

# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

## OUR JUBILEE YEAR

### BULLETIN

18 FEBRUARY 2018

First Sunday in Lent



I will establish my covenant  
with you. . . .“



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

8.00 am

#### HOLY COMMUNION

Preacher : Archdeacon Anne Ranse

Celebrant: Reverend Katherine Rainger

10.00 am

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Please join us for morning tea after the Services

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

<b>Monday</b> <b>19.02.18</b>	9.30 am 10.00 am	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Crafty Crew Covenant Care
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>20.02.18</b>	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation A Lenten Pilgrimage
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>21.02.18</b>	9.30 am 12 noon 7.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre	Tai Chi Service and lunch Induction Service
<b>Thursday</b> <b>22.02.18</b>	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
<b>Friday</b> <b>23.02.18</b>	10.00 am 7.00 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Playgroup Men's Dinner

## WEEK BEGINNING 26 FEBRUARY 2018

<b>Monday</b> <b>26.02.18</b>	10.00 am 10.00 am 1.30 pm	Worship Centre Kangara Waters Care Cntr Calvary Ret. Village	Covenant Care Holy Communion Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>27.02.18</b>	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation A Lenten Pilgrimage
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>28.02.18</b>	9.30 am 12 noon	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Tai Chi Service and lunch
<b>Thursday</b> <b>1.03.18</b>	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
<b>Friday</b> <b>2.03.18</b>	10.00 am 10.00 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Playgroup MOTH

### Prayer for choosing a Bishop

Eternal God, shepherd and guide,  
 in your mercy give your Church in this diocese  
 a shepherd after your own heart  
 who will walk in your ways,  
 and with loving care watch over your people.  
 Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth.  
 So may your Church be built up  
 And your name glorified;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** (A Prayer Book for Australia p.212)



## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

### MARK 1: 9-15

### FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

I recall as a child we had to give up something for Lent. As post war children we had very little to give up so it came down to not having sugar in any form in Lent. What did that teach me about God, about faith, about commitment? I can't recall but I can recall the long, long wait until Lent was over and I could have some sugar again, pudding was back on the menu!!

It was said to me yesterday that a thought for Lent was this. Rather than giving up chocolate, tea or worse still coffee or anything for that matter for the next 40 days, instead increase your time of meditation. Make that a focus for Lent. I couldn't help but think how that would be life giving and even life changing. It would draw us closer to God and our relationship with him. It would slow us down. It would strengthen our spirit.

At the baptism of Jesus just as he was coming up out of the water 'he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove.' God was about to reveal himself. This was an 'aha' moment. And he revealed himself to Jesus and said: 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased,' God was showing and expressing his love to his Son and that is what the Gospel is about, God's love.

Jesus wants us to take time away from the ins and outs of daily life and spend some time with him, to meditate, reflect and pray. To have time with him, to cleanse our hearts and to know his love. Lent is a good season in the liturgical calendar to start that practice.

The Spirit coming in the form of a dove to show God's presence is powerful. I recall last time I was in Israel and a new conflict had erupted just as some of my fellow travellers were about to leave the country. As we watched them walking along the tarmac of the airport, the clouds in the sky parted and reshaped and formed a very clear, powerful image of a dove. At that moment we knew that they would be safe. God was with them.

Another incident occurred in the Duntroon chapel when above the altar a light shone seemingly from nowhere and it formed the shape of a dove. God's spirit is with us always and on some occasions is revealed to us in images and light.

Daily meditation for Lent? It's far more likely to create a space for God to reveal himself than giving up what we might see as pleasure in daily life.

Blessings  
Archdeacon Anne



## INDUCTION OF THE VENERABLE DR WAYNE BRIGHTON

as our Rector

This 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.

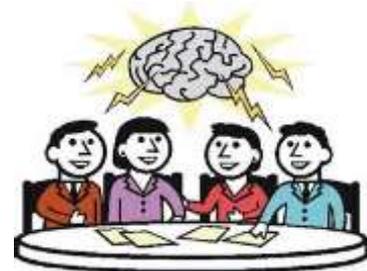
### OUR JUBILEE YEAR!

# 50

Parish Council is grateful to all those who participated in the survey in December to indicate your support for a wide variety of 50th anniversary activities. It is now time for those of you who would like to volunteer to help organize anniversary activities to put your hands up - by writing your name next to the relevant activities that are listed on the signup board. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Collier or any other member of Parish Council. (6255 4255 [jennifercollier@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jennifercollier@optusnet.com.au))

### FROM TUESDAY'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

About 40 parishioners assembled last Tuesday evening for the AGM, sustained by some wonderful pancakes and pikelets. Under the capable chairmanship of Vera de Vere we were finished by 8.30pm – a great example of efficiency and co-operation!



Highlights –discovering how much goes on behind the scenes;

- ◆ what the youth group gets up to!
- ◆ that our finances are in really good shape.

If you want to learn more, ask Libby for a copy of the Annual Reports, and a fuller report will be in next week's bulletin.



### BREATHING SPACE LENTEN PROGRAM

#### **A Lenten Pilgrimage**

Series is based on *Passion for Pilgrimage: Meditations on the Easter Mystery* by Alan Jones, Dean Emeritus, Grace Cathedral San Francisco.

Jones says that Lent is a time 'to dig deep within ourselves ... to examine our choices and their consequences' if we are to come home to ourselves, to God, our fellows and God's creation'. Are we ready for that challenge?

N.B. Participants will need to buy the book which is available at Book Depository for \$26 or secure a copy from Mel at that price.

**When:** Tuesday evenings, 7.30 - 9pm, February 20 –March 20. Rainbow Centre.

**Facilitator:** Dr Mel Clark

**Please RSVP on sign-up sheet for this event.**

#### **Stations of the Cross Quiet Morning**

This is an opportunity for contemplative reflection based on the exhibition at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture (2-15 March). These contemporary works by 16 artists from diverse backgrounds invite us to reflect on the familiar Easter narrative in new ways. There will be time alone for reflection as well as time for sharing.

**When:** 9.30-1pm, Saturday March 3, at ACC&C, 15 Blackall St, Barton.

**Facilitators:** Dr Frances MacKay will facilitate the retreat and Rev Dr Doug Purnell, the curator of the exhibition, will introduce the works.

**Suggested donation:** \$10-\$20.



**EfM** will resume on **Thursday 22 February** at 7:30pm in the Rainbow Centre. If you missed our information session in the worship centre on 8 February and are interested in participating in EFM or finding out more about the program, please speak with Merri Bacon or ring Merri on 6251 1110.

The group are looking forward to another stimulating year of reading, discussion and reflection and welcome anyone who is new to the program or any participants who wish to return. The program runs on a four year cycle and new participants can sign on a year at a time, with the first year focus being on the structure and the writings of the Old Testament.

# I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL YOU...



... that Covenant Care is about to commence again this Monday. The 9 clients who were all with us at the end of last year are returning and we also have a new client starting. The question was asked; 'Where do we get our clients from for this and the other branches of the Holistic Care Nursing Ministries (HCNM).' They come from many sources. Most of the clients come through people I know or find in the community who are struggling to cope at home in their intense caring role, some come through reference from the social worker at Calvary Hospital or the chaplain or through concerned friends. Doctors can also refer clients to us.

In the other areas of HCNM the same pathways are available plus there are referrals from ACT Housing Tenancy Support. We endeavour to advertise our programs widely so information goes to other organisations about what we are doing so they can pass it onto their staff and volunteers then to their client base. In many respects I am surprised that we are not inundated with clients as our services pick up on people who have often fallen through the gaps in the community, or the services are not available and in some cases they have been abandoned by other services being considered as 'too difficult.' When it comes to Covenant Care, we are the only day respite of this nature in Canberra. If you have a neighbour or a friend that you think HCNM could help with then you can also refer them. Don't hesitate to contact me for more information.

Archdeacon Anne.

### **This week we induct our new Rector – the Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton.**

Wayne has been with us now for six months as a Locum. He was sent to us by Bishop Matt Brain to get us through a difficult period and to help us find a way forward. Parish Council was asked to suggest five tasks that Wayne could undertake, and these he achieved well. I would like to thank Wayne for the way he has been so willing to be available and take on many challenges, even though coming to Holy Covenant was in addition to all the other commitments he had, not instead of!

Wayne will now be changing jobs – taking us forward in a different capacity. We are a complex Parish and there is lots to learn. It would be good if we could put aside our hidden agendas, our preconceived ideas, our hurts and anger, and give Wayne time to settle into what is a demanding job.

This week we induct our new Rector – let us welcome Wayne with our love, generosity, goodwill and patience as he takes us into our next 50 years.

*Libby Warren*

## PARISH COUNCILLOR PROFILES—Paul Shelley

Paul has been a member of the Holy Covenant community for 49 years. In that time he has been on numerous committees and rosters, more recently as Honorary Lay Minister, Parish Administrator and bookkeeper. He has a background in geophysics and extensive experience in business and project management and publishing. His vision for the parish is where the church is seen as a 7-days-a-week activity, not just Sunday activity. He gets his nourishment from good sermons!



## WOULD YOU RECOGNISE AN ANGEL?

Would you recognise an angel  
If you met one today?  
What does an angel look like?  
What would an angel say?

What kind of clothes do angels wear  
When they come to our side?  
Should we be afraid of them,  
Run away and hide?

Angels sing God's praises  
In shining robes above;  
They look upon the face of God  
And know that God is Love.

There are angels in the Bible  
Sent to do God's will—  
To give His message or bring help;  
I believe they do it still.

And when they come to help us  
They might wear business suits  
Or shorts and thongs and singlet  
And dirty, muddy boots.

Have I seen an angel?  
Yes I have, it's true!  
What did the angel look like?  
The angel looked like you.

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### LENTEN PRACTICE

(from Anglican Overseas Aid)

Prayerful reflection is a way to begin the journey of personal change.

This week, consider how you can be more gracious in your daily interactions.



**MORNING TEA AND CLEANING ROSTERS**

Thank you to everyone who has offered to assist with the morning tea and cleaning rosters this year. If you haven't received an email with the new roster please speak with Merri Bacon or email [merri.bacon@bigpond.com](mailto:merri.bacon@bigpond.com) to make sure that your email address is on the list. A revised roster will then be sent out with everyone's contact details so that swaps can be arranged and a copy of the rosters will also be put up on the noticeboard as a reminder. Thank you

Found in late 2017, in the worship centre, a blank birthday card with a gift card in it. If it is yours please see Libby in the office.

**ON THE NOTICE BOARD**

- ⇒ Introduction to Christian Mediation, Yarralumla, beginning 19 February.
- ⇒ Functions at Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.

**THE MOVIE—MARY MAGDALENE**

If you would like to go to the free preview screening of the above film, please contact Katherine Rainger - [k\\_rainger@hotmail.com](mailto:k_rainger@hotmail.com)

There is a poster on the noticeboard and leaflets on the hymn book stand.

**SERMONS**

Did you know that you can listen to any recent sermons that you may have missed... or perhaps enjoyed so much that you want to listen to them again!?

Recordings of the weekly sermons are now available on the Parish website (as an MP3 file), which should play on any computer, tablet or smartphone.

- 1) Just go to the parish website: [www.holycovenant.org.au](http://www.holycovenant.org.au)
- 2) Go to resources and click sermons.
- 3) Then just click on the little headphone icon next to the sermon you'd like to listen to... that's it!

The sermon will be going up each week, provided we have the permission of the preacher.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Saturday: **Christine Mitchell**





We are half way through this month and SJC has supported and assisted approximately 170 people with food, finance and moral support. The centre has also provided people with advocacy and information to assist them in improving their current situation.

A homeless couple came into the centre this week and received a small tent, sleeping bags, food and assistance. They were very thankful for the support that they received and explained that this would make the world of difference for them. The couple are doing everything they can to improve their circumstances but it is a very long and hard journey. The support and care they showed each other was very touching.

I thought you would be interested in some statistics from Breakfast Club last year. Breakfast Club is provided to Ainslie Primary School on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings in term time. Last year over 3000 breakfasts were served. On average, 23 children attend Breakfast Club receiving cereal, toast, milo and a good start to the day. This gave some children the first meal of the day and for others it provided a good top up. This ministry is supported by funds from the Snow Foundation and we are very thankful for their generosity.

Just a reminder that we have our Taste of Sri Lanka dinner coming up on Saturday, 3 March at St John's Parish Hall, starting at 6pm. The cost is \$30 per adult, children 12yo and under are free and teens between 13yo and 18yo are \$10 each.

We are hoping for 100 people on the night, bookings can be made by calling the St Johns Parish Office on 6248 8399. Our thanks to the Australian Sri Lankan Association which is providing the meal for the St Johns Care Supporter Community.

**Wish list:** Vegemite, full cream long life milk (1L), tooth paste, breakfast cereals and up and go's.

Also, if you have spare plastic bags around the house, please feel free to drop them in as we go through many in the Centre each week.



Sarah Murdoch  
**A/Executive Officer**

# PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

## IN THE WORLD

- ◆ We pray for those countries who are dealing with the aftermath of cyclones and major weather events.

## IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ We pray for those parts of our country suffering from drought and give thanks for the organisations offering assistance.

## IN THE CHURCH

- ◆ Diocese of North West Australia, Yass Valley, Boorowa, Murrumburrah-Harden
- ◆ Christian unity at local, national and world levels, National Council of Churches in Australia, NSW Ecumenical Council, ACT Churches Council.

## IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ We give thanks that Wayne has accepted our invitation to be our Rector and pray for him and his family as we welcome them into our community.
- ◆ We pray for all members of our parish family including Rod and Ann Menzies; Ross and Christine Mitchell; Noel Montgomery; and Dylan, Sally, Dougal and Jemima Mordike.
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer including, Susan Joy Nevile, Peter Sherman, Dorothy Parsonage, Ross Mitchell, Mandy Squair, Connie Gerrity, Kath Arthur, and anyone known to us personally.

## COMMEMORATIONS:

- Monday: **Baden Clarence Powell** (d 1991)  
Thursday: Matthias, Apostle and Martyr  
Friday: **Clifford Jack Daniels** (d 2005)

## HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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## DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 25 February 2015

### Second Sunday in Lent

**8.00 am**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Preacher and Celebrant: The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

**10.00 am**

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# TODAY

**SENTENCE:** The time is fulfilled , and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Mark 1.15

## READINGS:

Genesis 9: 8-17  
 Psalm 25: 1-10  
 1 Peter 3: 18-22  
 Mark 1: 9-15

## 8 am HYMNS



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## PRAYER

God of the new and eternal covenant,  
 as the forty days of the great flood  
 swept away the world's corruption  
 and watered new beginnings of righteousness  
 and life:  
 in the saving flood of baptism,  
 the wellspring of your grace,  
 that your gift of new life may flourish once again;  
 through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
 Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**



	8.00 am	10.00 am
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Libby Warren, Tony Willis	Dorothy and Neville Hurst
<b>Readers</b>	Kath Arthur Hilary Harris Anne Ranse	Dorothy Hurst Kate King Neville Hurst
<b>Intercessor</b>	Robert Arthur	George Gerrity
<b>Organist</b>	Heather Shelley	Ruth Dunnicliff-Hagan
<b>Word and Prayer</b>	Paul Shelley	Tobias Nevile
<b>Deacon</b>	Anne Ranse	
<b>Cup</b>	Paul Shelley Anne Ranse	Tobias Nevile, Neville Hurst, Phyl Holmes, Doreen Matters Extra bread: Anne Dudzinski
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Ann and Rod Menzies	Rika Amos, Merri Bacon
<b>Counters</b>	Clive Rodger, Tony Willis	Neville Hurst, Graham Bonnett
<b>Saturday 24 Feb</b>	<b>Cleaning:</b> Kath Arthur, Christine Mitchell	