



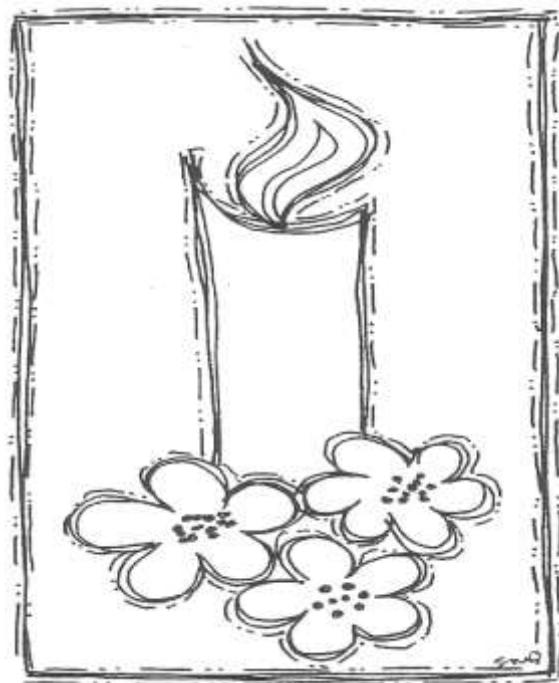
HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN

3 December 2017

First Sunday in Advent



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: Reverend Katherine Rainger

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

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12.30 pm Rainbow Fellowship Lunch and Concert

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 4.12.17	9.30 am 10.00am	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Crafty Crew Covenant Care
Tuesday 5.12.17	12.30 pm 4.00 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation Belonging and Caring Meeting
Wednesday 6.12.17	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 7.12.17	9.30 am 11.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Community lunch EFM
Friday 8.12.17	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup

Prayer for choosing an incumbent

Bountiful God,
 give to this parish a faithful pastor
 who will faithfully speak your word
 and minister your sacraments;
 an encourager who will equip your people for ministry
 and enable us to fulfil our calling.



Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience,
 and to us give warm and generous hearts,
 for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

(A Prayer Book for Australia page 212, No. 36)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday: Sandra Button
Wed: Eleanor Platt



LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

As we light the candle of hope,
 We remember the stories of God with us,
 When life has been hard,
 And not what we expected.
 We can trust that God
 Is with us, as we wait
 For hope to be born, anew, in us.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

ADVENT 1. MK 13: 24-37. WAITING IN HOPE

But the faith and the love and the hope are all in the waiting. (TS Eliot)

Every heart to love will come/ But like a refugee. (Leonard Cohen)

Clearly waiting is important. Advent is a time of waiting in hope for new life to emerge. And waiting can be very difficult. Just ask a refugee or someone living with a challenging medical condition.

December can often seem to be more about managing a whirl of end-of-year functions, frantic shopping and preparation for visitors? Or perhaps it is a time of empty spaces, loss, or unmet longings and needs either your own or another's – not to mention all that is happening on the world stage. Perhaps all or some of this seems to mock seasonal promises of joy and peace. Or perhaps it is a reminder of the need to dig deeper.

Susan Joy Nevile's 2015 sanctuary installation depicting the Advent candles behind barbed wire captures some of the ambivalence of the season, graphically reminding us how life is for many in our world today.

Today's reading urges us to read the signs of the times, to pay close attention to all that is going on in our world – both within us and outside of us – both close to home and across the seas. Are we willing to open our hearts and minds, to engage in new ways with a familiar story, to see its relevance for what is happening in our time, on our watch? Even where that is difficult? Perhaps, particularly where that is difficult.

Last year during Advent a friend sent me an image of an icon-like painting of a small boy in an adapted version of Rublev's Trinity. The artist Judith Mehr writes: '*Several months ago, I became obsessed with the news image of the little five- year-old boy, Omran Daqneesh, in Aleppo, Syria, who had been pulled out of the rubble of a bombed building and placed, bleeding, alone and forlorn, on an ambulance seat. His hopeless, dazed, vacant expression haunted me ... I felt powerless as I longed to reach out and comfort him... Painting this was the only way I felt empowered in the face of such insane world events.*' (judithmehr.com) By the way, Omran was alive and well when last I checked.

Mehr dug deeper to depict an underlying reality that those who suffer are held in the love of the Trinity and that when we pray – and this painting is a form of prayer –we are all held in that love.

What empowers you to wait in hope? What gets in the way?

- **Frances MacKay**

PARISH NOTICES

CONVERSATIONS WITH ARCHDEACON WAYNE

7.30 pm in the Rainbow Centre

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 is a sign up sheets for this occasion.



Will be held today
3 December after both
Services.

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

Thank You!

To all those who helped at the Food Collection last Saturday and baked for our stall. Special thanks to Harris and Helen Boulton who did most of the organising and the transporting of the food to St. John's Care.

We collected 17 full trolley loads of groceries, \$200 in food vouchers & \$128 cash for St John's Care and we raised \$700 + for our stall.

We'll do it again about May!



COMMUNITY LUNCH
Thursday 7 December
11.30am FOR 12 noon
\$5

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

Last chance to **sign up today**, and if you can help with a slice, sign-up for that too. Thanks.

**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



As many of you will now be aware, our Director, Stuart Davis-Meehan has left SJC after 30 months of leading the organization. The St John's Care Committee and Anglicare CEO, Jeremy Halcrow, acknowledge the many positives achieved during Stuart's tenure as Director. We wish him well in the future.

In the short-term, I will be Acting Executive Officer in Stuart's position. Please keep Stuart, St John's Care's Committee, staff and volunteers in your prayers during this transition phase.

We are gearing up for our Christmas activities now. The Present Room will open on **Tuesday, 5 December and run until Friday, 15 December**. We are still in needs of toys for older children and gift cards for teenagers. If you can help, your donations will be gratefully accepted.

Wish list: toys for the Present Room, gift cards for teenagers, 450g tinned leg ham, 500 ml tomato sauce, Up & Go, tinned fruit

Rhonda Thorpe
A/Executive Officer

PS: Holy Covenant's Christmas Gift Box is on the left hand side of the church near the choir.



This January will see three Camp Pelicans:

Middle School 3-8th January
Junior High 10-15th January
Senior High 17-22 January

Some of our youth and young people will be attending as campers and camp-leaders.

If you would like to make a **financial contribution to help campers meet camp costs**, please contact Elle and Jerry via email: youth@holycovenant.org.au

If you would be able to **bake any biscuits/slices etc for morning or afternoon teas on camp**, this would be greatly appreciated, particularly for the Junior and Senior high camps.

We will have more details about when to bake/collection of baked goods before January, so please **watch this space!**

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.

MAVIS McLAREN a long time member of our parish family died on Wednesday. Her funeral is at Holy Covenant on Tuesday at 1pm. We have been asked to provide the afternoon tea, so please bring a plate.

Need help in the garden?

Nic Mather has worked on organic farms and has permaculture knowledge as well as skills acquired in nine years of doing assorted gardening jobs. Contact Nic on 6253 4191

Wilddreamwonder@gmail.com

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ♦ We continue to pray for the Rohingya refugees and for ongoing support from the International Community.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ♦ We give thanks for recent rain and pray for bountiful crops.
- ♦ We pray for those who work in unsafe and unhealthy workplaces.

IN THE CHURCH

- ♦ Diocese of Armidale
- ♦ St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn
- ♦ Friends of St Saviour's Cathedral
- ♦ Goulburn Mental Health Service Chaplaincy
- ♦ Anglicare Canberra and Goulburn

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ♦ We pray for our Parish Council and Wardens elections today.
- ♦ We pray for the Belonging and Caring Meeting this week.
- ♦ 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 Jean Groves; Clayton Gumbrell, Karen Bisley, Jamie, Samuel and Ethan; Jenny Hall and Roger and Gwen Hallows.

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

- ♦ We give thanks for the life of Mavis McLaren and pray for her family as they mourn their loss.

COMMEMORATIONS:

- ♦ **Monday:** Nicholas Ferrar, deacon and man of prayer (d. 1637)
- ♦ **Thursday:** Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher (d. 397)
- ♦ **Friday:** Richard Baxter, pastor and spiritual writer (d. 1691)



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ON THE NOTICEBOARD

DEFIANT LIVES, Australian made documentary on the disability rights movements in the USA. **6.30pm Dec. 4** Dendy Cinemas

L'Enfance du Christ, The Llewellyn Choir, 6pm Sat 16 December, Wesley Uniting Church.

IN THE PARISH on Sunday 10th December– Second Sunday of Advent

- 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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- 10.15am Youth Group Calvary Service**

IN THE SERVICE

Sentence: 'Heaven and Earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.' *Mark 13:31*

READINGS:

- Isaiah 64: 1-9
- Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19
- 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9
- Mark 13: 24-37



8am HYMNS:

- (Matthias)
- 264
- 680(87)
- 275
- 273

COLLECT

Eternal God,
through long generations you prepared a way
for the coming of your Son,
and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine
our paths:
renew us in faith and hope
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts
and claim our love;
to whom be glory for ever.

AMEN



ROSTERSTODAY

	8am	10am
Sidespersons	Carol and Peter Sherman	Helen and Harris Boulton
Readers	Mandy Squair Rosemary Kennemore Anne Ranse	Doreen Matters Chris Olsson Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Robert Arthur	Merri Bacon
Organist	Kath Arthur	Rhys Thorpe
Ministry of the Word	Luc Rose	Joh Sheehan
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
Cup	Luc Rose Anne Ranse	Tobias Nevile, Anne Ranse, Doreen Matters, Phyl Holmes Extra bread: Anne Dudzinski
Morning Tea	Noel Montgomery	
Counters	Rhonda Thorpe, Ted Lilley	Merri Bacon, Quentin Grafton
Saturday 9 December	Cleaning: Youth Group/Platt Family	Flowers: Penny Lilley