

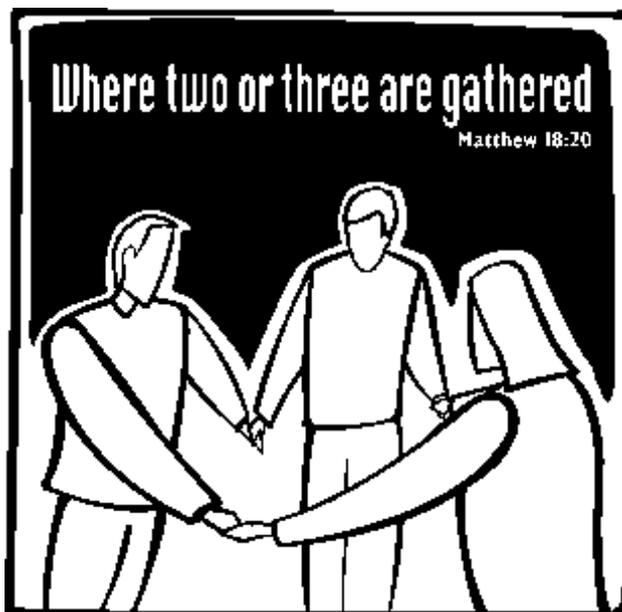
# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

**10 September 2017**

**Fourteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost**



We offer a special welcome to visitors and pray that you will feel at home in our community.

You are warmly invited to share Communion with us, either by drinking from or dipping the wafer in the chalice, or to come forward for a blessing.



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

### TODAY IN THE PARISH

**8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION**  
Celebrant and Preacher: The Ven Dr Wayne Brighton

**10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION**  
Celebrant: and Preacher: The Ven Dr Wayne Brighton

**6-8pm 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. The musical settings are available in a black plastic folder on the bookcase at the door of the church. During the third hymn a plate will be passed amongst the congregation. Please contribute as you are able.

**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.



**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.

**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.

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

### MEN'S DINNER

Friday 15 September 2017

7 pm start,

Rainbow Centre, cost \$20,

There is a sign-up sheet on the board.

Enquiries to Nic Platt

6251 6170



SATURDAY SUNSET  
AT RADFORD COLLEGE  
CHAPEL

SAT 16 SEPTEMBER  
5.30pm

Theme: PATIENCE

**DON'T FORGET TO WEAR  
YOUR NAMETAG**

**Need one? Put your name on  
the list on the desk up the  
back.**

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

**MATT. 18:10-20**

### **THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP**

One of the things I love about biblical stories is that they can grow with us. Or rather our understanding does. I remember reading the story of The Lost Sheep when I was a child – including the accompanying picture of Jesus carrying a lamb across his shoulders. It was reassuring to know that Jesus was on the lookout and would find me if I got lost. This made it safe to explore. Now, some decades later, I find myself revisiting this story to prepare this reflection – and still exploring!

In Luke's (ch. 15) version, there are three 'lost' parables: The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin and the Lost/Prodigal Son. These were all apparently told in response to the Pharisees' speculation about why Jesus welcomed sinners and ate with them. Matthew 18 provides a different context. The chapter begins with the disciples asking Jesus who will be greatest in the kingdom of heaven (v.1). He addresses their barely concealed sibling rivalry by telling them that they should become like children – presumably without the sibling rivalry! They should refrain from 'despising' or looking down on these 'little ones' (v.10). We are accountable not only for our behaviour, but our inner attitude towards others.

So, who are the 'little ones' we are not to despise? These are thought to include all those who are marginalised – hence disempowered. I love the idea of the inclusiveness of God, especially as shown in Jesus. An inclusiveness that actively seeks those who have 'gone astray', or who just don't belong for some reason. Yet, in practice, it can be hard for us to let others be different, to trust there is a place for everybody. This can only happen when we realise that we are all in the same boat – flawed but loved anyway, rather than feeling we need to compete for a limited supply of divine blessing or favour.

Some commentators have spoken of the inner meaning of the parables. Here what is lost is a part of ourselves, perhaps a despised, rejected part – what CG Jung called the shadow– that needs to be brought home to awareness. Gerard Hughes (*God of Surprises*) compares the soul to a flock of sheep with a sheep dog. He suggests that the sheep dog represents the deepest part of the soul – what St Augustine is referring to when he says, 'You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in You'. The sheep dog is the part that won't let us rest until those 'straying' parts that seek to satisfy their desires independently of God are brought back into the flock – home to ourselves and home to God. For me, this is the Spirit's work in those deep places where the Spirit bears witness with our spirit (Rom. 8:16), enabling us to share in Jesus' mission of healing and reconciliation.

- **Frances Mackay**

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

<b>Monday</b> <b>11.09.17</b>	10.00 am 10.00 am 1.30pm	Worship Centre Kangara Waters Care Cntr Calvary Retirement Village	Covenant Care Holy Communion Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>12.09.17</b>	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>13.09.17</b>	9.30 am 12.30 pm 2.00 pm 6.00 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Tai Chi Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation What do you Seek?
<b>Thursday</b> <b>14.09.17</b>	9.30 am 1.00 pm 6.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre HCN Office Chapel Worship Centre	Scrabble Wellness Clinic (by appt.) Mystic Soup meditation? Making Reconciliation Real
<b>Friday</b> <b>15.09.17</b>	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Playgroup Men's Dinner
<b>Saturday</b> <b>16.09.17</b>	9.00am	Worship Centre and grounds	Working Bee

*From the Bishop:*

*Beloved in Christ,*

*Your rector – the Reverend Canon Margaret Campbell, has tendered her resignation as incumbent, Holy Covenant Jamison, effective 13 November, 2017.*

*Canon Margaret has prayerfully taken this difficult decision in the light of presenting medical concerns and ongoing family responsibilities. I have accepted Margaret's resignation and support her decision.*

*In due course I will speak with the leadership of Holy Covenant to discuss longer-term interim arrangements. You and Canon Margaret are very much in my prayers.*

*+Stuart*



## IN THE PARISH

### SAME SEX MARRIAGE CONVERSATIONS

Feeling overwhelmed and confused by the conversation about same-sex marriage?

The locum, Wayne Brighton, will be holding a conversation series about same-sex marriage called *Being Christ's Body*. The series aims to help Christians talk about their views in ways where everyone gets to feel safe, respected and valued. You might find the series helpful as you try to understand what matters and why.

Depending on interest, the series will run on Sunday afternoons, 3pm in the Rainbow Centre.

Sunday 17 September - Kingdom, church and tribe

Sunday 24 September - Being LGBTIQ

Sunday 15 October - What does marriage mean?

Sunday 22 October - Christian marriage, changing world

Sunday 29 October - Living together

These sessions are stand alone, if you can make one and not the other.

The resources and Bishop Stuart's pastoral letter may be downloaded from the links below. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

Being Christ's Body: a conversation series about same-sex relationships, marriage and the church <http://www.anglicancg.org.au/data/BCBRelease1CompleteFINAL.compressed.pdf>

Bishop Stuart's pastoral Letter (17 August 2017)  
[http://www.anglicancg.org.au/data/Bishops\\_Office/Pastoral\\_Letter - Aust Marriage Law Postal Survey 2017 08 17.pdf](http://www.anglicancg.org.au/data/Bishops_Office/Pastoral_Letter_-_Aust_Marriage_Law_Postal_Survey_2017_08_17.pdf)

### MAKING RECONCILIATION REAL

Reconciliation with Aboriginal people is something that everyone can share. Join us for an evening with Bob Slockee from Australians Together and people from parishes from across northern Canberra to talk about how we can make reconciliation real.

The evening will be led by the Public Issues Commission and held in the worship centre,

**Thursday 14 September from 7.30pm** There is a sign-up sheet on the board.

## IN THE PARISH

### FROM AUGUST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



Parish Council is very thankful to report that our finances are in good health and planned and open giving continues to be in line with our budget. We give thanks to God for the ongoing faithfulness and generosity of our parish members in supporting the work of our loving God with their financial offerings.

Parish Council wishes to thank, on behalf of us all, the many years of faithful service by Paul Shelley in his role as our book-keeper. Paul will be concluding his work in October. Please prayerfully consider whether you, or someone you know, has financial and administrative skills to take up this role – and speak to Ken Wedgewood or Bob Arthur if you would like more information about what is involved in this work.

The Council is delighted by the ongoing activities amongst our diverse community as we participate in various activities within our parish and more broadly in our community. We are very grateful to have Wayne Brighton come and work amongst us as locum for the remainder of this year. Elsewhere in the newsletter is information about a series of conversations on the theme Being Christ's Body which we recommend to you.

Our youth workers, Elle and Jerry Platt, are planning a working bee on one of the rooms in the Rainbow Centre to update the room with a fresh coat of paint and some new storage. If you have a love of painting or relevant painting equipment and some time to use it, please get in contact to offer your assistance.

### SAVE THE DATES

# Fri 15 September - **Men's Dinner**

# Sat 16 September - Saturday Sunset @ Radford Chapel

# Fri 29 Sept. - **Women's get-together** at Bolt Bar, Aranda

## 6 - 8 October - HC Youth Camp @ Camp Cottermouth

# Thurs 12 October - Community Lunch @ HC

# 13 to 15 October - Retreat at Galong

# Sat 28 October - Mini fete and plant sale

### MORNING TEA ROSTER

In the absence of a co-ordinator, we are all invited to take a turn to make the tea and coffee after the Services. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet on a day that is convenient for you.

Calling all gardeners!!

Time to start taking cuttings for the plant stall at our mini-fete on 28 October.

### Holy Covenant Parish Retreat *Living Contemplatively*

*Life is not the way it's supposed to be.*

*It is the way it is.*

*How we deal with it makes the difference!*



Friday 13 October 2017 –  
Sunday 15 October 2017  
St Clement's, Kalangan Road, Galong, NSW

This retreat will be facilitated by Rob Maron, a member of our 10 am congregation.

Living contemplatively is a way of seeking God's presence in the midst of life's challenges, or to put it another way, of being present to a presence that is already there. During the retreat we will be exploring writings and practices that will help us to live more contemplatively – more mindful of what it means to be fully human, fully alive. While this is largely a silent retreat, there will be designated times of sharing.

Brochures with more information on the sign-up board at the back of the church and there is an **Early Bird discount if you register before 15 September.**



After many years of carefully keeping our books, Paul Shelley is moving on to new things and leaving the role of Parish Book Keeper. His gift of time and professionalism to the Parish has underpinned our robust financial position. His departure leaves us with a large gap in the Parish Finance Team which we need to fill.

The Parish is now looking for someone to take on the Book Keeper's role. This role takes responsibility for:

- ♦ Maintaining the electronic upload connection between our bank account and our accounting system (Xero)
- ♦ Scanning paper invoices and arranging payment for both paper and electronic invoices
- ♦ Reconciling our bank accounts on a monthly basis
- ♦ Maintaining the petty cash accounts including topping up the cash and reconciling receipts as required
- ♦ Depositing the Sunday plate takings each week (usually on a Monday)
- ♦ Monitoring cash flows between the Parish Bank Accounts
- ♦ Supporting the Treasurer in making decisions around cash management and reporting on key Parish financial events.

A small honorarium is paid on a monthly basis to cover the costs of the Book Keeper, and we intend that this will continue.

If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact the Office (6251 6100) or Ken Wedgwood on 0420 532 766.

### I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL YOU...



Wonderful news for the Nursing Ministries and our parish (which includes Covenant Care). Two great events that we give thanks to God for.

**First** we have received our funding again from the Shakespeare Foundation. This will enable us to keep the nursing ministries operating until July 2018 at least. It will provide salaries for the RN and the Care Administrator and allow us to look for a paid coordinator for HCNM. On top of that we will be able to offer client support in the community and a continuing great program for our Covenant Care clients.

**Second.** The Southern Cross Club at Jamison who have been providing us (free of charge) with a two course hot meal every Monday for the Covenant Care clients have agreed to continue this practice for as long as Covenant Care operates at Holy Covenant.

Wonderful support for our work in the community, from the community and a very special thank you to the HCNM management Committee for all their persistence and hard work.

Let us thank God that the value of the HCNM ministries is being recognised and the vulnerable people in our community are being cared for with love and compassion.

*If you would like to be part of this exciting and rewarding ministry in this parish then please have a chat to me about how to become a volunteer in any of our five programs within HCNM.*

- Archdeacon Anne

### WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT

Friday, 29 September 2017

5.30 pm start, Bolt Bar,  
68 Bandjalong Crescent,  
Aranda (The old Aranda Shops)

There is a sign-up sheet on the board.

Enquiries to Carol Kubanek at  
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### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday: John Dau

Tuesday: George Gerrity

Wednesday: Chris Olsson

Thursday: Bruce Barnes

Friday: Tanya Boulton,  
Tamara Batterham

If you'd like your name in the birthday book, please tell the office.



## CARING AT THE SHOPPING CENTRE

Last Saturday we held our second food collection at Majura Park Shopping Centre. We collected 78 bags of food and \$562 in cash donations. I would like to thank the Shopping Centre which provides the space to us for free. I would also like to thank those who gave up some of their weekend to help us, including our volunteers Joan, Robyn and John and all those from the Sunrise Canberra Rotary Club for their ongoing support.

At the end of the day Joan took some time to reflect, saying it was a humbling day, one which reminded her of the story of the "widow's mite". While we can focus on the large donations it is the "widow's mite" contributions which humble her the most. She said she had many experiences of this throughout the day.

There were so many 'thank yous' for St John's Care and what it does. There are a lot of people with big hearts out there who care deeply and want to do something. It is great that St John's Care offers them an opportunity such as this.

**Wish list: shampoo and conditioner, peanut butter, jam, pasta sauce, towels**

**Stuart Davis-Meehan, Director**



### BREATHING SPACE BOOK SERIES

*What Do You Seek? The Questions of*

*Jesus as Challenge and Promise*  
by Michael Buckley.

Facilitator: Anne Dudzinski.

**When and Where:** Wednesday evenings  
7.30-9pm in the Rainbow Centre for  
September 13, 20, (not 27)  
October 4, 11, 18. venue to be advised.

It's not too late to join but please let Anne know -  
6278 6087 0413 994 739  
annedudzinski@optusnet.com.au

**WORKING BEE  
NEXT SATURDAY  
16th Sept,  
From 9.00 am**



Lots to be done and  
always a great morning tea!

### PLEASE NOTE

The parish office will be closed from the 19 -21 September inclusive.

## PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

### IN THE WORLD

- ◆ We pray for all those countries being devastated by abnormal weather patterns, and for those providing relief and support.

### IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ We pray for those organisations providing relief and support for the homeless, especially Safe Shelter in Canberra.

### IN THE CHURCH

- ◆ Bishop to the Defence Force:
- ◆ St Philip's O'Connor
- ◆ Defence Force Chaplains
- ◆ Service Chaplains from this Diocese Serving Elsewhere
- ◆ Pray for: Churchwardens, members of Parish Councils and Lay Leaders

### IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ We pray for Margaret as she prepares for her surgery and that she can feel God's presence at this time.
- ◆ We pray for all members of our parish family including Michael, Lucia, Elijah, Zachary and Evangeline Sharrad; Johann Sheehan; Paul and Heather Shelley; Peter and Carol Sherman; and Kevin and Mandy Squair.
- ◆ 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, Michael Martin, Johann Sheehan and anyone known to us personally.

### COMMEMORATIONS

- **Monday:** David Frew Durie (died 1999)  
Thomas Winter (died 2016)

## ON THE NOTICEBOARD

- **OVERCOMING FINANCIAL STRESS AND UNCERTAINTY**  
Sat 16 Sept. Mosaic Baptist, Page. Speaker: Phil McGilvray
- **SAFE MINISTRIES WORKSHOP Christ Church Hawker,**  
16-17 Sept. Register through the Diocesan web page.
- **Newsletter** from the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture

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### IN THE PARISH on Sunday 17 September - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

**8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sandie Kaine

**10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION**

Celebrant: and Preacher: The Revd Sandie Kaine



## SENTENCE

Owe no one anything, except, to love one another; for whoever loves another has fulfilled the law. *Romans 13.8*

## READINGS:

Exodus 12: 1-14  
 Psalm 149  
 Romans 13: 1-10  
 Matthew 18: 10-20

## 8 am HYMNS (Dudman)

477  
 420  
 534



## PRAYER

Go before us, O Lord,  
 and further us with your continual help, that  
 in all our works,  
 begun, continued, and ended in you,  
 we may glorify your holy name,  
 and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting  
 life;  
 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**



	8.00 am	10.00 am
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Elizabeth Grant, Tony Willis	Prue and Ken Wedgwood
<b>Readers</b>	Steve Daniels Tony Willis Anne Ranse	Frances Mackay Reg Holmes Anne Ranse
<b>Intercessor</b>	Robert Arthur	Anne Dudzinski
<b>Organist</b>	Mandy Squair	Pam Lane
<b>Word and Prayer</b>	Paul Shelley	Katherine Rainger
<b>Deacon</b>	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
<b>Cup</b>	Anne Ranse, Paul Shelley	Katherine Rainger, Rob Maron. Extra bread:
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Mary Lynn Mather	Youth Group
<b>Children's Church</b>		Elle/Mary M/T Jodie
<b>Counters</b>	Tony Willis, Trish Barnes	Chris Olsson, Reg Holmes
<b>Saturday Sept 16</b>	<b>Cleaning:</b> Platt Family	<b>Flowers:</b> Mary Lynn Mather