HOLY COVENANT
ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Fifth Sunday of Easter

14 May 2017

Happy Mother's Day

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.

Reflection after Communion – please feel free to light a prayer candle in the Chapel at the back of the Church following Communion.

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

Please join us for morning tea after the service.

TODAY'S SERVICES

8 .00 am	**HOLY COMMUNION** Celebrant: Bishop Matt Brain Preacher: Bishop Matt Brain
10.00 am	**HOLY COMMUNION** Celebrant: Bishop Matt Brain . Preacher: Bishop Matt Brain
5.00 pm	**Youth Alpha**

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.

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.

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.

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.

With God's blessings,

Canon Margaret, Rector

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Monday 15 May	9.30 am 10.00 am	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Crafty Crew Covenant Care
Tuesday 16 May	12.30 pm	Worship Centre Chapel	Meditation
Wednesday 17 May	9.30 am 12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Tai Chi Holy Communion, BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation Sharing Our Story
Thursday 18 May	9.30 am 1.00 pm 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre HCN Office Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Wellness Clinic (by appt.) Book Club EfM
Friday 19 May	10.00 am 10.30 am 7.00 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Playgroup Sharing Our Story Men's Dinner
Saturday 20 May	9.00 am 9.00 am	Worship Centre Church Grounds	Garage Sale, Café and BBQ Working Bee

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

God is love.

(Please note the period! – and now the exclamation mark.)

Not 'God is love when …'
Not 'God is love if … '
Not 'God is love but …'

GOD is LOVE.

Note: The 'is' is important. That is to say, love is not what God does, but what God is. There are no qualifications, no conditions, no get out clauses, exclusions or exceptions. Love is what God is.

And if you are wondering, 'all that the Father is, we see revealed in the Son.' (Gregory of Nyssa)

But then this. *I like your Christ, but not your Christ-ians.* Gandhi said that or something like it. It should cut us deep. When Christ Jesus has come to give life in abundance, Christians are so often associated with sour lemon meringue un-life? Why are we often identified as peddlers of judgementalism, prudishness, anxiety, narrow dualist thinking, conditional love, restrained hospitality, meagre forgiveness? Why, when we know and receive the love of God in the face of Jesus, are we not the ones to be present to others in a way that leaves them with the presence of Christ?

In the confidence that Christ is risen and brings a peace that knows no bounds, be at peace. With the Spirit of the risen Jesus, we bear witness to the life that is offered in abundance. Amen.

Revd Richard Browning

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.

GARAGE SALE, CAFE & BBQ

in Worship Centre

Saturday 20 May: 9am to 2pm

Raising funds for Covenant Care - We need your help

Goods for sale at the garage sale can be delivered to the Worship Centre from 12.30pm until 7.30pm on Friday night and from 7.30am until 9am on the Saturday morning. Negotiate with Wendy or Anne Ranse if delivery needs to be outside these times or you need help with delivery of larger items. If donating shoes, please donate socks. (see below)

Café—Please consider making small cakes or slices for the café. These can be delivered to the kitchen from 7.30am on Saturday. There is a signup sheet on the sign up board.

Want to help on the day? Coordinators are:

Garage sale—Anne Ranse

Café—Deranie Jackson

BBQ—Quentin Grafton and Maurice Nevile

This is a joint initiative between Covenant Care volunteers and Holy Covenant parishioners to help fund activities for our clients. Unsold goods will be sorted for a container being sent to Africa to help relatives of our friends, the Mansaray family. Shoes being sent to Africa need socks to minimise tinea.

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

Please let your friends and family know about this event.
We have plenty of flyers

WITHIN THE PARISH

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

An invitation to a taste of Education for Ministry

For anyone interested in experiencing a taste of EFM, and to all our EFM Alumni, we will be holding a two week Interlude at Holy Covenant on

Thursdays 25 May and 1 June at 7:30pm-9:30pm

in the Worship Centre

The text for discussion is 'Jesus and the disinherited' by Howard Thurmann.

If you are interested in joining the Holy Covenant and Manuka groups on these two nights, please purchase a copy of the book and let Merri Bacon know of your intention to come along. Ask Merri if you have problems with the purchase.

We hope to see a few friendly faces from past groups or new faces join us for the occasion. You are all most welcome.

EfM
EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

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 hhboulton@gmail.com)

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.

Thank you

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.

NEED SOME PASTORAL CARE OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

Please contact Libby on
pastoralcare@holycovenant.org.au or
office@holycovenant.com.au
She will confidentially pass your request on to clergy, casserole bank or whoever may be able to help.

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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today **Mavis McLaren, Audrey Dargan**
Tuesday **John Christensen, Broni Sargeson**

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

AND ...

WEEKLY BULLETIN

All emails with information for inclusion in the Weekly Bulletin go to:

weeklybulletin@holycovenant.org.au

Cut off is 8pm Wednesdays

If you would like to be on the email list send your email details to the above address. It will arrive in your Inbox on Friday.

ON THE NOTICEBOARD

- Radford College Art Show, College St, Bruce, Fri 26 May to Sun 28 May.
- Taizé prayer retreat is being organised by the Canberra Taizé 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.

RADFORD COLLEGE

Artshow@Radford

RADFORD PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Molonglo Magic
Andrew Smith

White Rose
Maria Pfohl

Bush Capital
Siva Nathan

Harbour at Dusk
Arlene Williams

Quince S2
Camelia Smith

Brindabellas in Summer
Isla Patterson

Our own Leo Wimmer is one of the artists showcasing his work for sale.

Opening night: Friday 26 May, 7pm - 10pm
Show continues: Saturday 27 May and Sunday 28 May, 10am - 4pm.

FROM ST JOHN'S CARE

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Our New Community Worker

It is with great pleasure that I introduce you to Therese Findlay, our new Community Worker. Therese commenced work only a week ago and has already shown what a great asset she is and will be to our work.

In just her first week, Therese has hardly stopped. She has already seen several clients with some of the most complex issues I have come across in my time at St John's Care including:

- a person with a terminal illness and currently receiving palliative care, but unable to afford the medication she requires to allow her to keep her nutrition levels up;
- a family where the mother passed away last year. The father has just had open heart surgery, has lost his job and has 4 weeks to move out of the house that he rents. His 17 year old son had to give up his apprenticeship to care for his dad and his two younger siblings. There is currently no money coming into the household;
- a man with a mental illness and non-compliant with taking his medication. He is having great difficulty with most areas of his life including living in squalor, having a mountain of outstanding bills and experiencing unemployment;
- a woman who has been given notice to remove a large number of cars from her property or face eviction. A complication is that the cars are owned by her son who is currently receiving treatment in a mental health facility.

As you will be aware, the employment of a Community Worker, a project half funded by Anglicare, is part of our commitment to provide more than just a handout to people in need. We also want to provide a hand up and in doing so, we aim to help break the cycle of disadvantage experienced by those who come to us for help.

It is also our intention that Therese will be able to provide outreach support to clients as well as meeting them at the Centre. With this in mind, we have leased a vehicle which will become a pool vehicle for St John's Care staff (watch out for it – its RED!). The vehicle will enable us to provide additional services that we have not been able to before. We can meet those people who are unable to attend the Centre; we can accompany clients to appointments when necessary; we can provide transport to some clients who just don't have access to it; we can meet clients for inspections or attend court to provide support when required. The car will allow us the flexibility to provide a greater client focused service which can respond to the individual needs of clients. (You may be aware that we already own a car, which we bought for and is exclusively used by our Youth Care Canberra Youth Outreach Workers.)

Therese has truly been a Godsend. Her compassion, her experience and skills and her flexibility are already evident in the outcomes she is achieving with and for our clients.

Wish list: school snacks (esp. small fruits & cheese and bikkies), vegemite/ peanut butter, pasta meals, tinned vegetables

Stuart Davis-Meehan, Director

All Donations to St John's Care are Tax Deductible

PRAYER POINTS FOR WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- We pray for the new French President and hope that he is able to form a Government that will support his leadership
- We need more prayers as the tensions arise on the Korean peninsula.

IN AUSTRALIA

- We pray for those affected by the Federal Budget, for programs and organisations who have had their funding cut or reduced

IN THE CHURCH

- We pray for the Episcopal church in the USA and the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome.
- We pray for Good Shepherd, Curtin & Cross Cultural Ministry:
- Fred Ward Gardens, St Peter's Weston, All Souls, Chapman:
- Pray for: Organisations offering counselling, care and support to families and individuals.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- We pray for all mothers.
- We give thanks for the Covenant Care program and pray that Saturday's garage sale brings both additional funds to the program as well as good spirit and awareness among the broader community.
- We pray for all members of our parish family including Georgina Dudzinski, Sue Dunbar, Alan and Bea Duncan, Ruth, Tony and Colman Dunnicliff-Hagan, Ruth Durie and Wendy, Bec and Jono Elkhuizen.
- We pray for those in special need of prayer including Bev Barnes, Margaret Campbell, Janet Williams, Ruth Durie and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Yesterday: Jill Montgomery (d. 2002)

Tuesday: William Donald Roberts (d. 1989)

IN THE PARISH on Sunday 21 May

8.00 am	**HOLY COMMUNION** Celebrant: Revd Prof John Painter Preacher: Archdeacon Anne Ranse
10.00 am	**HOLY COMMUNION** Celebrant: Revd Anne Dudzinski Preacher: Archdeacon Anne Ranse
4.00 pm	**Youth excursion to Jewish Community Centre** (meet in HC carpark 3.15pm)

ROSTER TODAY

	8am	10am
Sidespersons	Libby Warren, Jen Collier	Prue and Ken Wedgwood
Readers	Steve Daniels Robert Arthur Anne Ranse	Christine Mitchell Jayne Murray Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Jennifer Collier	Joh Sheehan
Organist	Mandy Squair	Pam Lane
Ministry of the Word	Luc Rose	Anne Ranse
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
Cup	Luc Rose Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse, Tobias Nevile, Doreen Matters, George Gerrity Extra Bread: Anne Dudzinski
Morning Tea	Mandy Squair, Heather Shelley	Youth Group
Children's Church		Karen/Prue M/T Deranie
Counters	Jen Collier, Ted Lilley	Graham Bonnett, Martin Lange
Saturday 20 May	**Cleaning**: Platt Family	**Flowers**: Mel Clark

WHAT'S ON A FORTNIGHT AHEAD

Monday 22 May	10.00 am 10.00 am 1.30 pm	Worship Centre Kangara Waters Care Cntr Calvary Retirement Village	Covenant Care Communion Service Communion Service
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IN THE SERVICE

READINGS:	HYMNS
Acts 7: 55-60	395
Psalm 31: 1-5, 17-18	235
1 Peter 2:11-25	387
John 14:1-14	469

COLLECT

Almighty God, in Christ you have shown us the way,
revealed to us your truth
and offered to us everlasting life.
Keep our eyes upon him,
that we may see your path more clearly,
know your truth more fully,
and receive your life more abundantly;
through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in eternal glory.
Amen

Feasting on the Word, Year B

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