

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

OUR JUBILEE YEAR

BULLETIN

4 MARCH 2018

Third Sunday in Lent



Stop turning my Father's house
into a market place!



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

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| 8.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION
Preacher and Celebrant:
The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton |
| 10.00 am | HOLY COMMUNION
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| 3.30 pm | RAINBOW FELLOWSHIP |



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 5.03.18	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 6.03.18	12.30 pm 4.00 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation Belonging and Caring Meeting A Lenten Pilgrimage
Wednesday 7.03.18	9.30 am 12 noon 6 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Tai Chi Service and BYO lunch Meditation
Thursday 8.03.18	9.30 am 6-7.30pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre The Mushroom Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Youth Group Lenten Study EFM
Friday 9.03.18	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 10.03.18	3.00 pm	Tilleys, Lyneham Shops	Women's Afternoon Tea

WEEK BEGINNING 12 MARCH 2018

Monday			Public holiday
Tuesday 13.03.18	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation A Lenten Pilgrimage
Wednesday 14.03.18	9.30 am 12 noon 6 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Tai Chi Service and lunch Meditation
Thursday 15.03.18	9.30 am 2.00 pm 6-7.30pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre The Mushroom Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Book Club Youth Group Lenten Study EFM
Friday 16.03.18	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup
Saturday 17.03.18	9.00 am	Church Grounds	Working Bee

John 2: 12-23. The Cleansing of the Temple

This event appears in all four gospels. In the synoptic gospels, it comes at the end of Jesus' ministry immediately after the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where it is presented as the trigger leading to his arrest. In less than a week he will be dead. John, however, places the event immediately after the miracle of turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee.

Certainly, it is a provocative action. What prompted it? John tells us it was zeal for his father's house because the money changers and those selling doves were transforming his Father's house into a market place. Of course, it was not just the money lenders and dove sellers that were his target, but a system that allowed this exploitation to happen. In referring to the temple as 'My Father's house', John has him claiming his authority right at the beginning of his ministry.

Understandably the Jews want to challenge his authority and they ask for a sign. Jesus answers, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' (v.19). The Jews of course did not understand this, as they were still – understandably – thinking of a literal temple. And his own disciples only understood in hindsight that he was talking about his own death and resurrection.

Taking this metaphor further, there is another sense in which the temple is constantly being rebuilt after Jesus' resurrection. The early church came to understand that the creator of the world does not need to live in 'a house made with hands' (Acts 17:4). Instead, God lives in the hearts of God's people and the relationships between them. Both individually (1 Cor 6:19) and corporately (2 Cor: 6; Ephes. 2:21; 1 Peter 2:5), we are temples of the Holy Spirit.

The idea of temple is constantly evolving in the NT. In the vision of the New Jerusalem in Revelation 22, there is no need for a temple because God's presence pervades the whole city. I love the image of the river of life flowing from the throne of God through the middle of the city, with the trees on either side bearing fruit in season and leaves for the healing of the nations. This is not a closed system. God's healing presence is available to all.

In January four of us from Holy Covenant attended a retreat conducted by Susanna Pain at Raymond Island in the Gippsland Lakes. The cleansing of the temple was a focus for one of the early sessions. I remember Susanna saying that Jesus cleanses the temple so that people might be healed. Lent is a time of cleansing and purification – not as ends in themselves but as part of our healing, and through us the healing of our world, so that together our water can be turned into the wine of celebration.

- *Frances Mackay.*

IN THE PARISH

INTRODUCING OUR 12th RECTOR

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton



Wayne comes to us with experience in a variety of ministries and qualifications. He has an Honours degree in Social Science, a Master in Christian Studies and Theology and a PhD in Missiology - looking how innovation in mission worked in three denominations - Anglican, Uniting and Churches of Christ. which he obtained from Regent College Canada.

Wayne is a member of the Ministry and Mission Commission of General Synod - looking into opportunities for developing ministry. He is also on the Diocesan Public Issues Commission. He has been the Media communications and Research officer for the Diocese and a chaplain to Basement Ministries. Basement Ministries is where people who have been disillusioned or burnt out by the church go for healing and restoration.

Wayne and family have lived in Canberra for 8 - 9 years and enjoy playing around in the snowfields - in particular snowboarding and skiing. Wayne also enjoys bushwalking, hiking and camping. He would love to own a motor cycle!

Wayne sees the role of clergy as bringing people together and encouraging Christians to be citizens of God's Kingdom and discovering our common hopes and dreams.



**Our first Ladies Afternoon Tea
for 2018
@ Tilley's, Lyneham
This Saturday 10 March
from 3pm**

There is a sign-up sheet on the board

OUR JUBILEE YEAR!

Jubilee Groups have now been created and there are a few groups with room for some more members. If you would like to join in please see the signup board or talk with Jennifer Collier. (62554 4255 jennifercollier@optusnet.com.au)



The signup board has information for other 50th anniversary activities - **lots to choose from. All Welcome.**

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Thirty nine of us gathered for our AGM on Shrove Tuesday (13th February). Amongst the serious business of receiving and considering reports there was also laughter and much thanks given for the huge array of people in our parish that do wonderful things to further our community life together. Wayne as locum reminded us that God is with us on our journey together and will be with us as we celebrate the 50th year of the Parish being established. Our Treasurer and the Finance Team, with endorsement from Parish Council, proposed:

- ◆ Additional funds to wider work giving to bring the total up from \$12K per annum to \$15K
- ◆ To provide some support for the University of Canberra chaplaincy program
- ◆ To fund more paid pastoral care staff – with the details to be determined by Wayne (following his induction as Rector) and the incoming Parish Council.

These additional activities will add \$20K to the budget for this year. The Budget was adopted by the AGM.

The new Parish Council will have their next meeting on Wednesday 21st March. Vera de Vere remains as Parish Council chair for the first half of 2018, Jennifer Collier remains Parish Council Secretary. Please contact either of them if you have any questions or items of business for Parish Council to consider.

Caring for our Rector

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.

Last week we inducted 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

MARK WEBB

After 20+ years in the Navy I moved to Canberra in 2001 with Janet. We both made a conscious decision to re-find God in our lives at that time, which is how we found Holy Covenant. Over the ensuing years I have been very involved with both Cursillo and Kairos as well as various parish ministries, although due to other commitments I've backed away from these over the last couple of years.



My main interests now are riding motorbikes for charity (as well as just riding for fun). I ride for such causes as the Salvos, Anglicare, childhood and breast cancer research, but my real passion is men's health issues, especially prostate cancer, depression and Soldier-On.

My fondest memory of Holy Covenant remains my marriage to Janet as part of the 10am service back in February 2002.

JOH SHEEHAN—Warden



Joh was a member of our parish in the early nineties. After a stint elsewhere, Joh returned and has been worshipping at Holy Covenant since 2010.

She is a licensed Lay Minister who has been actively involved in worship in the parish and regularly led the service at Calvary Hospital. She has convened the WHS Committee since 2013,

and has been on Parish Council in 2017.

Joh is seeking to work with the Rector and ministry teams to ensure that Holy Covenant continues to be a vibrant and caring community that is welcoming to all.

Outside of church, Joh enjoys sharing good food and wine with friends, making a meaningful contribution to social health policy, spending time in nature be that my garden, the bush or watching a good sunset.

HOLISTIC CARE NURSING MINISTRIES

Nursing people back into life

SEEKING MORE VOLUNTEERS



Do you have a bit of time to put to good use? Would you like to expand your horizons while helping others? We have four wonderful programs in our Holistic Care Nursing Ministries, all supporting our Parish mission statement: *To grow in Christ together, to equip for service, to care for all* and we are looking for more volunteers to help us continue to provide service to our clients.

- ✦ **Covenant Care Day Respite** on Mondays we offer *A Day with a Difference* to people living at home and managing a life-limiting illness. This day out gives people a change of routine and new faces while also providing their carers with a much-needed day off. People can volunteer to help in the kitchen, or to support clients to join in activities, or to drive clients to and from home.
- ✦ **Outings and Events** would you like to be a driver or companion on regular outings to places of interest in and around Canberra? We take some of our clients on outings, usually on Tuesdays. The first outing for 2018 will be on Tuesday 13 March. Clients and volunteers will enjoy Flora Explorer at the Botanic Gardens.
- ✦ **Household Support** we help people with decluttering, downsizing and restoring homes to safe, comfortable places. Some of our clients are at risk of losing their homes without our support. Sometimes we need extra help to run a working bee.
- ✦ **Client Support** we provide assistance to housebound people living in isolation, maybe you could call for a chat, stop by for a visit, assist with transport, shopping or cooking.

For more information on any of our programs please see Anne Ranse or email nurse@holycovenant.org.au



MARK YOUR DIARIES!

- ⇒ 19 April - Community Lunch
- ⇒ 27 April - Drinks at Bolt Bar, Aranda
- ⇒ 18 May - Women's Dinner
- ⇒ 12 July - Community Lunch

AND . . .

WANTED

1. Small job - to take and wash the Communion linen once a month—the first week of the month. Ask Anne D. on how to do it theologically!
2. We need another driver, or 2, for 10 am service to bring a member and wheelie walker from Page. Contact - Anne Dudzinski 6278 60-87 annedudzinski@optusnet.com.au
3. John Dau is looking for a person to iron a basket of washing a week. Please contact him on 0401 530 769. (It's a paid job.)

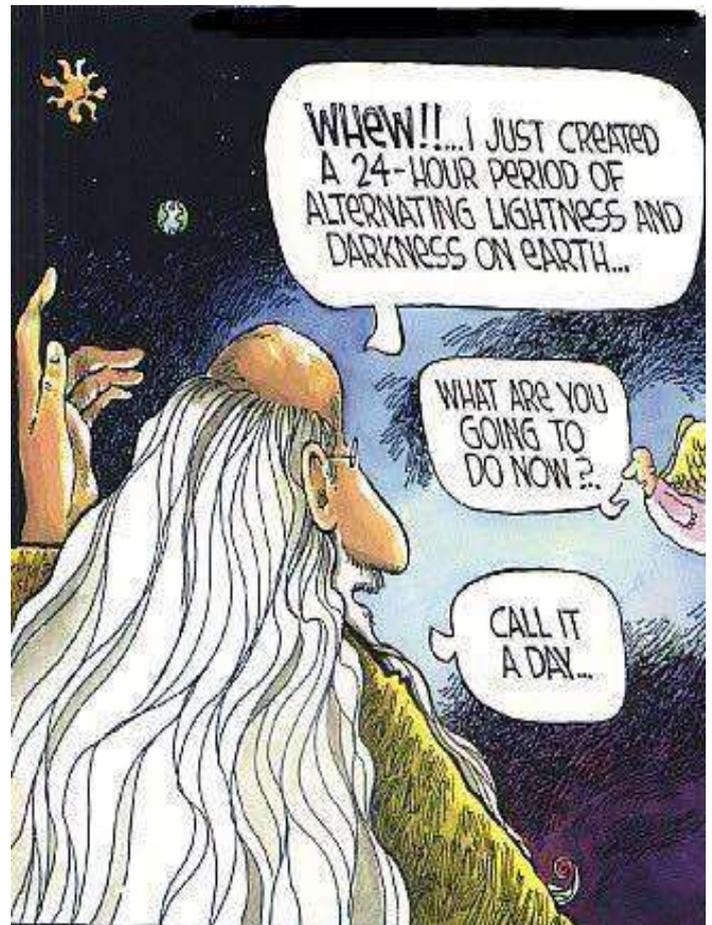
Found in late 2017, in the Worship Centre, a blank birthday card with a gift card in it. If it is yours please see Libby in the office.

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

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- Newsletter from the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture—lots of interesting things.
- Carer Skills Newsletter
- Aeolus Wind Trio Concerts, with our own Jodi Petrov.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday: Gillian Painter
Wednesday: Marg Christensen
Saturday: Justine McNamara,
Barry Button



YOUR DONATIONS MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE



Horrible times in life can happen to anyone. Friday afternoon, we had a visit from a very distressed man who was happily married with two children. Life should be good for them, but unfortunately it is not. He was close to tears and had run out of options.

In October, he was made redundant from his job with a local company. He was able to get through the Christmas period, but today he had only \$6.00 left in his Bank Account. He thought he would be able to get a new job, but it just hasn't happened.

His wife has a small part-time job, so at this stage, he has not been able to qualify for any Centrelink Benefits. Her salary certainly helps, but it is nowhere near enough. He is now at the end of his tether. Suicide seems like a good option. As far as he sees it, his wife would get his superannuation and she would be able to pay the mortgage. "She would be a lot better off without me," he said.

By the time he finished explaining his situation he was in tears. In fact, both of us were in tears. SJC was unable to help him financially, but there is more than one way to 'skin a cat'. He agreed to contact Care Financial Counselling. They can't give him money either, but they can contact the Bank on his behalf, to see if they can put a hold on his mortgage payments until he can get a new job. He has also promised that he will contact Lifeline or Beyond Blue, if he finds life too intolerable.

Today we were able to give him a generous amount of food. It will certainly make his \$6.00 go a lot further. Next week, we will help the family with some prescriptions and a Telstra Bill.

Sue Jordan, who met with the client, thanks you for your support. She says, "You just don't realise how important your donations are." For this man it will make all the difference to his family this weekend. They will enjoy good food and there will be a few treats for the kids. By the time he walked out of SJC he was a much happier person.

This month SJC has supported and assisted approximately 280 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.

We have seen a significant increase of people with financial difficulties. Also, more people attending the Centre and we are finding it challenging to meet the increased demand.

Wish list: Soap, full cream long life milk, peanut butter, Vegemite and cereal.

Also, if you have spare plastic bags, please 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 the people of New Guinea as they deal with the aftermath of a major earthquake, and for all countries coping with major weather events.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ♦ Give thanks for gun control legislation in Australia. Pray for our continued safety, and for sense to prevail in the United States in the face of continuing gun violence.

IN THE CHURCH

- ♦ Diocese of Ballarat, Parishes of North Goulburn, West Goulburn and Marulan, The Wollondilly Gardens Self Care Units, Goulburn Base Hospital and the Goulburn Correctional Centre, New South Wales Police Chaplaincy.
- ♦ Spouses and families of clergy and lay ministers and stipendiary lay ministers.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ♦ We pray for our Lenten Groups meeting this week.
- ♦ We pray for all members of our parish family including Nicholas Platt; Elle and Jerry Platt; Barry, Carol, Joshua, Natalie and Emily Pogson; Coral Powell; Katherine Rainger; Anne Ranse; Clive Rodger and Luc and Sylvie Rose.
- ♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer including, Susan Joy Nevile, Peter Sherman, Dorothy Parsonage, Ross Mitchell, Elizabeth Grant, Mandy Squair, Connie Gerrity, Kath Arthur, and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Tuesday : **Christopher Charles Heyde** (died 2008)

Friday: **Barbara Ruth Mugford** (died 1997)

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

HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Email: prayervine@holycovenant.org.au
Or Rosemary Kennemore: 6251 2009;
rkmore@grapevine.com.au



LENTEN PRACTICE
(from Anglican Overseas Aid)
this week

Replace consumption with godly
contemplation.

MINISTRY TEAM

RECTOR	The Ven. Dr Wayne Brighton 0407 408 333	E: rector@holycovenant.org.au Day off: Monday.
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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 11 March 2018

Fourth 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: God spoke these words and said, "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me".
Exodus 20.1

READINGS:

Exodus 20: 1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25
John 2: 13-22

8 am HYMNS



Matthias
179
407
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684

PRAYER

Lord our God
by your Holy Spirit
write your commandments upon our hearts.
Grant us the wisdom and power of the cross,
so that cleansed from greed and selfishness, we
may become a living temple of your love;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord .

AMEN



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Kerin and Brian Cox	Prue and Ken Wedgwood
Readers	Rosemary Kennemore Kerin Cox Anne Ranse	Frances MacKay George Gerrity Sandra Ross
Intercessor	Mel Clark	George Gerrity
Organist	Heather Shelley	Heather Shelley
Word and Prayer	Luc Rose	Anne Ranse
Deacon	Anne Ranse	
Cup	Paul Shelley, Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse, George Gerrity, Vera de Vere, Doreen Matters. Extra bread: Anne Dudzinski
Morning Tea	Lexie Winders, Steve Daniels	Elaine Dennis, Judith Ann Daniels
Counters	Rhonda Thorpe, Colin Lyons	Chris Olsson, Reg Holmes
Saturday 10 Mar	Cleaning: Heather & Paul Shelley	