

# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Sixth Sunday  
After Pentecost**

**16 JULY 2017**



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

### TODAY'S SERVICES

**8.00 am**     **HOLY COMMUNION**

Celebrant: and Preacher: Revd Richard Browning

**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 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 6.00 pm	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 5.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre HCN Office Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Community Lunch Wellness Clinic (by appt.) Book Club CC Volunteers meeting Education for Ministry
Friday 21 July	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 22 July	7.00 pm	Worship Centre	Parish Dinner
Monday 24 July	10.00 am 10.00 am 1.30 pm	Worship Centre Kangara Waters Care Cntr Calvary Retirement Village	Covenant Care Holy Communion Holy Communion
Tuesday 25 July	12.30 pm	Worship Centre Chapel	Meditation
Wednesday 26 July	9.30 am 12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Tai Chi Holy Communion, BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation Parish Council meeting
Thursday 27 July	9.30 am 1.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre HCN Office Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Wellness Clinic (by appt.) Education for Ministry
Friday 28 July	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup

### 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 13: 1-23 Why did Jesus speak in parables?

*Tell all the Truth*

*But tell it slant...* (Emily Dickinson, 19<sup>th</sup> C. American poet.)

Why did Jesus speak in parables? Good question and the one the disciples asked after he had told the parable of the sower. His answer raises other questions – at least for this reader. For example, why is it that some people are open and receptive to God and others are not? This is not just an academic question when we long for someone to turn to God for the healing and solace they might find there.

He tells the disciples, 'To you it *has been given* to know the secrets of the kingdom.' But why has this been 'given' to them and not to others? Is that fair? Somehow the others have closed their ears and *shut their eyes* so that they can't hear and see what would heal them (v.15). Seemingly, whether we *get* it or not and receive the healing we need is somehow a gift, but a gift we won't be open to receiving if we are in the habit of shutting God out.

In the parable, whether the seed thrives depends on how hospitable the soil is. To what extent are we responsible for the soil we are? Isn't there also a 'givenness' about that? So much that has shaped us has not been of our doing. We don't choose where, when and to whom we are born. But is the parable encouraging us to do what we can (or allow God) to modify our rocky soil and to become aware of the distractions (e.g. lure of wealth, status and security) that are competing for space and energy?

The thing about a good metaphor – and aren't parables like extended metaphors? – is that they keep on speaking in ways that explanations do not. I would like to conclude with a passage that runs with the imagery of this parable, taking us beyond our individual lives to global and cosmic levels:

*God is the gardener... Every wheat grain is sacred, a natural icon, an open book: word of God. One grain is enough to remind us of sower and harvest time, hoarder and hungry, seed sown on hard ground or soft; the organic growth of the Kingdom of God.*

*Each grain is also a challenge, asking us if we have fed the hungry; whether we have seen justice done, whether we have respected earth's abundance or stashed it out of reach of those who cannot pay. Have we manipulated it to our own profit-making ends, created patents on grain varieties, flooded the soil and then the streams and rivers with pesticides, interfered with natural processes to the point where the patterns of nature break like the gossamer threads of the spider's web? Have we listened to the gospel message and really lived it in our gardening of the earth? Have we looked at our vineyards and cornfields and seen Christ growing there?*

(Annie Heppenstall, *The Healer's Tree*)

**Frances MacKay**

## IN THE PARISH

### News from Parish Council

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.



### Safe Ministries Training

There is an opportunity to complete the Diocesan Safe Ministries Workshop or the refresher course at Christ Church Hawker in mid September. Please register through the Diocesan web page.

Alternatively, the full course is now available on line at <https://www.openlearning.com/courses/safe-ministry-online-induction>

#### 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.

**TODAY IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN UP!!**

**All Welcome!**

#### WANTED

Donations of wool, cottons, overlocker cotton reels, fabrics and wadding for HCN Ministry to make various items used in the hospitals and aged care communities.

Please leave products in the office or contact Natalie on 0423 913 430 for alternative arrangements.

#### Truffle products for sale

Truffle season has arrived and Gillian Painter is taking orders for anyone interested in purchasing Lowes Mount Truffiere Products.

Products include:

- ◆ Truffled Salt
- ◆ Truffled Butter
- ◆ Hazelnuts in Truffled Honey
- ◆ Gift Packs etc.

Order form on the sign-up board.

If you have any questions, contact Gillian on 6253 1058.

#### National Volunteer Week

**8-14 May 2017**

Congratulations **Anne Ranse** for being awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by Volunteering Australia for 'your volunteering is helping to make Australia the happiest place on Earth'.

#### 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.

# 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.

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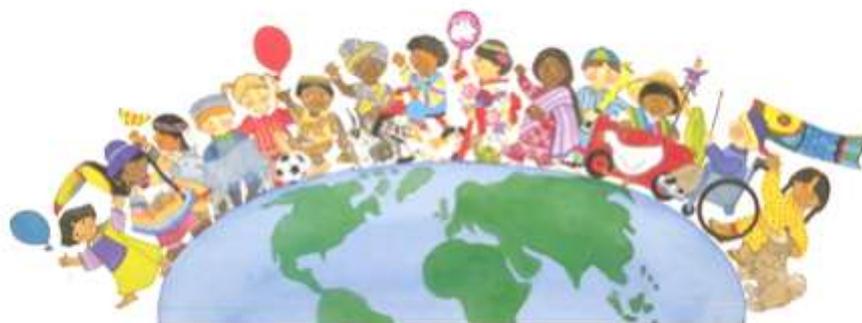
Cost: \$40 per adult \$100 family of 2 adults and their children. BYO Drinks

## 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](mailto: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.**



**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 from publisher. See noticeboard for more details.



You can still buy books or digital e book online. The online site will be open for a few more weeks for everyone to promote to family, friends and everywhere:

[www.entbook.com.au/247m23](http://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>

**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".

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

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

[weeklybulletin@holycovenant.org.au](mailto: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.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Tuesday: **Samuel Gumbrell, Jaydon Abeyardene**  
Wednesday: **Georgina de Vere**  
Saturday: **Isobel D'Cruz**



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

## Refugees and Asylum Seekers

I know that I have written a number of newsletters recently about refugees and asylum seekers. This is because we have been experiencing a significant increase in the number coming through our doors. In June, we saw 57 families that were born overseas and in particular from Iraq, Sierra Leone, Afghanistan and Iran. Many have experienced horrible trauma in their homelands and many have lost all that they had. Many also are highly skilled. We have seen Doctors, Vets, Accountants, Engineers and recently a Magistrate.

Due to some strain that we have been experiencing with language barriers and expectations, as a result of this increase, we decided to hold a small in-house forum to discuss how we can best assist this group of highly disadvantaged and vulnerable people.

We invited our emergency relief centre volunteers and were very excited to have some local experts in the field attend from Companion House and Red Cross, as well as our new volunteer Migration Agent.

It soon became clear that this is a very complex area in terms of the visas available and the entitlements that come with each visa, not to mention the often high profile politics of refugees and asylum seekers. I am aware of a wide range of views held by the supporters of St John's Care on this issue.

We decided that there are a number of things that we can do. We are going to:

- ♦ develop a one-page outline of what we can offer at St John's Care and have it translated into a number of languages;
- ♦ develop a fact sheet on the range of visas and their entitlements;
- ♦ develop a list of local services/organisations that assist refugees and asylum seekers, outlining the services that they provide;
- ♦ ensure that we have halal food available in our pantry;
- ♦ offer training to those volunteers interested, in how to use the Translating and Interpreter Service, a telephone interpreting service which we have free access to.

I would also like to welcome Roger Grimes as a new volunteer. Roger is a Migration Agent and as of this week, has begun offering free legal advice to refugees and migrants at migration law consultations to be held at the Centre on Tuesdays between 1.00pm – 3.00pm. If you know someone who would benefit from such support, please ring us on 62487771 to make an appointment.

Our aim, as always, is to ensure that all are welcome at St John's Care. We want to be able to provide the best possible assistance to refugees and asylum seekers, who are now part of, not separate to, our local community.

**Wish list:** tins of Milo, pasta sauce, full cream milk and small fruits for school lunches.



**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 people of Marawi in the South Philippines where Islamist militants seized the city in May and continue to force children and hostages to fight for them against the Government troops. The death toll exceeds 500.
- ◆ We continue to pray for the displaced hungry and homeless people of Mosul as they consider their way ahead.

## IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ We pray for the refugees and asylum seekers reaching our shores and give thanks for care agencies such as St John's Care who provide them with assistance.

## IN THE CHURCH

- ◆ Diocese of Newcastle: Bishop, Assistant Bishop, Clergy and People
- ◆ St George's Anglican Life Centre, Pearce
- ◆ St Stephen's, Kambah
- ◆ St Matthew's, Wanniassa
- ◆ Lanyon Valley Anglican Church
- ◆ St Mary-in-the-Valley, South Tuggeranong
- ◆ Calwell Neighbourhood Centre Anglicare Children's Services: Centres at Calwell and Gordon
- ◆ Pray for: Anglicare activities in partnership with parishes and with government: child care, foster care, young people and families; for staff and volunteers in regional offices and in Goulburn; for clients, and for Anglicare Appeals. Also the Sudanese community at this difficult time in the Sudan.

## IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ We pray for teachers and students returning to studies this week.
- ◆ We pray for all members of our parish family including Trevor Lawrence, Chris Lee and Linda Richardson, Ted and Penny Lilley, Colin Lyons, Frances Mackay, Megan Mackay, Jean Main, Rob Maron and Margaret Martin.
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer including Bev Barnes, Margaret Campbell, Ruth Durie, Dawn Hardman, Dianne and Phil Spurway, Margaret Walker, Val Newton and anyone known to us personally.

## COMMEMORATIONS:

**Friday:** Harry Reece Sharpe (d. 1994)

**Saturday:** Mary Magdalene



## 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](mailto:prayervine@holycovenant.org.au). Otherwise send to [phylandreg@optusnet.com.au](mailto:phylandreg@optusnet.com.au) or telephone Phyl on 6251 2007.

# ROSTER TODAY

	8am	10am
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Libby Warren and Tony Willis	Dorothy and Neville Hurst
<b>Readers</b>	Kath Arthur Rosemary Kennemore Anne Ranse	Dorothy Hurst Kate King Neville Hurst
<b>Intercessor</b>	Robert Arthur	Joan Williams
<b>Organist</b>	Kath Arthur	Ruth Dunnicliff-Hagan
<b>Ministry of the Word</b>	Paul Shelley	Anne Ranse
<b>Deacon</b>	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
<b>Cup</b>	Paul Shelley Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse, Neville Hurst,
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Jocelyn Kirkland & Mandy Squair	Rika Amos & Merri Bacon
<b>Children's Church</b>		TBA
<b>Counters</b>	Tony Willis, Bob Arthur	Martin Lange, Chris Olsson
<b>Saturday 22 July</b>	<b>Cleaning:</b> Andrew Feitz	<b>Flowers:</b> Penny Lilley

**IN THE PARISH on Sunday 23 July - Seventh 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](mailto:pastoralcare@holycovenant.org.au)** or  
**[office@holycovenant.org.au](mailto: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: John 6:63, 68

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life.

#### READINGS:

Genesis 25: 19-34

Psalm 119: 105-112

121

Romans 8: 1-11

#### HYMNS:

636

130

#### COLLECT

Bountiful God,  
we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word:  
by your Holy Spirit,  
help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it,  
that we may grow in faith and hope and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### THE PARABLE



#### OF THE SOWER



OR THE PARABLE OF THE FOUR TYPES OF SOIL

## MINISTRY TEAM

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