



WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Fourth Sunday of
Easter**

7 May 2017



Please join us for morning tea after the service.

TODAY'S SERVICES

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| 8.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant: Revd Prof John Painter
Preacher: Revd Susan Joy Nevile |
| 10.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and Youth Group
Celebrant: Revd Anne Dudzinski
Preacher: Revd Susan Joy Nevile |
| 3.30 pm | Rainbow Fellowship |

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

VOICE RECOGNITION

One problem now is that we seriously doubt that there is any vital reality to the spiritual world, so we hear no life-changing voice – true even for those who go to church, temple or mosque... We are then left with the burden that it is all up to us. (Richard Rohr)

How might the Good Shepherd image speak to 21st century urban dwellers more familiar with electronic devices than flocks of sheep small enough for the shepherd to know each sheep by name? Even Jesus' contemporaries found the 'figure of speech' hard to understand! (v.6)

What is central to the metaphor is that Jesus' followers (the sheep) will not follow strangers because they are attuned to Jesus' voice. Somehow I am reminded of voice recognition software used to translate spoken word to written text. Apparently you have to train the software to recognise your voice. Similarly we need to train ourselves to recognise Jesus' voice among the cacophony of voices in our lives – inner and outer, accusing and/or persuasive – telling us we need to buy this, consume that, or to throw off belief systems that are at best quaintly irrelevant, and at worst actually contributing to social and environmental ills.

How do we train ourselves to hear that voice that promises to keep its hearers safe from the seductive voice of 'strangers' (the false prophets of our time, the wolves in sheep's clothing) and able to live fulfilling, creative, productive, more abundant lives? Increasing numbers of people today are finding the contemplative practices of meditation or centring prayer helpful in tuning out the distractions of contemporary life to contact the 'still, small voice' within, thereby moving from received knowledge (beliefs) to an inner, experiential knowing. But this reading today is not recommending we stay within the fold, withdrawing from life's challenges, concerned only for our own safety. Not only will we go in and out to 'find pasture' but to engage in the needs of the world. This movement in and out speaks to me of the movement between contemplation and action that is at the heart of the gospel.

By the way, Joyce Rupp offers some alternatives to the shepherd image - Guardian of my soul; Coach in the Cave, Voice in the Fog; Midwife of Wisdom - in her centring practice of giving 'myself to the process/of learning from my darkness'.

- Frances MacKay, 2014

WITHIN THE PARISH

Men's Dinner

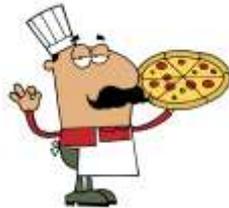
7pm Friday 19 May

In the Rainbow Centre

\$15 per person for pizza and dessert (gluten free options will be available)

BYO drinks

Please put your name on the sign up sheet.



Women's Dinner

7pm Friday 26 May

In the Worship Centre

\$15 per person for pizza and dessert (gluten free options will be available)

BYO wine - soft drinks will be available

Please put your name on the sign up sheet.



“SHARING OUR STORY”

Would you like to expand your understanding of indigenous culture and identity?

"Sharing our Story" is a four-episode DVD resource developed by Australians Together, a Christian organisation dedicated to promote understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

We will listen to the stories of indigenous people, as told in the DVDs, explore our responses to them in group discussion, learn about our shared history and gain an increased understanding how we can live together in better relationship in the future.

You are invited to start a personal journey to discover more about what's happened in the past and what's happening now.

We also plan to have an Indigenous person come and speak at one of the sessions.

If you are able to come to some but not all of the four sessions you can watch the DVD's on Australians Together's website.

Facilitator: Anne McDowell Venue: Rainbow Centre

Friday mornings, 10.30am – 12pm, 12, 19, 26 May and 3 June.

This is the last day to sign up for this series. Sign-up sheet is on the board.

Funeral –for Jean Metters

Jean's funeral will be conducted in the Worship Centre on **Tuesday 9 May at 12 noon**. All are welcome to attend.

Jean's family has asked if we can cater for the event. Therefore we need:

- Donations of finger food—sandwiches, slices etc
- Volunteer to coordinate the kitchen
- Volunteers to assist coordinator with food and drinks

Just show up and help if you can!

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SAVE THE DATES

- # Fri 19 May - Men's Dinner
- # Sat 20 May - Covenant Care garage sale, Morning Tea & BBQ
- # Fri 26 May - Women's Dinner
- # Sat 27 May - SJC collection at Jamison Shops
- # Sat 22 July - Parish Dinner
- # 13 to 15 October - Retreat at Galong
- # Sat 28 October - Mini fete and plant sale



PLEASE!!
NOTE



GARAGE SALE, CAFE & BBQ

in Worship Centre

Saturday 20 May: 9am to 2pm

Raising funds for Covenant Care - We need your help

Please clean out your garage, your wardrobes, under the bed. We accept all clean saleable goods—not clothing or electrics. Deliver them to the Worship Centre on Friday evening from 6pm when we start sorting.

We also need help from cooks to make cakes and slices for the morning teas.

Members of Parish Council will run BBQ, Deranie Jackson is coordinating 'Covenant Café' and Anne Ranse is coordinating the garage sale. They will need helpers.

This is a joint initiative between Covenant Care volunteers and Holy Covenant parishioners to help fund Covenant Care activities for our clients.

Queries can be directed to Wendy Elkhuisen on 0408 582829 or at weeklybulletin@holycovenant.org.au.



ST JOHN'S CARE COLLECTION AT JAMISON, 27 MAY

St John's Care are running really low on their supplies. We are having our mid-year collection at Jamison Plaza on **Saturday 27 May**. This event provides a major contribution of food and groceries to St John's Care. We will also have a cake stall raising funds for Holy Covenant.

Can you help in any of these ways:

- Provide shoppers with a list of products as they enter Coles and Aldi.
- Load trolleys of groceries, take to cars - and then to Holy Covenant - during the morning
- Cook for the Holy Covenant cake stall
- Serve on the cake stall

Sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.
Any enquiries, contact Harris Boulton
(6251 2078 or hnboulton@gmail.com)



Food
Collection

WITHIN THE PARISH

A message from Parish Council

Accidental poisoning from household products is a leading cause of hospitalisation for children (AIHW NISU: Steenkamp & Cripps 2001). In order to help protect our children and to provide a child friendly environment Parish Council has decided to make some changes to where and how chemicals, including cleaning products, are stored in the parish.

In the Worship Centre, the majority of cleaning products will be stored in the Flower Room in one clearly labelled cupboard with a childproof lock. Dishwashing detergent and dishwasher tablets will be stored in the right hand cupboard above the hot plates in the kitchen.

In the Rainbow Centre, the majority of cleaning products will be stored in the Laundry on the top shelf of the bookcase. Dishwashing detergent will be stored in the kitchen, in the cupboard above the microwave.

In the Garage, all chemicals will be stored on a high shelf.

Signage will clearly identify where products are stored and remind people not to store chemicals in lower cupboards. We appreciate your cooperation with these new storage practices.

Thankyou

MORNING TEA ROSTER

POSITIONS VACANT

Dear members of our morning congregations:

Needed: more **volunteers** for our morning tea rosters so that those taking turns are only serving us once a month.

Needed: **new roster co-ordinator** for morning tea roster from July.

If you are able to volunteer to assist our congregational life in this way, please speak to Jennifer Collier (8am) or Libby in the parish office.



Roster unavailability

For those of you normally on roster, please indicate for

June

those dates you are not available.



SATURDAY 20 MAY

From 9am till 12 noon

Come and help keep our buildings and grounds clean and tidy. Delicious morning tea can be purchased from the café at garage sale.

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

WITHIN THE PARISH

OUR NEW CARE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Members of the Holy Covenant Community

My name is **Leonie Bury** and I am delighted to have been appointed as the Care Administrator for your Holistic Care Nursing Program. My first day of work will be this coming Monday, 8 May.

Attached is a photo of me, my son and our dog, so now, if you see me in passing, you will know who I am. Please feel free to say hi so we can introduce ourselves to each other.



I have solid experience in many different aspects of administration and am also very comfortable using computers. It is my hope that I will eventually be able to take up the administrative load fully and thus free Anne and other HCN and CC team members for their very valuable face-to-face work.

My usual work days will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and I will be working in the HCN office for 30 hours a fortnight.

I am really looking forward to becoming a member of your thriving community and contributing to the wonderful programs you offer to the wider world.

with best wishes
Leonie Bury



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today **Kerin Cox**
Monday **David Clark, Clayton Gumbrell**
Friday **Gwen Hallows**



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 AND ...

Make Mum feel special all year round!



Holy Covenant Anglican Church is raising funds. Here's how you can help...

Support the church by buying the NEW 2017/2018 Entertainment Membership for your Mum, other family members, or even spoil yourself this Mother's Day. Entertainment Memberships are filled with hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and you'll be helping our fundraising at the same time!

Entertainment books are now available to order online

www.entbook.com.au/247m23

The cost is \$60 and Holy Covenant receives \$12 for each book we sell.

Contact Hilary Harris on 6251 8166 for more details.



ON THE NOTICEBOARD

- ♦ Women inspiring Women, 'Why there is never enough time, Thurs 11 May, Mosaic Baptist Church, rsvp by 7 May.
- ♦ Radford College Art Show, College St Bruce, Fri 26 May to Sun 28 May.
- ♦ Taizé prayer retreat is being organised by the Canberra Taize group. 2-4 June 2017, Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville NSW.
- ♦ The Canberra Taizé group meets regularly for prayer every second Sunday of the month at Weston Creek Uniting Church at 5.30pm.

The church carpet was recently cleaned. If you spill or drop anything please clean it up immediately.



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Rental Affordability Snapshot 2017

It was our pleasure last Wednesday to host Anglicare Australia in Wild Honey for the launch of their Rental Affordability Snapshot for 2017.

The purpose of the snapshot is to highlight the lived experience of people and families on low incomes trying to find a home in the private rental market. The Snapshot data was collected on 1-2 April 2017 from rental listings available across Australia. A suitable rental was deemed to be one which took up less than 30% of the household's income, a commonly used benchmark of affordability.

The report includes national, metropolitan and regional data. I would like to highlight two major findings that stood out for me in our area – ACT and Queanbeyan:

- The research identified that there were no affordable and appropriate rental properties for the following household types in the area:
 - Single on Newstart Allowance
 - Single aged over 18 on Youth Allowance
 - Single in share house on Youth Allowance
 - Single, 2 children on Parenting Payment
 - Single, 1 child on Parenting Payment
 - Single, 1 child on Newstart Allowance
 - Couple, 2 children on Newstart Allowance
- The research identified that there were 2 properties available for single people aged over 21 on the Disability Support Pension.

Given that the vast majority of clients that come in to our Emergency Relief Centre are on these benefits, it is clear that the private rental market is just not an option for any of those seeking a place to call home. Indeed, the data also suggests that many of our existing clients are living in quite high rental stress.

In addition to the lack of availability of affordable housing in the private rental market, I understand that there is a up to a two year wait for public housing.

Thank God for St John's Care. There are so many people living in our community who are struggling financially and who often have to opt to pay their rent instead of buying food for their family.

As we lead into winter in Canberra, take a moment to think about those who are homeless or suffering rental stress in our city.

Wish list: toilets rolls, pasta sauce, biscuits, soap, children's lunch snacks, queen size sheets.

Stuart Davis-Meehan

Director

All Donations to St John's Care are Tax Deductible

PRAYER POINTS FOR WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ♦ We pray for World collaboration to find peace within Syria.
- ♦ We pray for calm with regards North Korea.
- ♦ We pray for people in the Southern US states where storms, tornadoes and flash flooding has led to death and devastation.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ♦ We pray for those delivering the Federal Budget and for programs and organisations uncertain about whether they will receive ongoing funding or not.

IN THE CHURCH

- ♦ We pray for the Diocese of Brisbane: Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, Bishops, Clergy and People.
- ♦ Within our diocese, we pray for the parishes of Braidwood, Bungendore, Crookwell, Cartwright Mission District, Binda, Mulwaree Ministry District, Taralga, their clergy and people.
- ♦ Pray for: Small country churches and their ministry; co-operating parishes; Diocesan Centre for Lay Ministry & Mission.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ♦ We pray for Rainbow Fellowship who are meeting today. We give thanks to Anne R, Anne D, Judith Ann and Ken who maintain this ministry.
- ♦ We pray for Anne Dudzinski who will be taking services at Kangara Waters Care Centre and Calvary Retirement Village tomorrow.
- ♦ We pray for Rainbow Playgroup and the ministry team who lead and support it: Christine, Doreen and Elle.
- ♦ We pray for all members of our parish family including Elaine and Brian Dennis, Simon and Vera De Vere, Debbie and Bek Douglas and Anne Dudzinski.
- ♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer including Bev Barnes, Heather Campbell, Janet Williams, Ruth Durie and anyone known to us personally.
- ♦ We give thanks for the life of Jean Metters and we pray for Jean's family in their time of grief.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Friday: May Barrington (d. 1991)



IN THE PARISH on Sunday 14 May

8 .00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
Celebrant: Bishop Matt Brain
Preacher: Bishop Matt Brain

10.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
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ROSTER TODAY

	8am	10am
Sidespersons	Libby Warren, Mary Lynn Mather	Sandra Ross, Reg Holmes
Readers	Hilary Harris Mary Lynn Mather Anne Ranse	Simon De Vere Sandra Ross Andrew Hill
Intercessor	Paul Shelley	Joan Williams
Organist	Heather Shelley	Ruth Dunnicliff-Hagan
Ministry of the Word	Steve Daniels	Tobias Nevile
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
Cup	Steve Daniels Anne Ranse	Tobias Nevile, Phyl Holmes, Leo Wimmer, Vera de Vere Extra Bread: Susan Joy Nevile
Morning Tea	Beth Hyde, Jenny Hall	Merri Bacon, Elaine Dennis
Children's Church		Elle, Mary M/Tea: Elle
Counters	Rhonda Thorpe, Colin Lyons	Neville Hurst, Merri Bacon
Saturday 13 May	Cleaning: Penny and Ted Lilley	Flowers: Penny Lilley

FORTNIGHT AHEAD

Mon	8 May	10.00 am 12.30 pm 1.30 pm	Worship Centre Kangara Waters Care Cntr Calvary Retirement Village	Covenant Care Communion Service Communion Service
Tues	9 May	12 noon	Worship Centre	Funeral Service—Jean Metters
Wed	10 May	12.30 pm 9.30 am 12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00pm	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation Tai Chi Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation
Thurs	11 May	7.30 pm 9.30 am 1.00 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre HCN Office	Sharing Our Story (and 17 May) Scrabble Wellness Clinic (by appt.)
Fri	12 May	7.30 pm 10.00 am 10.30 am	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	EfM Playgroup Sharing Our Story (and 19 May)
Mon	15 May	9.30am 10.00 am	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Crafty Crew Covenant Care
Tues	16 May	12.30 pm	Worship Centre Chapel	Meditation
Wed	17 May	9.30 am 12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre	Tai Chi Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation
Thurs	18 May	9.30 am 1.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre HCN Office Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Wellness Clinic (by appt.) EfM
Fri	19 May	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Sat	20 May	9.00 am 9.00 am	Worship Centre Church grounds	Garage Sale, Café and BBQ Working Bee

IN THE SERVICE

READINGS:

Acts 2: 42-47
 Psalm 23
 1 Peter 2:1-10
 John 10: 1-10

HYMNS

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COLLECT

Good shepherd,
 you call us by name,
 and we know your voice.
 Open the gate for us,
 that we may come and go freely,
 have life, and have it abundantly. **Amen.**



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