



HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

**26 November
2017**

Christ the King



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.



Reflection after Communion – please feel free to light a prayer candle in the Chapel at the back of the Church following Communion.

Please join us for morning tea after the services.



TODAY IN THE PARISH

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant and Preacher: The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and Youth Group

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 27.11.17	9.30 am 10.00am 10.00 am 1.30 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre Kangara Waters Care Centre Calvary Retirement Village Rainbow Centre	Crafty Crew Covenant Care Holy Communion Holy Communion Conversations: Make a Joyful Noise
Tuesday 28.11.17	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation
Wednesday 29.11.17	9.30 am 12.00 pm 2.00 pm 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Tai Chi Holy Communion and BYO Lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation
Thursday 30.11.17	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Friday 1.12.17	10.00 am 10.30 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Playgroup MOTH

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today: Jeremy Platt
Monday: Lexie Winders,
Wednesday: Margaret Meggs
Saturday: Connie Gerrity,
 Dorothy Parsonage



IN THE PARISH on Sunday 3rd December– First Sunday of Advent

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
 Celebrant and Preacher: Reverend Richard Browning

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Matthew 25: 31-46

What Sort of King Is He?

Rather than relegating us to the eternal fire, God joins us in the fiery furnace of this life. (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, July 5³ 88, Nazi prison)

Today's reading provides a rather ambiguous answer to the question of what sort of king Christ is. On the one hand, Jesus tells us that he comes to us, not in royal robes, but disguised as those in need. *'For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me; I was naked and you gave me clothing; I was sick and you took care of me; I was in prison and you visited me ... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.'*

What is not said but implied, is that Christ also comes in those who minister to those in need. It seems we are both. Many writers on the spiritual life encourage us to recognise the hungry, thirsty, naked and unfree spaces inside ourselves. According to writers like Henri Nouwen, we are never more than wounded-healers – the wounded and broken ministering to the wounded and broken.

But the king who comes in the guise of the vulnerable and powerless is not the only king in today's reading. The idea of Jesus returning as a powerful, avenging monarch or über-accountant/judge does not sit easily with the Jesus who teaches and walks paths of inclusiveness, compassion, non-violence and forgiveness.

Is this parable about judgment or accountability, or something else? In the economy of grace, we seek to show love and compassion, not out of fear of punishment, or to score brownie points, but because God has been good to us. How might it be if we made a regular practice of asking God: 'Where did I recognise you in the people I met today, the events that happened, or in the creation around me? Or did I just ignore you?' Inevitably we will find we have ignored the divine invitation that came through these people and events – not that every need is ours to meet, though there will be some that have our name on them.

Sometimes the invitation can be very confronting because the need is so overwhelming and the context so complex, and there seems to be little we can do. As I write this, our TV screens are flashing graphic images of children starving in Yemen – victims of a man-made famine where humanitarian aid is denied access by a blockade. It is hard even to know *how* to pray. Perhaps we can express solidarity with both victims and our Lord, through lament and longing that 'Your kingdom come on earth ...'

- Frances MacKay

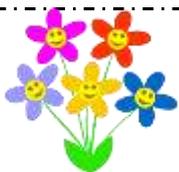
PARISH NOTICES

CONVERSATIONS WITH ARCHDEACON WAYNE 7.30 pm in the Rainbow Centre

Monday 27 November: Make a joyful noise. Worship is an opportunity to have an encounter with the risen Jesus. If you have an interest in helping out with worship on Sundays why not come along for a chat about how you might help in 2018? Whether it is singing, playing, reading, praying, leading, welcoming and hospitality all our gifts make a difference!

Tuesday 12 December: Tomorrow's church today. Join us for a conversation about the parish's National Church Survey Results as we begin to plan a way forward for the parish in 2018.

There are sign up sheets for all these occasions.



ST JOHN'S CARE GROCERY COLLECTION AND CAKE STALL YESTERDAY

Thank You!

Thank you to those who participated in the collection of groceries for St John's Care and cake stall yesterday.



Will be held next Sunday
3 December after both
Services.

Profiles of the nominees are
on the wall between the
vestry and the kitchen.

COMMUNITY LUNCH
Thursday 7 December
11.30am FOR 12 noon
\$10

An opportunity to get into
the Christmas Spirit with
our Carol sing-a-long

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

Advent Quiet Afternoon
'Waiting in Hope'
3-5pm Sunday December 10
in the Rainbow Centre

Advent is to Christmas what Lent is
to Easter. Both involve waiting for
something new to emerge for
ourselves and for our world. Why not
take time out to reflect on the
invitation and challenge of the
season.

Facilitated by Frances MacKay.



FROM ST JOHN'S CARE

We have been having a very busy time recently with a number of clients presenting with quite complex needs. This is one such situation.

Peter had been coming to St John's Care for over 12 months. Peter came weekly to get his prescriptions for opioids made up and travel tickets via our help with Emergency Relief funding. Peter had been out of work for some time and owed money to the courts for fines. He would choose a different day each week to attend so that he wasn't recognised as a frequent attendee in contravention to our mission. I recognised the pattern of behaviour and asked the volunteers not to provide any assistance until I could discuss the matters with Peter.

Over a 12-month period, St John's Care had helped Peter with his prescriptions and travel tickets amounting to \$156.30 in total. Upon discussion with him I was able to identify that he had lost his licence and to gain it back he needed to do a Driver Ready course. Peter did not have the money to do this course. Peter advised me that once he did the course, he could drive and he had a job to go to. The driver training course cost \$168.

St John's Care paid for this course. Peter came by the Centre to tell us he had completed the course and had a job to go to. Peter has not been back to St John's Care for assistance for over 3 months now since he completed the course and gained employment.

Without this level of intervention and creative use of Emergency Relief money, Peter would have continued to come to St John's Care and the cycle would have continued. We try to limit our financial assistance as far as possible to a limited number of categories such as utilities, pharmacy and bus tickets as our funds are quite limited. However, sometimes it is necessary to find innovative ways to assist people such as Peter and other disenfranchised young men on their journey towards independence.

Your donations to St John's Care, enable this important work to continue and provide an opportunity for those struggling to move on in their lives and become more independent. Thank you so much for your generosity.

We are well short of the number of gifts and gift cards we need for the Present Room which opens on 5 December. If you can help, we would really appreciate it.

Wish list: toys for the Present Room, gift cards for teenagers, Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, tinned fruit, shampoo, plain flour, small olive oil

Therese Findlay, Community Worker

PS: Holy Covenant's Christmas Box is ready for your contributions.



AND

SEEKING a person with disability and NDIS funding to share with another male NDIS participant with 24/7 support. Own en-suite bedroom in modern 3 bedroom house, close to shops and bus stop in the Belconnen area. **For more information please 'phone 6251 0542 and leave a message.**

ANGLICAN NEWS for November is available on the Diocesan website and hard copies from the hymn book stand.

DEFIANT LIVES—is an Australian made documentary tells the rise and fight of the disability rights movements in the USA. **6.30pm 4 December, Dendy Cinemas**

More details on noticeboard

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

♦ We pray for the people of Zimbabwe as they move forward and try to make a new beginning.

IN AUSTRALIA

♦ We pray for stability and confidence in our Federal Parliament.

IN THE CHURCH

- ♦ Diocese of Wangaratta
- ♦ Anglicare South East, Eden
- ♦ Sapphire Coast Anglican Church
- ♦ Sapphire Coast Anglican College
- ♦ The Church's ministry in holiday resorts.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ♦ We pray for Anne Dudzinski taking the Services at the Retirement Villages tomorrow.
- ♦ We pray for our Parish Council and Wardens elections next Sunday.
- ♦ We pray for our Clergy Appointment Board - Bob Arthur, Kathryn Body and Jayne Murray as they work to find our next Rector.

♦ We pray for all members of our parish family including Pat Ewing; Andrew Feitz, Jodie Petrov, Oliver and Tobias; Karen Ferguson; George and Connie Gerrity; Denis and Angela Golubeff; Elizabeth Grant and Faye Green.

♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer including Bev Barnes, Susan Joy Nevile, Dianne and Phil Spurway, Peter Sherman, Dorothy Parsonage, Ruth Dunningcliff-Hagan, Joh Sheehan, Neville Hurst and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

- ♦ **Thursday:** Andrew, Apostle and Martyr
- ♦ **Saturday:** Frances Perry, Founder of Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne (d. 1892)

**DEAR GOD,
I WANNA TAKE A
MINUTE. NOT TO ASK
FOR ANYTHING FROM
YOU, BUT SIMPLY TO
SAY THANK YOU,
FOR ALL I HAVE.**

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ON THE NOTICEBOARD

UPCOMING EVENTS at St. Mark's Theological College.

UPCOMING EVENTS at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture

CHRISTMAS FAYRE, Saturday 2 December, All Saints' Ainslie.

THE LION SLEEPS TONIGHT, performed by the Strange Weather Gospel Choir .Fundraising Concert. Wed 6 Dec.

RAINBOW FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS CONCERT 3 December.



CATERPILLAR-COCOON-
BUTTERFLY-
CAN ONE NOT BELIEVE
IN MIRACLES?

IN THE SERVICE

Sentence: O shout to the Lord, in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of Joy.
 Psalm 100.1

READINGS:
 Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
 Psalm 100
 Ephesians 1: 15-23
 Matthew 25: 31-46



8am HYMNS:
 (Dudman)
 53
 353
 629
 473

COLLECT

God of power and love,
 who raised your Son Jesus from death to life,
 resplendent in glory to rule over all creation:
 free the world to rejoice in his peace,
 to glory in his justice, and to live in his love.
 Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

AMEN



ROSTERSTODAY

	8am	10am
Sidespersons	Libby Warren and Tony Willis	Prue and Ken Wedgwood
Readers	Kath Arthur Tony Willis Anne Ranse	Phyl Holmes Reg Holmes Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Jennifer Collier	Bruce Barnes
Organist	Kath Arthur	Claire Lawlor
Ministry of the Word	Rhonda Thorpe	Tobias Nevile
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
Cup	Rhonda Thorpe Anne Ranse	Tobias Nevile, Anne Ranse Extra bread:
Morning Tea		Rika Amos, Merri Bacon
Counters	Trish Barnes, Clive Rodger	Graham Bonnett, Merri Bacon
Saturday 2 December	Cleaning: Murray/Judd family	Flowers: Mel Clark