being punished for his own or his parents' sins. Rather the man's disability is an opportunity to demonstrate God's ability to heal. Are we able to look at our disabilities and limitations in that light?

I like the man's style. In the face of the Pharisees' relentless questioning he sticks to his story: 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed and now I see.' Eventually, perhaps a bit fed up, and surely ironically, he asks the Pharisees, 'Do you also want to become his disciples?' He then proceeds to argue cogently that Jesus' capacity to heal proves he came from God. He bears witness to his experience with courage, humour and intelligence. The Pharisees of course aren't going to be taught to see things differently by a 'sinner' such as he. So they 'drive him out'.

I like to think that Jesus comes to find him to check him out, and I sense he is well aware of the Pharisees nearby. He says: 'I have come into the world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.'

What does he mean? Obviously he is not just talking about physical sight. I am reminded of what happens in Shakespeare's *King Lear* where Gloucester only 'saw' what was really going on after he was physically blinded. Likewise, King Lear needed to be betrayed, stripped of the trappings of kingship and go mad to gain true wisdom. This is the kenotic way, a spirituality of descent, of entering the darkness before emerging into the light. Jesus of course voluntarily chooses this way. And hopefully we do too sometimes. At other times we may be thrust on this path through a wake-up call in the form of a health challenge, loss of a relationship through betrayal or death, or a job that gave us identity.

As a specs-wearer I know I need to have my prescription checked regularly. I also need to wash my glasses at least once a day if I am to see clearly. And this doesn't just apply to my glasses.

Contemplative writers speak of the need for 'cleansing the lens of our perception' so that we might seek to see as God sees. How might we do this?

Frances MacKay



FROM OUR ARCHDEACON ...

I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL YOU ...

we have been having great success with some of the people we are assisting to declutter their homes and progress is happening! We are sending quite a bit of unwanted goods to charity. Some are being held for a proposed garage sale in a few weeks' time - a fund raiser for HCN. This week has also engaged us in some significant ongoing pastoral and emotional support for some clients and last Thursday Natalie assisted a client with a Tribunal hearing which was most successful. Thank you to all those people who responded to our call for more casseroles. As a parish this ministry has been a life saver for over 15 people in the past 6 weeks.



Archdeacon Anne
HCN Coordinator.

RAINBOW FELLOWSHIP.

This Sunday we are displaying some of the ministry of Rainbow Fellowship. In the sanctuary we have the prayer tree with all the hands of Rainbow Fellowship participants and this is used at times at Rainbow Fellowship as we pray for each other. We also have in the sanctuary a beautiful model of a church that has been made with love by Stuart Wells especially for Rainbow Fellowship. On the back wall near the kitchen survey is a display of photos showing some of the activities of Rainbow Fellowship.

Rainbow Fellowship meets once a month on the first Sunday at 3.30 in the church and has about 15-20 people who attend including their carers. If you know someone with special needs who you think would like to come to Rainbow Fellowship then please invite them. It's a lovely time of friendship, fellowship and being together.

Archdeacon Anne

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY CONCLUDES THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAYS: 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm
FRIDAYS: 10.15 am to 12 noon

Lentwise: Spiritual essentials for real life
Led by Rob Maron in the Rainbow Centre

This week, the groups will read John 4:5-18 and discuss
Water: Enjoying Refreshment



**DAYLIGHT SAVING
ENDS NEXT SUNDAY!**



ZZZZ

**Put your clocks back
one hour on Saturday
night or you'll be very
early for church!**

Journeying to Britain April 2018

Only 18 days to secure your spot

Margaret will be leading another blessed cathedral tour to the UK exploring our Christian heritage. 18 day adventure tour with an optional 3 day extension to Iona.

Cost: \$8390/person twin share for the 18 days includes return airfares to Sydney/Melbourne plus accommodation, breakfasts, dinners and extensive guided tours.

Visit Canterbury, Bristol, Nottingham, York, Durham and Edinburgh plus sites along the way.

To secure your place, register and pay \$500pp deposit before **14 April 2017**.

COMMUNITY LUNCH Thursday 27 April 11.30 for 12 noon

You are invited to our first 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 John McCaffrey about WW2. 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.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: **Merri Bacon, Jen Collier**
Saturday: **Rhys Thorpe, Sandra Ross**



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

WITHIN THE PARISH

WHO ARE OUR NEW COUNCILLORS?

Today we showcase one of our new Parish Councillors. The second of our three new Councillors to share with us is **Jennifer Collier**. We asked Jen three questions:



WHAT NOURISHES YOU?

My "village" of close friends, many of whom attend our 8am service; and my clay addiction - making functional pots from my pottery studio at Tarago.

WHAT ARE YOUR PASSIONS?

Being an active member of my local communities so that I am making a positive difference, whether through being: a parent to two 20-something offspring; as a Commonwealth public servant; a Board member of the Canberra Potters' Society; a queer Christian in Canberra; or an enthusiastic chorister.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS YOUR ROLE ON PARISH COUNCIL?

I have served on many boards in various organisations and had a stint on our Parish Council during 2010-12. I hope to contribute to good decisions through good processes so that we are best equipped to grow together into our future.

Calling all **COOKS** We need your **CASSEROLES**

Our Casserole Bank is depleted and we need your help to restock the freezer. Please see Anne Ranse for containers or buy your own disposable rectangular boxes from the supermarket.



EVER ACTIVE EXERCISE

START NOW! Don't leave it until you feel stiff!! Join the YMCA happy Ever Active Class Wednesdays 2pm in the Worship Centre. Discover those muscles you thought you were exercising but had missed them. \$10 a lesson or \$85 for any 10 lessons. Contact the office or Gillian ph 6253 1058.



Entertainment books are now available to order online
www.netbook.com.au/247m23



The cost is \$60 and Holy Covenant receives \$12 for each book we sell. If you order before launch date of Wednesday 29 March, you receive bonus vouchers. Contact Hilary Harris on 6251 8166 for more details or chat with other people who purchased a book last year. There is an example book to look at in the church (above the jams).

HELP WANTED

IS IT TIME TO CHALLENGE YOURSELF MORE?

Here is the list of opportunities:

8am service

Cup
Readers
Intercessors
Word and Prayer
Sidespersons
Morning Tea

10am service

Cup
Readers
Intercessors
Word and Prayer
Sidespersons
Morning Tea
Keyboard
Children's Church
Choir

Cleaning
Weekly Bulletin

We rely on the generous service of our volunteers. As the availability of our volunteers becomes less and less, it means we may need to change the way we do things.

Training will be provided for all of these vacancies.

If you have questions about 10am keyboard or choir, contact Jodie on 0423 512 744 or anjoali@hotmail.com.

If you are available to help with Children's Church please speak to Elle per page 12 of this Bulletin.

Regarding all other vacancies, please contact Margaret or Libby during office hours per page 12 of this Bulletin.



AND ...

Barnabas Fund

Please give an Easter gift to the Project Joseph to feed Christians in Africa. Barnabas Fund Australia Limited is a Charitable Institution however gifts are not Tax Deductible
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YOU CAN HELP SAVE CHRISTIAN LIVES IN AFRICA THIS EASTER

The whole of northern Kenya and parts of its coastal region, together with Uganda and South Sudan, are suffering from the worst drought in decades. Barnabas Fund is currently feeding 100,000 people.



Please give an Easter gift to the Project Joseph (00-1313) to feed Christians in Africa. To donate please go to bit.ly/PJ-AUS

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- ♦ **Stations of the Cross exhibition**, finishes today, ACCC, Barton
- ♦ **Accommodation** needed for Christian single male.
- ♦ **Suicide Prevention Training** conducted by Wesley LifeForce. **Tues 28 March** from 9am to 1pm.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a variety of lost property behind the sound system. Please check to see if any of it is yours before it is placed in the Anglicare bin within the next couple of weeks.

March Anglican News

Electronically available:
www.anglicancg.org.au/news.php

Limited number of hardcopies will soon be available at the rear of church.

“These things will destroy the human race:

- * *politics without principle,*
- * *progress without compassion,*
- * *wealth without work,*
- * *learning without silence,*
- * *religion without fearlessness, and*
- * ***worship without awareness.”***

Anthony De Mello



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Anglicare No Interest Loan Scheme

When you are poor, it is very difficult to save or borrow enough money for major items such as a new fridge, microwave oven, car repairs or registration, dental or optical care or even training courses. Our clients can't afford to put food on the table on a regular basis, so paying for such items is often out of the question.

I am very pleased to announce that St John's Care is now able to offer access to the Anglicare No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS).

The scheme enables people who earn less than \$45,000 or who have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, to borrow between \$300 - \$1,200.

The process involves our volunteers making clients aware of the Scheme and then making an initial phone enquiry to make sure the loan is for an eligible purpose. Once the necessary documentation is provided by the client, a phone interview takes place, followed by an assessment process. The process usually takes up to 2 weeks from the date of interview to notification of the outcome.

Apart from the fact that the scheme provides access to credit that most of our clients would otherwise not be able to access, if the client successfully repays the loan, they are eligible to open an account with NAB for the purpose of continuing on with a savings plan along the lines of their loan repayments and NAB will match the first \$500.

The NILS is a program of Good Shephard Microfinance and is supported by NSW Fair Trading, NAB Bank, Country Energy and Department of Social Services (DSS).

St John's Care receives a small grant through Anglicare from DSS and we also use our own funds to provide emergency relief financial support, however we are mostly unable to provide the larger amounts that are on offer from the NILS. Indeed, we struggle to keep up with the demand for financial support in general.

In conjunction with Anglicare, I am looking forward to hosting representatives of DSS at the Centre in early April and to meeting with Rachel Stephen-Smith, the ACT Minister for Community Services and Social Inclusion, to discuss our role in the provision of emergency relief in Canberra.

Wish list: toothpaste, shampoo, tinned fruit, milk (incl. powdered milk)

Stuart Davis-Meehan, Director

All Donations to St John's Care are Tax Deductible

PRAYER POINTS FOR WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ♦ We pray for those affected by the deadly van rampage in London near Westminster Bridge during the week.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ♦ Give thanks for the rain in Canberra and surrounding area this week. Pray for those affected by floods and severe storms on the eastern coast.

IN THE CHURCH

- ♦ The Province of Papua New Guinea.
- ♦ Diocese of Wangaratta.
- ♦ Anglicare South East, Eden.
- ♦ Sapphire Coast Anglican Church
- ♦ Bimbimie Park/ Albert Moore Gardens, Merimbula, Sanananda Park/ Hugh Cunningham Gardens, Tura Beach and Ross Wotton Gardens, Eden.
- ♦ Bega, including Ricky's Place.
- ♦ Wambiri Youth and Conference Centre.
- ♦ Sapphire Coast Anglican College.
- ♦ Pray for the Church's ministry in holiday resorts, and the work of evangelism in every parish and institution throughout the Diocese.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ♦ We pray for Parish Council who are meeting this week.
- ♦ We pray for all those who finish their Lenten studies this week and that they continue to be blessed for the balance of the Lenten period.
- ♦ All members of our parish family including Helen, Harris and Tanya Boulton; Heather and Alan Boyd; and Richard, Mel, Sam, Zac and Matt Browning.
- ♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer including Bev Barnes, Heather Campbell, Janet Williams, Andrew Grant and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Wednesday: Norman Kennett (d. 2005)

Thursday: Yvonne Greening (d. 2005)

Saturday: Jessie Henderson (d. 2001),

Saturday: Bob Rose (d. 2005)



IN THE PARISH NEXT SUNDAY 2 April

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**

Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Canon Margaret Campbell

10.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church & Youth Group**

Celebrant and Preacher : Revd Canon Margaret Campbell

3.30 pm **Rainbow Fellowship**

ROSTER TODAY

	8am	10am
Sidespersons	Carol and Peter Sherman	Helen and Harris Boulton
Readers	Anne McDowell Jen Collier Anne Ranse	George Gerrity Doreen Matters Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Paul Shelley	Bruce Barnes
Organist	Mandy Squair	Pam Lane
Ministry of the Word	Luc Rose	Anne Dudzinski
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
Cup	Luc Rose Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse, Tobias Nevile, George Gerrity, Doreen Matters Extra Bread: Anne Dudzinski
Morning Tea	Ann Menzies, Carol Sherman	Merri Bacon, Michael Allen
Children's Church		Richard, Mel, Prue, Jenny Morning Tea: Mel Browning
Counters	Peter Sherman, Clive Rodger	Martin Lange, Rob Maron
Saturday 1 April	Cleaning: Kath and Christine	Flowers: Nil during Lent

Mon	27 Mar	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
		10.00 am	Kangara Waters Care Cntr	Communion Service
		1.30 pm	Calvary Retirement Village	Communion Service
Tues	28 Mar	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation
Wed	29 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 (final)
Thurs	30 Mar	7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre	Parish Council meeting
		9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
		1.00 pm	HCN Office	Wellness Clinic (by appt.)
		7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre	EfM
Fri	31 Mar	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
		10.15 am	Rainbow Centre	Lenten Book Discussion (final)

Mon	3 Apr	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tues	4 Apr	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation
		4.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	Belonging and Caring meeting
Wed	5 Apr	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
		9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
Thurs	6 Apr	1.00 pm	HCN Office	Wellness Clinic (by appt.)
		7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre	EfM
Fri	7 Apr	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup

IN THE SERVICE

READINGS:

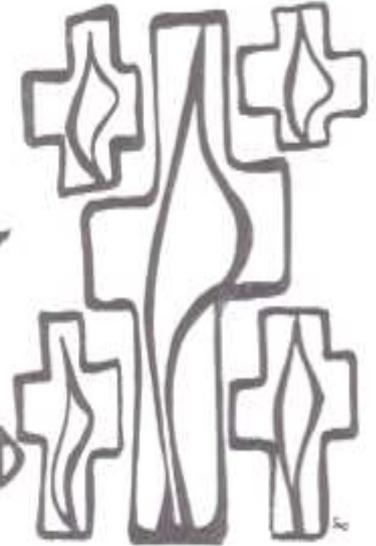
HYMNS

1 Samuel 16:1-13
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 Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-41

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COLLECT

God who gives sight to the blind,
 help us to see more clearly
 the movement of your spirit in the world.
 Teach us to choose and act wisely
 so that we too may play our part
 in the healing of your people.
 In Jesus' name we pray. **AMEN**

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