



HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Fifth Sunday
After Pentecost**

9 JULY 2017



*Please join us for morning tea
after the service.*

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Revd Sarah Bachelard, Preacher: Revd Sarah Bachelard

10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

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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

THE FORTNIGHT AHEAD

Monday 10 July	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 11 July	12.30 pm	Worship Centre Chapel	Meditation
Wednesday 12 July	9.30 am 12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Tai Chi Holy Communion, BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation
Thursday 13 July	9.30 am 1.00 pm	Rainbow Centre HCN Office	Scrabble Wellness Clinic (by appt.)
Saturday 15 July	9.00 am	Church grounds	Working Bee

Monday 17 July	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 18 July	12.30 pm	Worship Centre Chapel	Meditation
Wednesday 19 July	9.30 am 12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Tai Chi Holy Communion, BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation
Thursday 20 July	9.30 am 11.30 am 1.00 pm 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre HCN Office Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Community Lunch Wellness Clinic (by appt.) Book Club Education for Ministry
Friday 21 July	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 22 July	7.00 pm	Worship Centre	Parish Dinner

ELECTION FOR ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF SYNOD

(2017-2019 inclusive)

Nominations are called for the following positions:

Alternate Lay Members of Synod (2 positions): While it is expected that Members of Synod see their attendance at Synod as a priority, provision is made for one or more Alternates to be available in cases of illness, etc. These appointments are for three years.

A nomination form is available covering these positions. The form must be signed by the Nominator, a Secunder and the Nominee. Please put completed nomination forms in the purple box provided at the back of the church.

Nominations will be received up until noon on Sunday 16 July 2017 with the election, if required, to be held on 30 July after the 8am and 10am services.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Matthew 11:15-30

Are You the One?

Come to me ... and I will give you rest.

'Come to me all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.' Many of us at some time or other have felt the appeal of this invitation. While we may have found 'a very present help in time of trouble', we probably also discovered that life continued to be challenging. Perhaps it is important, to look at the context in which these words occur in today's reading if we are to engage more deeply with them.

Jesus has just received messengers from John the Baptist asking, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus tells the messengers to tell John, 'The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor have good news brought to them.' These words are reminiscent of those Jesus read out in his local synagogue at the beginning of his public ministry (Luke 4). They are to be understood not just as acts of compassion but signs that Jesus is 'the one'. Later in the chapter Jesus refers to his 'deeds of power' in certain cities that had failed to lead the inhabitants to repentance (vv.20-25).

John's imprisonment seems to lead Jesus to reflect that it is the fate of prophets to meet with hostility. He says that prophets give offence because they refuse to dance to the tune of the people, to fulfil their expectations, which in any case are inconsistent. Besides, prophets usually challenge the *status quo* - and those in power don't like what they hear.

But knowing this does not deter Jesus from proceeding to denounce those cities that have remained unrepentant, despite having witnessed his 'deeds of power' (healings and preaching). We see two sides of Jesus in the second part of the chapter. There is the challenging, powerful Jesus who warns these cities of impending judgment (vv. 20-24). Then there is the Jesus who describes himself as 'gentle and humble in heart' – the Jesus who offers tender words of welcome, consolation and comfort. 'Come to me all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.' This is the one who says elsewhere, 'Whoever comes to me I will never drive away' (Jn. 6:37).

Yes, there are strings attached, or rather a yoke to be shared. 'Take my yoke upon you and learn from me...' The image is of course the yoke that allows oxen to share the burden of pulling the plough or other vehicle. Jesus is not offering permanent refuge from life's challenges. There is work to be done, a mission to be shared, a transformation to be undergone. God isn't into offering just band aids or temporary pain relief. Of course, we can never really know what we are taking on when we say yes to Jesus. We can only know as our life together unfolds.

Frances Mackay

News from Parish Council

1. At the June Parish Council meeting the main discussion was to start considering the newly updated Work Health and Safety (WHS) Policy for our Parish. Copies of the Policy are available in paper format (ask our lovely Libby Warren for a copy) or can be downloaded from the parish website. The Policy has been a large body of work undertaken by the WHS committee that included work from Johann Sheehan, George Gerrity, Rhonda Ustick and Sarah MacNeil. The refreshed Policy is an update from the 2015 version (approved by Paul Wallis as our Rector and with Kathryn Body and Deranie Jackson as Wardens) and is now updated to align with all the Diocesan policies and procedures. Over the next few meetings your Parish Council members will continue to work through the Policy, with the assistance of advice from the WHS committee, to identify the things that we need to address so as to ensure that our church community is a safe one – for our staff, our volunteers, all who worship with us, and our visitors. Parish Council will formally endorse the Policy at one of its next meetings – if any of you have any comments or questions, please speak to your favourite Parish Councillors. We expect that there will be progressive updates on this item over the remainder of the year. Please remember to thank the WHS committee members when next you see them – this Policy represents many hundreds of volunteer hours.

2. Changes to our seating on Sunday mornings. From Sunday 9th July the seating for our 8am and 10am congregations will look a little different. Parish Council has agreed that the last two rows will be removed in an effort to improve the safer movement of people along the back walls during the services (there is often a squeeze of people near the Chapel during communion, especially for those of us with walking sticks or other mobility devices) and to assist in people moving more easily along the wall between the door to the kitchen and the kitchen servery, especially during morning tea. This change is aimed at helping us move about more safely – and any feedback on this idea is very welcome – please contact Jennifer Collier (8am) or Joh Sheehan (10am) with your feedback.

3. PC gives thanks that Margaret has an appointment next week with an immunologist as part of the progress towards surgery. In the meantime PC gives thanks to the Wardens, especially Kathryn Body and to Libby Warren for their significant additional efforts in keeping things running smoothly, and to the honorary clergy and visiting clergy who are helping us during this time of uncertainty.

SAVE THE DATES

- # Thurs 20 July - Community Lunch
- # Sat 22 July - Parish Dinner
- # Sat 5 September - Saturday Sunset @ Radford Chapel
- # 6 - 8 October - HC Youth Camp @ Camp Cottermouth
- # 13 to 15 October - Retreat at Galong
- # Sat 28 October - Mini fete and plant sale



COMMUNITY LUNCH THURSDAY 20 JULY 2017

Come and join us for our next Community Lunch to be held on Thursday 20 July, 11.30 am for 12 noon start.

We will be serving **soup and slices** and the cost is \$5.

Our guest speaker will be John Christensen from the 10 am service, who will regale us with his talk entitled *Hats off to our Federal Constitution*.

Please sign up on the sheet at the back for attendance and also for donations of slices.

All Welcome!



SATURDAY 15 JULY

From 9am till 12 noon

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

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



New Hymn Books

The "Together in Song" hymn book that we use at Holy Covenant will be going out of print early next year. So we have purchased 40 more copies to top up our current supplies. The books cost \$40 each.

We are inviting parishioners to donate a copy either directly or as a memorial gift. In either case an acknowledgement of the gift will be placed inside the book.

If you would like to participate in this, please give your money and acknowledgement details (in an envelope) to the Administrator.

You can still buy books or digital e book now online.

Online site will be open for a few more weeks for everyone to promote to family, friends and everywhere:

www.entbook.com.au/247m23 The book

is \$60 and HC receives \$12. For more details call Hilary Harris 62518166 or use Facebook <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/247m23>

You can share this with Facebook friends.





PARISH DINNER - TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR MIGRANT ROOTS



Come and share our migrant heritage at our Parish Dinner
Saturday 22 July, commencing at **7:00 pm**.

Prepare to enjoy a gastronomic 3 course dinner, the main being your choice from a selection of dishes from parishioners' country of origin. Bend your brain with some church trivia, before indulging in a guilty pleasure from the dessert trolley.

JOIN THE FUN

There is a sign up sheet for individual guests and table hosts on the noticeboard.

RSVP: Sunday 16 July

Cost: \$40 per adult \$100 family of 2 adults and their children. BYO Drinks

SILENT AUCTION

There will be a silent auction, so please think about what you can donate. To give you some ideas, people have previously donated a skill (ironing/weeding/chauffeuring/cooking a meal) or goods (wine/a beach holiday/artwork/books). To donate, email jesheehan@comcen.com.au or phone 0418 644 282.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

To make our night a success, we need volunteers to: host a table; help with set up/clean up and approach local businesses seeking donations for the auction. **Please do not wait to be asked, contact Katherine, Phyl or Joh to offer your assistance.**



IN THE PARISH AND ...

BOOK LAUNCH

A New Book by Noel Davis

Where: The Gathering Place
4 Bancroft St, Dickson

When: Wednesday 19 July

Time: 7.30pm

Books available for publisher. See noticeboard for more details.



Thanks to Pam Winn (See Matthew 16) 03-11
THINGS EASED UP ON GUARDIAN ANGELS AFTER AIR BAGS WERE INVENTED

ON THE NOTICEBOARD

Dirrum Dirrum @ Radford College, 4 and 5 August, 1 College St Bruce. A festival run by students of Radford College to **recognise** reality, **inspire** intellect and **lead** for a greater and common good. Speakers include Sarah Bachelard, Yassmin Abdel-Magied, Sam Bailey, Mark Tedeschi.

CES: Dinner Forum: The Getting of Wisdom—a Private Faith, a Public Christian. Chaired by Bishop George Browning. Thursday 17 August 2017.

Christ Church Hawker Quarterly Men's Luncheon Forum Monday 21 August 2017 - Warren and Jessie Glover "From engineering science to celebrating languages: one couple's journey".

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

weeklybulletin@holycovenant.org.au

Cut off is 5pm 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.

Roster

unavailability

For those of you normally on roster, please indicate your unavailability for **August** and **September** on the Roster Board .



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today: **Elaine Dennis**
Wednesday: **Brian Hepworth**
Thursday: **Elizabeth Troy**
Friday: **Quentin Grafton**
Saturday: **Jayne Murray**



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

Working on the International Scene

I often comment that one of the great things about working at St John's Care is that you never know what each day will bring e.g. last week we were working in the international arena.

We were contacted by a woman who was desperately seeking to get her two sons (aged 17 and 15) back from New Zealand. They had been taken to NZ by their father in late May to attend their sister's funeral. Soon thereafter they were abandoned by their father and left with their maternal grandmother in her 1-bedroom unit in rural NZ. The grandmother is aged and frail and unable to care for them and our client had no money to bring them back.

At the time the boys needed to travel to NZ they did not have passports, however the NZ High Commission made the necessary arrangements on compassionate grounds, to enable them to attend their sister's funeral. The father was then supposed to sort out the passport issue to enable them to return to Australia (they are citizens of NZ) while they were in NZ, but he shirked this responsibility also. It was left to our client to sort this out from her end and it has taken her a month to save up the money for the passports, which she has now organised.

So, we contacted the local Anglican Church in NZ. They arranged to visit the grandmother's home and they offered to get the boys to Auckland airport, as they are some 2.5 hours away, if we could organise flights. A huge thank you to everyone at Holy Trinity Anglican Parish in Tauranga, NZ.

We used all our contacts but were unable to get free flights. Ultimately, our client found some affordable flights and we have agreed to pay something towards the cost. They are flying back to Sydney on Thursday.

Our client approached numerous agencies and government departments for assistance, without any luck. She was so grateful for our help saying that we were the only ones who would listen and the only ones who cared.

I am very happy if this is the reputation that we have.

Wish list: small fruits for school lunches, powdered milk, long life milk, tinned meat.

Stuart Davis-Meehan
Director

All Donations to St John's Care are Tax Deductible



PRAYER POINTS FOR WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ◆ Pray for seafarers and their families.
- ◆ Pray for families still waiting to be advised their loved ones were trapped inside the burning Grenfell Tower.
- ◆ Pray for calm negotiations and resolutions now that North Korea has intercontinental missile capacity.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ We give thanks for living in the Lucky Country.

IN THE CHURCH

- ◆ Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn: Bishops, Clergy and people.
- ◆ Bishop-in-Council and the Ministry Executive, the Anglican Church Property Trust and The Pelican Foundation.
- ◆ Diocesan Synod.
- ◆ Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.
- ◆ All Saints' Ainslie.
- ◆ All Saints College staff and student residents.
- ◆ Holy Cross, Hackett.
- ◆ Brindabella Court Self Care Units, Downer.
- ◆ Pray for: Growth of the Pelican Foundation and the Anglican Investment Development Fund.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ We pray for all members of our parish family including Carol Kubanek and Quentin Grafton, Pam Lane, Julia Lane, Martin, Anne and Jenny Lange and Clare Lawlor.
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer including Bev Barnes, Margaret Campbell, Ruth Durie, Dawn Hardman, Dianne and Phil Spurway and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

- Monday:** Grace Watson (d. 2014)
John Singh (d. 2014)
- Tuesday:** Doris Dudley (d. 2008)
- Wednesday:** Gerard Bacon (d. 2015)
- Thursday:** Laurie G Alexander (d. 2001)



PRAYER VINE

For the month of July, Phyl Holmes will be looking after the Prayer Vine. Please continue to send requests to prayervine@holycovenant.org.au. Otherwise send to phylandreg@optusnet.com.au or telephone Phyl on 6251 2007.

ROSTER TODAY

	8am	10am
Sidespersons	Kerin and Brian Cox	Sandra Ross, Reg Holmes
Readers	Kerin Cox Hilary Harris Anne Ranse	Phyl Holmes Reg Holmes Sandra Ross
Intercessor	Anne McDowell	Joh Sheehan
Organist	Mandy Squair	Pam Lane
Ministry of the Word	Rhonda Thorpe	Anne Ranse
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
Cup	Rhonda Thorpe Anne Ranse	Rob Maron, Neville Hurst, Phyl Holmes, Tobias Nevile Extra Bread: Anne Ranse
Morning Tea	Mandy Squair, Pam Lane	Wendy Elkhuisen
Children's Church		School Holidays
Counters	David Kennemore, Colin Lyons	Rob Maron, Reg Holmes
Saturday 15 July	Cleaning: Kath Arthur & Christine Mitchell	Flowers: Kath Arthur

IN THE PARISH on Sunday 16 July - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
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NEED SOME PASTORAL CARE OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

Please contact Libby on
pastoralcare@holycovenant.org.au or
office@holycovenant.org.au

Libby will confidentially pass your request on to clergy, casserole bank or whoever may be able to help.

Please note that due to privacy regulations, the hospitals are not allowed to notify us if you are admitted. Please arrange for someone to contact Libby so that we know to care for you.

IN THE SERVICE

Today's Sentence: 'Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,' says the Lord. 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me: for I am gentle and humble in heart.' Matthew 11: 8-29

READINGS:

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67
 Psalm 45: 10-17
 Romans 7: 14-25
 Matthew 11: 15-19, 25-30

HYMNS:

242
 472
 585
 178

COLLECT

O God,
 you have prepared for those who love you
 such good things as pass our understanding:
 pour into our hearts such love toward you,
 that, loving you above all things,
 we may obtain your promises
 which exceed all that we can desire;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**



*Share in the
 gospel's blessings.*

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