

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

OUR JUBILEE YEAR

BULLETIN

18 MARCH 2018

Fifth Sunday in Lent

*The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel. Jeremiah 31.31*



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 and Celebrant:
The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

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Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 19.03.18	9.30 am 10.00 am	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Crafty Crew Covenant Care
Tuesday 20.03.18	12.30 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation A Lenten Pilgrimage
Wednesday 21.03.18	9.30 am 12 noon 2—3pm 6 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Tai Chi Service and byo lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation Parish Council meeting
Thursday 22. 03.18	9.30 am 6-7.30pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre The Mushroom Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Youth Group Lenten Study EFM
Friday 23.03.18	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup

WEEK BEGINNING 25 MARCH 2018

Monday 26.03.18	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Covenant Care Reflections
Tuesday 27.03.18	12.30 pm 6.00 pm 7.30 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation Reflections A Lenten Pilgrimage
Wednesday 28.03.18	9.30 am 12 noon 2-3 pm 6 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre	Tai Chi Service and byo lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Reflections
Thursday 29. 03.18	9.30 am 6 pm 6-7.30pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre The Mushroom Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar Youth Group Lenten Study EFM
Friday 30.03.18	8 am 10 am	Worship Centre Worship Centre	Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross
Saturday 31.3.18	4 pm	Worship Centre	Children's Service

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

JOHN 12: 20-33.

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit (John 12: 24)

There is so much in today's reading that asks to be unpacked in terms of the underlying dynamics of the situation. What is going on here?

The passage begins with the Greek visitors' courteous request to be introduced to Jesus: 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus'. What is it about that request that triggers Jesus' response beginning, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified'? What is the subtext here? Certainly, there is a sense of urgency as he realises his hour has come. The time for a more leisurely response to would-be followers– the 'come and see' of John 1: 39 – has passed.

Perhaps he is speaking to us as well as those Greek seekers when he implies something like: 'You don't know what you are asking when you say you want to see me. You will never really see me, know who I really am and what I am on about, unless you follow the path I am taking. The time for hedging your bets has passed'. I am reminded of that time he asks, 'Are you willing to drink the cup that I shall drink?'

According to Alan Jones (*A Passion for Pilgrimage*) the Passion is no spectator sport. We are challenged to be participants in this Easter drama, imaginatively accompanying Jesus on a journey that will take him and us through the anguish of Gethsemane as well as the forsakenness of the cross. No wonder we like to keep our distance. We prefer a God on our terms – one who will support our needs for security, control or esteem, for example. But what might the God that Jesus reveals ask of us? As Alan Jones reminds us: 'The season of Lent involves the telling of the same old story that invites us to be participants in the drama. If we choose to act in this Great Passion Play we shall find ourselves called to be experiments in vulnerability' (p.15).

That brings me to the parable of the grain of wheat quoted in the epigraph. Here Jesus is speaking not only about his own path but a path we all can tread. It is the liminal path of dismantling and transformation. Sometimes we choose this path through prayer; sometimes we find ourselves there because that is where life takes us – through loss (of people, places, health, face ...) betrayal or even the usual life transitions. Are we willing to surrender to this process? A seed is only potentially life-giving when we cease to hoard it and allow it to fall into hospitable soil and water it. Only then will the hard shell be cracked open and new life begin – for ourselves and for others.

We need each other to walk this path – to let go whatever prevents us from trusting God's love, and our own and each other's giftedness. The world needs the creativity, healing and love that can be released through us.

- *Frances Mackay*



SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Sunday 25 March – Palm Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Holy Communion

Monday 26 March – 6.00pm Reflections

Tuesday 27 March – 6.00pm Reflections

Wednesday 28 March

6.00pm Reflections

Thursday 29 March – Maundy Thursday

6.00pm Footwashing, Holy Communion,
and Stripping of the Altar

Friday 30 March – Good Friday

8.00am and 10am
Dramatic stations of the cross

Saturday 31 March

4.00pm Children's Easter Service
with Easter egg hunt

Sunday 5 April – EASTER DAY

6.00 am Lighting of the New Fire and Holy Communion
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Holy Communion

*Daylight saving changes—
be sure to change your clocks*



LENTEN PRACTICE (from Anglican Overseas Aid)

This week meditate on possible reasons why people may experience brokenness or dryness in their spiritual lives.



PARISH COUNCILLOR PROFILE JENNIFER COLLIER

Jennifer has been a regular at the 8am service since 2007 and has previously served on Parish Council in 2010, 2011 and 2017. Jennifer's church background includes: a family of origin riddled with missionaries; is passionately addicted to being on our flower roster and the worship team for 8am; regularly attends and

contributes to the Benedictus contemplative community that meets here on Saturday evenings; and has been active in the public debate on the marriage equality movement and believes strongly that God has created all of us to love and to be loved.

Jennifer lives in Watson and much of her discretionary time is spent being a potter and actively involved in the governance of the Canberra Potters' Society as the Vice-President of the Board. Jennifer also moonlights as a public servant – where she's kept busy working in the area of governance, regulatory performance auditing and some of Australia's treaty obligations

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.**



MARK YOUR DIARIES!

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

DO YOU KNOW



- that there are two opportunities for Meditation in the parish:

1. Tuesdays at 12.15 in Chapel there is Meditation available to everyone. Using World Community for Christian Meditation resources and our Chapel.
2. Wednesday at 6pm in the Rainbow Centre using other resources and Various leaders.

Meditation reminds us where our heart is and, in addition, clarifies for us what it is we truly love. (Father Laurence Freeman)

It is spiritual practice, the art of being silent and experiencing solitude are important elements of the inner journey.

This tool can be used morning and evening or come to either of the above options or choose from 25 groups in ACT to practice once a week at lots of venues and times.

Hilary Harris 6251 8166,

PARISH FAMILY NEWS

From Carol Sherman: 10 more sessions to go! Doctor and dietician were both happy with Peter's progress today. Yesterday a radiology technician told him he was coping remarkably well for someone who has had their right lung removed. We know that the prayers of many are being answered. We give thanks for the healing which is taking place, and we pray that the side effects will continue to be minimal. Fatigue is the main issue, and a diminished appetite. I hope to get to the 8am Easter Sunday service, but it will depend on how Peter is that morning. It may be easier for me to get to 10am when he will be having his morning sleep. God bless, Carol.

Elizabeth Grant is now in Coral Park at Bill Mackenzie Gardens, Burkitt Street, Page, and would welcome visitors.

Susan Joy Nevile. Happy update and the scan was goood. That means, the tumour certainly seems no bigger, may even be smaller, which suggests that the radiation/chemo HAS had an impact in slowing it down. But it also means more chemo/radiotherapy. Would appreciate visitors, but phone first.

IN THE PARISH

POSITIONS VACANT

TRACKING SHEETS AND POWERPOINTS

We are looking for two people to prepare tracking sheets and PowerPoints for the 10 am services once a month.

The liturgy content of the service is prepared by Wayne, the readings are from the Lectionary and the hymns are already chosen. What is needed is for these to be added to the tracking sheet, and when finalised the PowerPoint prepared. Training available!

If you would like to be involved in this valuable ministry please let Libby in the office know.

FRIDAY PHOTOCOPYING

We need a photocopying person for the fifth Fridays of the month, so only four times a year.

The duties involve photocopying of the Weekly Bulletin, the tracking sheets for the 10 am service and a few other light duties.

If you are able to help with this could you please let Libby in the office know.



WANTED

1. 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

2. 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.)

PALM SUNDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY GROUP READINGS

Thank you to those who have volunteered for these readings, there will be rehearsals as follows:-

PALM SUNDAY: 8am - Saturday 24
March at 4pm
10am - Saturday 24
March at 4.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY 8am - Wednesday 28
March at 7pm
10am - Wednesday 28
March at 7.30pm

More readers needed for Good Friday—there is a sign-up sheet on the board.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: **Hannah James**
Wednesday: **Hugo Walker**
Saturday: **Andrew Feitz**



AND . . .

CARD FOR BISHOP STUART

The Diocesan Office is preparing a collection of various items from Parishes to farewell Bishop Stuart. There is a Holy Covenant card at the back if you would like to sign this – we will also be collecting words from our clergy and doing a Covenant Care feature.



To all those who came to the working bee yesterday. The next working bee is Saturday 21 April.

ROSTER UNAVAILABILITY. If you are not available for roster duty during April, please mark the sheet on the roster board at the back. Rosters will be drawn up next week.

ANGLICAN NEWS for March is available from the hymn book stand.

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- Aeolus Wind Trio Concerts, with our own Jodi Petrov.
- Card from the Shermans'

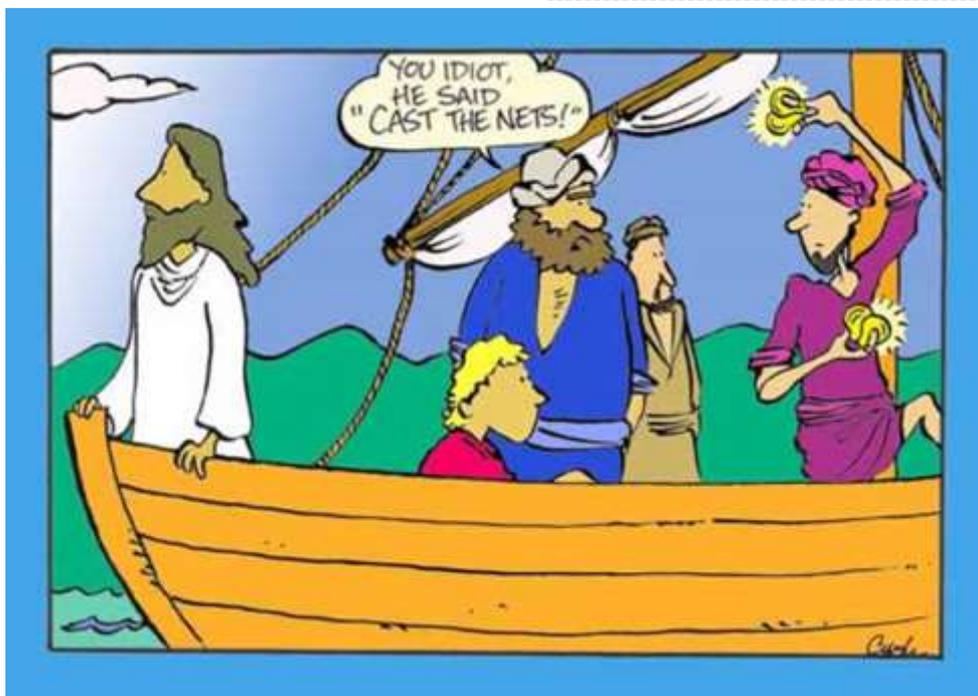
CAR FOR SALE.

2013 Honda Civic VTi, 69,000 kms, fully serviced, new tyres, very good condition, \$12,000, registered to May 2018. Has been the Parish car for two years. Previously owned by the Diocese. If you are interested, talk to Harris Boulton 6251 2078 or Paul Shelley 6251 1567

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed
3-4-5 April and 10-11-12 April

HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Email: prayervine@holycovenant.org.au
Or Rosemary Kennemore: 6251 2009;
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THE BURDEN OF MENTAL ILLNESS



Last week, St John's Care was contacted by the Department of Foreign Affairs with a complex situation. One of our clients, who we will call Simone, purchased a one-way ticket to Europe.

Simone is in her thirties and suffers from mental illness. While on the plane she realised that she had made a terrible mistake and was in a vulnerable position.

When she landed she faced minus 17 degree temperatures without appropriate clothing. She had no support networks and was in a country where she didn't speak the language. One can only imagine how isolated she felt. Simone was admitted to a psychiatric facility. This would be overwhelming for anyone, but in this situation, it would be horrendous. With her approval we were able to provide information regarding her health, mental wellbeing and financial circumstances to DFAT.

Simone is still overseas as it is a long process to get her home. We're continuing to update and provide emotional support to her mother and do what we can to assist DFAT. The complexities and challenges people face while suffering from mental illness can be debilitating. Even though we are unable to fix Simone's situation, we can provide small amounts of support to make life a little easier for herself and her mother. Simone often comments that she considers SJC a safe place and has done so for many years.

Even though we are not half way through the month, SJC has supported and assisted approximately 130 people with food, finance, information and moral support.

Thanks to recent publicity from ABC Radio Canberra we have received a number of financial and food donations from the Canberra Community. We would like to thank everyone for their generosity.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended, donated items and supported our Sri Lankan Dinner. We are pleased to report that we raised around \$2,300.00 which will go towards assisting people who are doing it tough in our community.

Wish list: One litre full cream long life milk, peanut butter, breakfast cereals, Vegemite and soap. And any general pantry items.

Sarah Murdoch
A/Executive Officer

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ♦ Pray that international sporting events might build understanding and friendship between nations and communities, and help counter racism, sexism and extremism.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ♦ Pray for the debate in Australia about taxation and financial equity, and for the Royal Commission into the Banks, that we might become a genuine commonwealth, sharing our resources according to need, not greed.

IN THE CHURCH

- ♦ Diocese of North West Australia; Yass Valley, Boorowa, and 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 pray for our Lenten Groups meeting this week.
- ♦ We pray for the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday.
- ♦ We pray for all members of our parish family including Mandy and Kevin Squair; Elizabeth St George, Alissa and Layla; Ian and Eileen Sykes; Richard Taylor, Caroline Taylor-Steele and Oliver, Tim and Pam Steele; and Michalee Thornton.
- ♦ 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, Anne Ranse and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Monday: **Joseph, husband of Mary**

Wednesday: **Thomas Cranmer, archbishop of Canterbury (died 1556)**

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)



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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 25 March 2018

Palm Sunday

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
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TODAY

SENTENCE: 'This is the covenant I will make with them,' says the Lord God: 'I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people.' Jeremiah 31.33

READINGS:

Jeremiah 31: 31-34
 Psalm 119: 9-16
 Hebrews 5: 5-14
 John 12: 20-23

8 am HYMNS



Matthias
 477
 206(254)
 331(AHB 249)
 595

PRAYER

O God, our Redeemer,
 in our weakness we have failed
 to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope:
 renew us by your Holy Spirit,
 that we may follow your commands
 and proclaim your reign of love;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Jennifer Collier and Hilary Harris	Helen and Harris Boulton
Readers	Kath Arthur Anne McDowell Rosemary Kennemore	Doreen Matters Mark Cooper-Stanbury Andrew Hill
Intercessor	Merrie Hepworth	Bruce Barnes
Organist	Kath Arthur	Ruth Dunnicliff-Hagan
Word and Prayer	Steve Daniels	Tobias Nevile
Deacon	-	-
Cup	Paul Shelley, Steve Daniels	Tobias Nevile, Vera de Vere, Doreen Matters, George Gerrity Extra bread: Anne Dudzinski
Morning Tea	Mary Lynn Mather	Elaine Gifford
Counters	Clive Rodger, Jen Collier	Mark Cooper-Stanbury, Martin Lange
Saturday 24 Mar	Cleaning: Andrew Feitz	