



HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

BULLETIN JANUARY 2018



Welcome to our worship and fellowship today! 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.



JANUARY SERVICE DETAILS

9.00am HOLY COMMUNION—Second Order

**7 January: Celebrant and Preacher:
The Revd Emma Street**

**14 January: Celebrant and Preacher:
The Revd Anne Dudzinski**

**21 January: Celebrant: The Revd Katherine Rainger
Preacher: Archdeacon Anne Ranse**

**28 January: Celebrant and Preacher:
The Venerable Wayne Brighton**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA AFTER THE SERVICES



ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY IN RECESS		RETURNING
Sunday	Children's Church & Youth Group Rainbow Fellowship	11 February (10am) 4 February (3pm)
Monday	Covenant Care Craft Crew	12 February (10 am) 19 February (9.30 am)
Tuesday	Meditation & BYO lunch	23 January (12.30 pm)
Wednesday	Service and lunch Ever Active Class Meditation	7 February (12 noon) 24 January (2 pm) 7 February (6 pm)
Thursday	Scrabble Book Club EFM	4 January (9.30 am) 15 February (2 pm) Late January
Friday	Play Group	9 February (10 am)



**From Sunday 31 December to Sunday 28 January
One Service only: 9.00 am Holy Communion
Sunday February 4: 8 am and 10 am Holy Communion**

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.*

Howard Thurman



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

STANDING AT THE GATES OF THE NEW YEAR

The threshold of a new year is an opportunity for reflection. What stands out for you as you reflect on the year just past? What have been the highlights, the challenges, the griefs, the opportunities for learning about yourself and others? What are your hopes for the year ahead? For yourself? For the world?

When I reflect on the past year, what am I grateful for? Where did I sense God's (Love's) presence? Perhaps it came through the love and support of others. Our year will also include events and encounters that we feel less comfortable about – times when we felt really challenged – either by what happened or by our own reactions. Perhaps that situation is still unresolved.

Our own lives and what is happening on the world stage remind us that life can be messy and unpredictable. Joyce Rupp's 'Standing at the Gates of the New Year' acknowledges both the anxiety that uncertainty brings, and the hope that comes with seeing our lives as part of God's unfolding narrative:

*Sacred Mystery,
waiting on the threshold
of this new year,
you open the gates
and beckon to me.*

*"Come! Come!
Be not wary of what awaits you
As you enter the unknown terrain,
Be not doubtful of your ability
To grow from its joys and sorrows..."*

*Guardian of this new year
I set aside my fears, worries, concerns.
I open my life to mystery, to beauty,
to hospitality, to questions,
to the endless opportunity
of discovering you in my relationships,
and to all the silent wisps of wonder
that will draw me to your heart.*

*I welcome your unfailing presence
and walk with hope into this new year. (Joyce Rupp)*

- **Frances MacKay**

WITHIN THE PARISH

APPOINTMENT OF RECTOR—From Bishop Stuart

“A full Clergy Appointment Board comprising parish and diocesan representatives unanimously agreed, after due process, that I be enjoined to invite the Venerable Dr. Wayne Brighton to become the Rector of Holy Covenant. I have corresponded with Dr Brighton and I am pleased to report that he has accepted my invitation.”

This was announced at our morning Services on Sunday 24 December and was warmly received by both congregations. The Induction Service will be on Wednesday 21 February 2018. A big thank you to our Clergy Appointment Board members—Bob Arthur, Kathryn Body and Jayne Murray.

At their December meeting, Parish Council gave thanks for:

- ◆ The faithful commitment of our parish congregations in maintaining our offertory giving. At this meeting, our Treasurer advised that offerings continue to track closely to budget. Parish Council, on advice from the Treasurer and Finance Team, agreed to pay down the AIDF loan from its current level of \$14,039 to \$5,000.
- ◆ The encouraging level of engagement and willingness to serve via the election of new Wardens and new Parish Councillors for 2018.
- ◆ The huge response to the 50th Birthday opinion poll on activities for 2018. The collated results of the opinion poll are available on a double-sided sheet at the back of the church for all those interested. Please see the separate notice about the first activities getting underway in early 2018.
- ◆ The gift of stewardship exhibited by our Resources Committee in maintaining our buildings and grounds.
- ◆ The completion of a year in which our parish faced several challenges, including the regretted resignation of our Rector, however we are looking forward to 2018, including the appointment of a new Rector and the commencement of activities to mark our 50th Birthday.



REMINDER TO STAFF AND MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

We would like to have your Annual Reports for 2017 by **30 January 2018** so they can be made available to parishioners before the **AGM on Tuesday 13 February**

Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank
Branch: Jamison Centre, ACT
BSB: 062 907
A/C No: 802 588
Name: Holy Covenant Anglican Church

CUPPA AND CONVERSATION

At a loose end in January? The Belonging and Caring Team are providing an opportunity to catch up with friends or make new ones.



When: 10am— 12 noon every Wednesday in January from 10th

Where: In the Worship Centre

HOLISTIC CARE NURSING MINISTRY

The HCNM continues to grow and impact on the community around us so much so that we will be employing two more paid staff in 2018. That will bring our paid staff to four and allow us to reach out to even more people in need.

In our forward planning the HCNM staff will be having a 'brainstorming/ planning day in February and putting in place goals for the New Year. We are also hoping to run some training/information days for people in the parish who might like to participate in our programs on a voluntary basis but are not sure what is involved.

I would like to say a very special thank you to Rotary Belconnen for their donation of 10 Christmas hampers that have been distributed to our clients and those in need in our parish family. These hampers mean those folk can have some Christmas food on their table and supplies in their pantry.

- **Archdeacon Anne**

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50th Birthday Activity Invitation to join a Jubilee Group

During 2018 the parish will form Jubilee Groups – a small group of 8-10 people to meet once a month throughout the year for a shared meal, fellowship and conversation. Sign-up sheets, including details of your preferred availability, are on the back wall through January. Groups will be invited to commence from Late January/early February. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Collier (8am service, ph 6255 4255 or jennifercollier@optusnet.com.au)

WITHIN THE PARISH

HELP NEEDED FOR THE CLEANING AND MORNING TEA ROSTERS

As you take time to enjoy a restful break after the year, please prayerfully consider whether you could help on the Cleaning and Morning Tea rosters in 2018. Both rosters are rewarding and don't take too much time if we have a good number on the roster.



We need at least three sets of two people to join the cleaning roster. The tasks are not difficult if shared, and include vacuuming, bins, bathrooms and floors. If you can spare an hour of your time once every 6-8 weeks, we need your help.

For Morning Tea we need preferably 3 people for morning tea each week **for the 10am service and 2 people minimum for 8am**. The more people who offer to be on the roster, the less frequently your turn will come around.

If you can help with either or both of these rosters, please let Merri Bacon know on merri.bacon@bigpond.com by **15 January**, so that rosters can be drawn up by the end of January.



EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY IN 2018

Holy Covenant have been running a program called Education for Ministry (EFM) in the parish for over ten years. In the last three years we have run a new version of the program which has been well received by members of the parish and beyond. Our current group has members from outside our parish and has provided a great opportunity to share and learn from others. Early in 2018 we will hold an information evening about EFM. If you are looking to deepen your faith through theological reading and reflection in a learning community, EFM could be just what you are looking for. More information will be provided in the new year and you can also go to the EFM website at www.efmaustralia.org

COMMEMORATIONS FOR JANUARY

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| 6 January | Ron Grant (died 2011) |
| 7 January | Pierre Willem Elkhuisen (died 2007) |
| 19 January | Andre Ronald Eric D'Cruz (died 2000) |



FROM ST. JOHN'S CARE

Happy New Year!!!

St Johns Care Christmas lunch saw more than 250 guests for lunch and over 50 volunteers.



These numbers were higher than anticipated and every one had a wonderful time filled with joy, laughter and giving. On the menu was ham, roast chicken and wonderful salads, the children lined up to meet Santa Claus and receive a gift from him which had them all excited, everyone reported it was a wonderful day.

Many guests have been joining us for lunch for years and it is now part of their Christmas tradition. One guest said "You catch up with people you haven't seen for a while, or meet a whole group of new people".

St Johns Care would like to thank all those people staff and volunteers who put in all the hours to the lead up to the lunch as it takes a lot of organisation, time and hard work. Also thanks to all those that attend on the day and make it such a beautiful lunch for one and all.

The lead up to Christmas saw the centre support approximately 500 people through Christmas hampers, gifts, groceries and emotional support. Our Community Worker, Therese has been supporting a woman who has been experiencing domestic violence. Alice* left her partner many years ago when his violence turned to her children, she has been receiving emotional support from Therese to assist her with day to day struggles and connected her with legal aid for court support. Alice also has received financial support from St Johns Care from time to time to help make ends meet. With this support, Alice attended court and for the first time in 5 years was able to have her children for Christmas Day.

Please note Alice is not her real name.

Wish list: Vegemite, honey, small fruits for school lunches and 1 and 2-litre full cream milk.

Sarah Murdoch
A/Executive Officer

This January, Aunty Jean Phillips, in partnership with Common Grace, invites Australian Churches to hold services of acknowledgement, lament and prayer as we approach January 26th – a day of mourning for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters. On the evening of **Thursday 18th January, you're invited to join us at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture from 6pm for a service of prayer and lament for the 26th of January.** Light refreshments will be provided following the service.

During the service an offering will be taken up to support Aboriginal Christian ministry through the **Grasstree Gathering**. Please consider how you can generously support this ministry and resource Aboriginal Christian leadership across the country.

When: Thursday January 18, 2018 at 6pm

Where: Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture 15 Blackall St, Barton, ACT

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PRAYER FOR THE YEAR

Lord,
 Help me to live this year
quietly, easily:
 To lean upon your great strength
trustfully, restfully,:
 To wait for the unfolding of your will
patiently, serenely:
 To meet others
peacefully, joyously:
 To face tomorrow
confidently, courageously:
 And in all things to do your bidding,
willingly, obediently.

