

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

BULLETIN

28 JANUARY 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY

AFTER

EPIPHANY



**Jesus taught them
in the synagogue.**

Mark 1:21



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.



TODAY IN THE PARISH

9.00am HOLY COMMUNION—Second Order

Celebrant and Preacher: The Venerable Wayne Brighton

Next Sunday February 4: 8 am and 10 am Holy Communion

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA AFTER THE SERVICES



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 30.1.18	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation
Wednesday 31.1.18	10.00am 2.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Cuppa and Conversation Ever Active Exercise Class
Thursday 1.2.18	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
Saturday 3.2.18	2.00pm	Worship Centre	Godly Play for Adults

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)
Wednesday	Tai Chi Service and lunch Meditation	7 February (9.30 am) 7 February (12 noon) 7 February (6 pm)
Thursday	Book Club EFM	15 February (2 pm) Late January??
Friday	Play Group	9 February (10 am)



**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
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 Name: Holy Covenant Anglican
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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday: Russell Judd,
Dorothy Hurst
Friday: Emma Judd



*Grace is what warms us with
love, thaws us with hope, and
softens us with forgiveness.*
Wayne Brighton

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Mark 1:21-28. What do they (we?) see in him?

They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. (Mark 1: 22)

Today's gospel reading (Mk. 1:21-28) describes Jesus' first public engagement following the calling of the disciples. As he teaches in the synagogue at Capernaum, the people are amazed because he teaches as 'one having authority, and not as the scribes'.

Their amazement increases when Jesus heals the man possessed by an unclean spirit. 'What is this? A new teaching – with authority! Even the unclean spirits recognise and obey him.' But how deeply does this go? Is it just the lure of novelty and the promise of 'signs and wonders' – the sort of thing Jesus was increasingly reluctant to provide. Yes, there is probably some of that. But I like to think they also recognise authenticity when they see it. This is the authenticity that follows the confirmation of his call and identity through baptism, and subsequent testing of that call and identity in the wilderness. Such authenticity and integrity are not easily come by, and they do inspire trust.

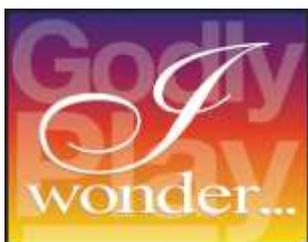
The trouble is we can lose our sense of amazement both at Jesus' teaching and at the healing stories. Familiarity can do this, and so can being unable to see the contemporary relevance of these texts.

What then are we to make of the healing of the man with an unclean spirit? Some dismiss 'demons' or 'unclean spirits' as a pre-scientific way of naming mental illness, suggesting that therapy is best left to medical experts. At the other end of the spectrum are those who see such illness as a spiritual problem from which the sufferer needs to be 'delivered' by 'spiritual experts'.

Perhaps it is helpful to think of these terms as metaphors, as we do when we talk about our 'inner demons' and to recognise that there are spiritual as well as psychosocial and physical dimensions that need to be addressed. Interestingly, those who approach soul care in this holistic way today do not think in terms of *casting out* so much as of seeking to *integrate* those parts of our psyche that are causing the distress.

Finally, what might the image of the unclean spirit's recognising and obeying Jesus suggest about how we might approach our 'inner demons'?

- Frances MacKay



“Invitation for 'grown-ups' to come and try Godly Play

When: 2-5pm 3rd Feb

Where: Worship centre

What: Godly Play is a large part of our children's church program. It has been a part of Holy Covenant for over 10 Years. Godly Play is a Montessori style system for teaching bible stories and the Christian tradition to children and people of all ages. It values sacred space, hospitality, an individual's spiritual growth and relationship with god, and the importance of imagination. come and share in the story, in play and in the feast.

All welcome.

INDUCTION OF THE VENERABLE DR WAYNE BRIGHTON



Following the announcement on Christmas Eve of the Venerable Wayne Brighton as our new Rector, the Induction Service will be on **Wednesday 21 February 2018 at 7pm.**

Please bring finger food for supper—not hot—and to the kitchen before 7pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the Board.

BREATHING SPACE LENTEN OFFERINGS

1. 'Lenten Pilgrimage' series based on *Passion for Pilgrimage* by Alan Jones, facilitated by Dr Mel Clark
Wednesday evenings, 7.30 - 9pm, beginning
14 February(Ash Wednesday after service). Participants will need to buy the book.



2. Biblical Discussion Series : 'Paul: convert, apostle, pastor-writer, teacher theologian' with Revd. Dr John Painter, probably Thursday evenings, 7.30 - 9pm, beginning February 15.

3. Stations of the Cross art exhibition at Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture from Friday March 2. Quiet Morning based on exhibition, Saturday March 3, 9.30-1pm, facilitated by Frances MacKay with an introduction to the works by Revd. Doug Purnell.

Further information on these and other offerings will be published in next Week's Bulletin

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50th Birthday Activity Invitation to join a Jubilee Group SIGN UP TODAY!

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)

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ◆ Pray for a surge of hopefulness and confidence in our ability, by God's grace, to solve the many problems that face us in 2018.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ Pray that those national traits that Australians value so much - hospitality, altruism, and belief in a fair go for all - will rise above fear and resentment in our national and community life, especially in regard to the underprivileged, new arrivals, ex-prisoners, delinquent youth, addicts and the mentally ill.

IN THE CHURCH

- ◆ Province of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.
- ◆ Anglicare Australia, Basement Ministries, Synergy Youth and Camping Co-ordinator,
- ◆ Specialist youth ministry teams as they speak with parishes and more generally for Peace in the world, for interreligious engagement and for the challenge of climate change and energy sources.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ We pray for the preparations for Wayne's Induction.
- ◆ We pray for and give thanks for the resumption of parish activities after the summer break.
- ◆ We pray for all members of our parish family including David and Rosemary Kennemore; Kate King; Jocelyn Kirkland; Carol Kubanek and Quentin Grafton; Juliana Kwong; Pam Lane and Martin, Anne and Jenny Lange.
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer including, Susan Joy Nevile, Peter Sherman, Ross Mitchell, Mandy Squair, Judith Anne Daniels and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

- **Tuesday:** Charles King of England (d. 1649)

RECENT CLERGY APPONTMENTS

The Reverend Canon Margaret Campbell has been appointed Assistant Minister (part time) at St John's Canberra with a ministry focus on children and families (effective from 22 January 2018).

The Reverend Chris Lewis completed his placement at Ainslie on 17.12.2017 and Defence has appointed him Naval Chaplain at HMAS Kuttabul, Sydney.

The Reverend Emma Street has been licensed as Business Development Manager, St Mark's National Theological Centre and Honorary Assistant Priest (part time), Manuka.

FROM ST. JOHN'S CARE



Some of our staff are currently on leave, including Sarah. However, it has been wonderful this week to be working with Sue Jordan again. Sue has provided the input for this week.

SJC is all about connections. We connect with you through our Weekly Bulletins and you connect with us in a myriad of ways such as through volunteering, donating food and providing financial support. We connect with our clients mainly through provision of food. This is really important as it can mean the difference between eating and not eating or between eating unhealthy food and enjoying fresh food with good nutritional value. Thank you for your continued donation of food to SJC as some of our basic food stocks are getting very low.

This week we have been able to make some different connections with our clients. On Friday, several clients were given Foodbank Vouchers. There are a number of Foodbank outlets that operate from different centres in Canberra. One of those is Tuckerbox run by Holy Cross, Hackett. Two clients given vouchers on Friday visited Tuckerbox on Saturday. They were thrilled with what they were able to buy and will continue to use these outlets to help feed their families.

An organisation we connected with last week was Centrelink. A client of SJC was homeless, living in his car and reduced to begging on the streets to get by. His Centrelink benefits had been cancelled because the last Centrelink correspondence had been returned to sender. Centrelink assumed the client was deceased. It takes a lot of work to get someone re-established with Centrelink. Firstly, you need to dial the 1300 number, wait forever to be connected and listen to the 'wait music' and your queue progress report while you do. Eventually we were able to connect to a Social Worker in Melbourne. Sue explained the situation and the next day a Social Worker from the Braddon Office phoned.

She was great and thinks that SJC is one of the best organisations in Canberra. We were able to work together to help this client get quite a sizeable chunk of his entitlements. While he is still homeless, at least he now has some money to buy food and a few of the necessities of life. The other great thing is that she has given us a direct number to the Social Work area of Centrelink, Canberra. As you can see, it is all about connections and, now we have a direct connection here, thankfully there will be no more bad music!

Thank you for your support, you are an important connection.

Could you please hold off on clothes donations as we have as much as we can store.

Wish list: Longlife full cream milk (1 & 2 ltr), vegemite, cereal, school backpacks, lunch boxes & drink bottles

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

• Creating Safe Ministries Workshops:
3 and 10 February

- Christians for an Ethical Society - 'Wellsprings of Hope' 8 February, John Warhurst AO
- Hawker Men's Luncheon—12 February, Jeremy Halcrow
- Suicide Prevention Workshop, 14 February, Gungahlin

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IN THE PARISH on Sunday 4 February– Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: and Preacher: Revd Katherine Rainger

10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

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3.00 pm Rainbow Fellowship



Anglicare is expanding its retail network to the northside of Canberra. A shop will open in Jamison in January 2018 in the previous Doctor's rooms.

We will be advertising for a Shop Supervisor and volunteers very soon and will keep you informed of our progress. Please feel free to drop by as you see some activity or call me for more information.

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TODAY

SENTENCE: Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness.
Matthew 9.35

READINGS:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8: 1-13
Mark 1: 21-28



8 am HYMNS

(Matthias)
72
630
686
140

PRAYER

God of compassion,
you have shown us in Christ
that your love is never ending:
enable us both to love you with all our
heart and to love one another as Christ
loved us. Grant this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever.

AMEN



	9.00 am
Sidespersons	Jo and Gareth James
Readers	Rosemary Kennemore Frances Mackay Sandra Ross
Intercessor	Merrie Hepworth
Organist	Pam Lane
Word and Prayer	Joh Sheehan
Deacon	
Cup	Neville Hurst, Phyl Holmes, Rosemary Kennemore, George Gerrity, Extra Bread: Connie Gerrity
Morning Tea	George and Connie Gerrity
Counters	Clive Rodger, Andrew Hill
Saturday Feb 3	Cleaning: Platt Family Flowers: Elaine Dennis

**ACCC Quiet Day:
Rethinking Lent**

The Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture extends an open invitation to its first Quiet Day of the year: theologian Heather Thomson will lead on “Rethinking ‘Giving Up’ for Lent” and the implications for our spiritual journey. Chambers Pavilion and grounds, ACCC, 15 Blackhall St, Barton, Saturday 17th February, 9.30am to 3pm. Cost: \$25 in cash at door — includes morning tea. BYO lunch. For flyer and RSVP (by 12th Feb if possible) Alice-Anne Macnaught, aamacnaught@iinet.net.au; 0414 790 201.