



HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Seventh Sunday
After Pentecost**

23 JULY 2017



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

TODAY'S SERVICES

- 8.00 am** **HOLY COMMUNION**
Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Rob Miners
- 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

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Matt 13: 24-43 The Deep Wisdom of the Parables

Last week I raised the question: Why speak in parables? Perhaps, in telling parables Jesus is showing us *how* to see what is really there – to look below the surface to the underlying reality: ‘what has been hidden from the foundation of the world’ (Matt 13: 35).

In thinking about the parable of the wheat and the weeds (or tares), two occasions come to mind. The first was at the Claremont Graduate School of Theology in 1980 where Professor Howard Clinebell told us about the ‘inner’ application of this parable – that there is a complex relationship between our ‘virtues’ and our ‘sins’, and premature attempts to eradicate our sins might endanger our virtues.

The second occasion was a couple of years ago in Israel where our tour guide, a wonderful Arab Christian and Anglican priest, showed us the weeds Jesus would have been referring to. Guess what. They looked just like the wheat. It was hard to tell them apart. No wonder Jesus said, ‘Let them grow up together until the harvest, then I will tell the reapers to separate them’. Obviously, Jesus is not giving horticultural advice here, any more than he is giving fiscal advice in the parable of the talents.

What might the parable be saying about the mixture of good and evil in ourselves and in the world? Is Jesus saying: Don’t be in too much of a hurry to decide whether something (or someone) is a weed (‘bad’) rather than wheat (‘good’)? The Bible tells us that both angels and devils come in disguise. Sometimes we need to wait for something to declare itself by the fruit it bears. Prematurely trying to eradicate our faults can mean we destroy our good qualities too. Besides, the gospel (and much modern therapy) teaches that transformation doesn’t happen that way.

Premature labelling of something or someone outside ourselves as demonic or angelic can also be destructive because of a human tendency to externalise evil at personal and political levels. We see this in Nazi Germany where a country’s shadow was projected onto Jewish people. We see this happening now in the rise of populism, a form of political fundamentalism that reduces the world to us (good) and them (bad) – the enemy to be shut out at all costs.

Fear of course increases the tendency to try to reduce complexity by black/white, good/bad or either/or thinking. This might account for the fear-mongering contributing to the rise of ‘populism’ in our world today. But, as Clarence Thomson says, ‘The black/white, either/or thinking that is necessary for victory in sports or war doesn’t begin to describe the complex reality where goodness and evil grow together in the same person, country or event’ (*Parables and the Enneagram*).

This brilliant parable is a wonderful antidote to this sort of thinking. How might it open up other possibilities for approaching an area of concern for you right now?

Frances MacKay

THE FORTNIGHT AHEAD

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 3.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Playgroup Celebrate Val Newton service
Monday 31 July	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 1 August	12.30 pm 4.00 pm	Worship Centre Chapel Rainbow Centre	Meditation Belonging and Caring Meeting
Wednesday 2 August	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 3 August	9.30 am 1.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre HCN Office Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Wellness Clinic (by appt.) Education for Ministry
Friday 4 August	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF VAL NEWTON

A Celebration of the life of Val Newton will take place at Holy Covenant, next Friday 28 July at 3pm. At the conclusion of the service we will be serving afternoon tea.

Donations of slices would be greatly appreciated. Sign up sheet is on the board.

IN THE PARISH on Sunday 30 July - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

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PARISH NOTICES

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>

CHANGES TO SERVICE SEATING

From Sunday 9th July the seating for our 8am and 10am congregations looked a little different. Parish Council agreed that the last two rows would 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 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.

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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday: **Ellie Wedgwood**
Saturday: **Sophie Amos**
Saturday: **Barnaby D'Cruz**



If you would like your name in the Birthday Book, please advise Libby.

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 Libby.

TRUFFLE PRODUCTS FOR SALE

Truffle season has arrived and Gillian Painter is taking orders for anyone interested in purchasing Lowes Mount Truffiere Products. Order form on the sign-up board. If you have any questions, contact Gillian on 6253 1058

ANGLICAN NEWS

July edition now available online:

<http://www.anglicancg.org.au/news.php/269/july-anglican-news>

Hard copies will soon be available at back of church.

ROSTER UNAVAILABILITY—AUGUST

Today is your last day to record your unavailability for August as the new rosters will be sent out later this week.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Working Bee on 15 July - we had 11 workers including 2 teenage boys. Lots of work, lots of chatter, coffee and biscuits.

Community Lunch on 20 July - there was a good mood, hearty lunch and great talk by John Christensen.

Parish Dinner last night - watch this space next week.



FROM ST JOHN'S CARE

Governance of St John's Care

I can hardly believe that I will be celebrating two years in the role of Director of St John's Care on 27 July. Whilst I have so many experiences to reflect on, on the back of the SJC Committee meeting last night, I thought I would reflect on the amazing work of those volunteers who serve on the SJC Committee. While the work that they do is rarely seen and often thankless, it is essential to the good governance of the organisation.

St John's Care is a charity registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission. We have our own Tax File Number and enjoy tax deductible gift recipient (DGR) status as a public benevolent institution.

The SJC Committee is a sub-committee of St John's Parish Council. The Committee has Terms of Reference and is subject to the Guidelines for Committees of Parish Council. The committee is made up of a Chair, Deputy Chair, Rector, Treasurer, Secretary, Anglicare rep, Parish Council rep, and 2 other members. I also attend all Committee meetings.

In addition to the monthly meetings, some members also sit on the Finance Sub-Committee and others on the Fundraising Sub-Committee. The Chair, Rector and I also meet quarterly as the St John's Care/

Anglicare Liaison Committee with the CEO and another representative of Anglicare, with whom we have a strong and formal working partnership.

The Chair and Deputy Chair meet with me bi-monthly to discuss our "Risk Scorecard" where we identify and discuss how to best manage risks to us achieving our goals. We also all get together once a year for a strategic planning workshop.

Our scorecard currently identifies the following focus areas (in no particular order): volunteers and staff, programs, governance, business management, infrastructure, marketing and fundraising, donations and compliance.

Ensuring good governance requires quite a lot of work behind the scenes and as you can see the members of the SJC Committee work very hard to ensure that we continue to provide a high quality service to those in need in Canberra.

In turn, good management, which is what the staff and I strive to do, relies heavily on a strong base of good governance. I give thanks for the members of the SJC Committee and thank them for their commitment to the St John's Care cause. I am definitely looking forward to the next two years!

Wish list: tinned veggies, small tins of fruit, peanut butter and jam.

Stuart Davis-Meehan,
Director



ON THE NOTICEBOARD

DIRRUM DIRRUM @ Radford College

4 and 5 August. 1 College St Bruce. Open to the public. 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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PRAYER POINTS FOR WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ◆ We pray for all who live in places of war and oppression - prisoners, refugees and those grieving lost ones.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ Justine Damond's family and friends grieving their loss after her fatal shooting in the USA.

IN THE CHURCH

- ◆ Diocese of Tasmania.
- ◆ Parish of South Wagga Wagga.
- ◆ Community of the Redeemer, Ashmont.
- ◆ Ashmont Community Resources Centre.
- ◆ The Forrest Centre, Wagga Wagga.
- ◆ Pray for: The bereaved and those who care for them.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ We pray for all members of our parish family including Mary Lynn and Dinty Mather, Ian and Doreen Matters,

Lindsay and Anne McDowell, Naomi McDowell and Mavis McLaren.

- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer including Bev Barnes, Margaret Campbell, Dawn Hardman, Dianne and Phil Spurway, Janet Williams, Peter Sherman, Margaret Walker and anyone known to us personally.
- ◆ We give thanks for the life of Val Newton and pray for her family and friends during their time of grieving.
- ◆ We also give thanks for the lives of Nolda Hold, Mel Clark's mother and Margaret Abraham and pray for their families who are grieving their passing.



COMMEMORATIONS:

Tues: James, Apostle and Martyr

Wed: Anne, mother of Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat: Mary and Martha of Bethany

IN THE SERVICE

Today's Sentence: Psalm 86:15.

You, O Lord are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

READINGS:

Genesis 28: 10-19a:
 Psalm 139: 1-11, 23-24
 Romans 8: 12-25
 Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43



8am HYMNS:

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COLLECT

Saving God,
 in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living
 way into your presence:
 give us pure hearts
 and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



ROSTER TODAY

	8am	10am
Sidespersons	Mandy Squair, Hilary Harris	Prue and Ken Wedgwood
Readers	Anne McDowell Steve Daniels Anne Ranse	Doreen Matters Frances Mackay Mark Cooper-Stanbury
Intercessor	Paul Shelley	Bruce Barnes
Organist	Heather Shelley	Clare Lawlor
Ministry of the Word	Luc Rose	Tobias Nevile
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
Cup	Luc Rose Anne Ranse	Tobias Nevile, Doreen Matters
Morning Tea	Beth Heyde, David Meggs	Dorothy Hurst, Helen Boulton
Children's Church		TBA
Counters	Rod Menzies, Bob Arthur	Martin Lange, Chris Olsson
Saturday 29 July	Cleaning: TBA	Flowers: Jen Collier