

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

17 September 2017

**Fifteenth 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 Revd Sandie Kaine

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3.00 pm Same Sex Marriage Conversations
The Ven Dr Wayne Brighton Rainbow Centre

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

SAVE THE DATES

- # 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
- # Friday 17 November—**Women's Dinner**



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

MATTHEW 18:21-35.

AUTHENTIC FORGIVENESS

When I first heard the parable of the unforgiving slave, the message was clear. If God is so generous and forgiving to us we should not be unkind to others. It made sense to my child's mind that the unforgiving slave should be punished until he had learned his lesson.

I now find some of the details unsettling. I don't remember, for example, hearing about 'torture' in the version I was told! Then there is the contrast between the spectacularly generous king at the beginning and his seemingly abrupt and punitive response at the end. There is an irony here: the one sin that is unforgivable is unforgiveness. But perhaps that is the point. We limit grace by unforgiveness.

In the Lord's Prayer we pray, 'Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us'. Does this mean we should forgive others as a kind of insurance policy so that God will forgive us? Hopefully, not.

What if, instead of seeing forgiveness – or punishment for that matter – as something given arbitrarily or in strict accordance with some obedience/reward formula, we see this parable as describing how things *really* are? Maybe we cannot experience ourselves as loved or forgiven if we withhold forgiveness and love from others, because we *really* do unto ourselves what we do to others.

True forgiveness is not a self-righteous, holier-than-thou (or masochistic) turning of the other cheek, a sweeping of things under the carpet. Especially where the offence is great, it involves a process, an often-painful psycho-spiritual journey of coming to terms with the reality of what has happened, and being open to being transformed in the process. It can also mean getting in touch with our own capacity to hurt others.

Those who have walked this path will tell you that along with feeling the pain and anger, at some point they experienced some compassion for the one who had hurt them as well as for themselves. Some even say they wouldn't be who they are today without the experience. This does not mean they condone what has happened, or that it is appropriate or even safe for them to be friends with that person, especially where abuse is involved.

Maybe we haven't experienced betrayal on this scale. But daily life offers us many opportunities to give and receive forgiveness – ranging from minor slights to the ego to more serious violations of our sense of self. We may be surprised where this practice leads us.

- *Frances MacKay*

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear friends,

I write this from General Synod meeting this week. This is my first time attending and there seems to be a feeling of putting aside differences to accept things we have ignored but need to face.

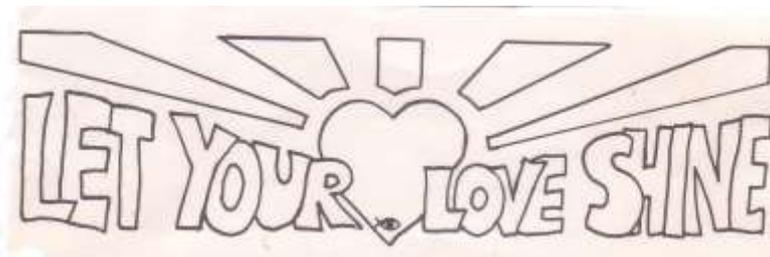
This resonates very much with my own personal position at the moment. I am truly sorry that I have had to resign from the parish, and I do so with much sadness. Having had time for reflection I have come to realise that, for so long after my husband's death, I have kept going without a break. Then, the whole combination of moving, new parish and ill health combined, culminated in my body telling me I will stop, whether I like to or not.

It came to me as a surprise just how effectively that could addle my existence! Also, because of antibiotic resistance the surgery is more complicated and I'm not really sure how I will react in the future.

So I need to face the possibility that I won't be able to effectively lead a parish for quite a while. Because things are just so uncertain it seemed that the logical and most realistic solution was to resign so you, the good people of Holy Covenant, could move to a new future as well. For whilst I stayed on salary continuance I technically 'owned' the position of rector and you had to continue with locums. Although I'm sure Wayne is doing a brilliant job, I understand you want more stability than that.

I thank you for your friendship and please know you will be in my prayers. I'm sorry that I failed you at this time, but as the Spirit always moves to create holy fellowship, I am confident of a positive future for you in the love of God.

with God's blessings,
Margaret



HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Email: prayervine@holycovenant.org.au
Or Rosemary Kennemore: 6251 2009; rkmore@grapevine.com.au

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 18.09.17	9.30 am 10.00 am	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Crafty Crew Covenant Care
Tuesday 19.09.17	12.30 pm 5.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation Covenant Care Volunteers Meeting
Wednesday 20.09.17	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?
Thursday 21.09.17	9.30 am 1.00 pm 2.00 pm	Rainbow Centre HCN Office Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Wellness Clinic (by appt.) Book Club
Friday 22.09.17	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup

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.

IN THE PARISH

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.

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

MOTH (Monastery of the Heart)

Meets on the first Friday of the Month, 10.30am –12 noon in the Rainbow Centre.

This year they are using the book 'What do you Seek? The Questions of Jesus as Challenge and Promise'.

Facillator: Rob Maron

New members welcome—contact Rob if you need a book. 6251 1825
rofamaron@optusnet.com.au

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.

Spaces are filling quickly. Forms are available from the Sign-up Board and need to be in the office by 6 October.



COMMUNITY LUNCH Thursday 12 October 11.30am FOR 12 noon

The guest speaker will be Louisa Roberts;
her topic: **Adventures on the Wild Side,
experiences of a Ranger in the Nation's Capital.**

Moved to Canberra to go to uni from Oberon.

Completed an honours degree ANU in environmental science in 2004. Worked at Geoscience Australia and the Department of Primary Industries in Victoria before getting a job as a ranger with ACT Parks and Conservation in 2007.

Worked at Namadgi National Park for 8 years before having a break to work in the Implementation side of the environmental offsets program. She is on a different kind of break this year with the arrival of baby ranger Flynn!

There is a sign-up sheet on the board and if you can help with providing a slice, sign up for that too!

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)

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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at 0403 500 882

Em: Carol.kubanek@gmail.com.au
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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday: Ann Menzies
Thursday: Joyce Cole, Emily Trigge
Friday: John Painter

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



IN THE PARISH

Support for St John's Care

This week I have a few requests/announcements.



The first is to put out a call for volunteers for our Breakfast Club. Many of you will be aware that we provide a Breakfast Club at Ainslie Public School on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings during term time. We offer a simple breakfast of a range of cereals, jam or vegemite toast and milo. We are currently feeding between 30 – 40 primary school students per day.

We have been doing Breakfast Club at the school for some 20 years. Most of our volunteers have been happily volunteering at the Club for more than half of that time, which means that many are now ageing and we have had an increasing number of people retiring.

Secondly, please note in your diaries that we are holding a fundraising trivia night in St John's hall on Saturday 4th November. Further information will be forthcoming soon.

Thirdly, we have started planning for our Christmas Programs – present room, family hampers and Christmas lunch. We would welcome presents for our present room (particularly for older children and teenagers) and any of the following for our hampers: custard, Christmas pudding, Christmas cake, tinned ham, tinned fruit, fruit juice, mince pies, biscuits, lollies/chocolates, coffee, tea.

Wish list: sweet biscuits, powdered milk, tinned tomatoes, 1litre and 2litre UHT full cream milk.

NB: We currently have plenty of noodles, pasta, rice, soup, baked beans, women's toiletry items, nappies, tea, baby wipes.

Stuart Davis-Meehan

Thank you to those who attended the Working Bee yesterday



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.

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAMETAG

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

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 those places in the world who are trying to recover from devastating weather events and that the International Community will respond.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ We pray for reasoned and rational debate on Marriage Equality.

IN THE CHURCH

- ◆ Diocese of North Queensland
- ◆ Queanbeyan and District Anglican Church
- ◆ Community of Celebration and Mary's Place
- ◆ The Bargain Hunter and other Anglicare recycling outlets
- ◆ Alexander Maconochie Correctional Centre
- ◆ The Anglican School Googong
- ◆ Pray for: Work amongst needy, unemployed and homeless people of all ages.

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 Ian and Eileen Sykes; Richard Taylor and Caroline Taylor-Steele and Oliver, Tim and Pam; Rhonda Thorpe; Rhys, Anna, Lucy and Georgia Thorpe and Jenny Tompkins.
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer including Bev Barnes, Margaret Campbell, Dawn Hardman, Dianne and Phil Spurway, Peter Sherman, Margaret Walker, Michael Martin, Johann Sheehan, Dorothy Parsonage and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

- **Wednesday:** Thomas Gould (d.1997)

ON THE NOTICEBOARD

- **Newsletter** from the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture
- **Spiritual reminiscence for Older People.**—workshop. Thurs 28 Sept. ACCC.
- **National Day of Action for Refugees.** 8 October.

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IN THE PARISH on Sunday 24 September - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

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SENTENCE

If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. Psalm 130.3–4

READINGS:

Exodus 14: 19-31
 Psalm 114
 Romans 14: 1-14
 Matthew 18: 21-35

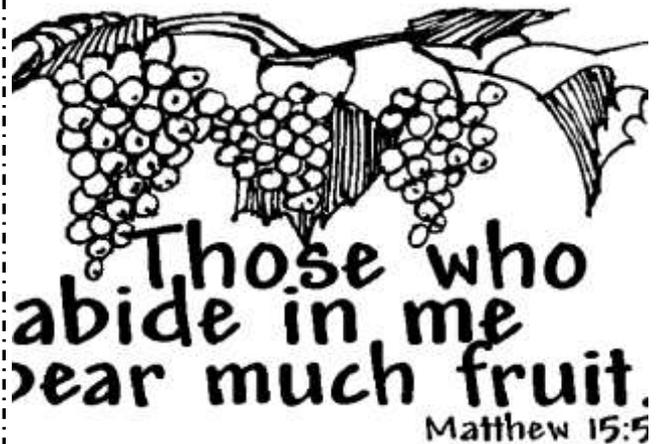


8 am HYMNS

(Matthias)
 391
 635(254)
 686
 462

PRAYER

O God,
 you call your Church to witness that in Christ
 we are reconciled to you:
 help us so to proclaim the good news of
 your love,
 that all who hear it may turn to you;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
 Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Kerin and Brian Cox	Dorothy and Neville Hurst
Readers	Kerin Cox Robert Arthur Anne Ranse	Dorothy Hurst Neville Hurst Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Paul Shelley	Merri Bacon
Organist	Heather Shelley	Ruth Dunnicliff-Hagan
Word and Prayer	Luc Rose	Joh Sheehan
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
Cup	Anne Ranse, Luc Rose	Anne Ranse, Neville Hurst. Extra bread:
Morning Tea	Merri Bacon, Steve Daniels	Rika Amos
Children's Church		Christine/Prue? M/T Deranie
Counters	Jen Collier, Robert Arthur	Simon de Vere, Graham Bonnett
Saturday Sept 23	Cleaning: Heather Shelley, Phyl Holmes	Flowers: Kath Arthur