

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH, JAMISON

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OUR JUBILEE YEAR



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

BULLETIN

25 MARCH 2018

Palm Sunday



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 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 2-3 pm 6 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre	Tai Chi 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

NB: No midday Service Wednesday Holy Week

WEEK BEGINNING 2 APRIL 2018

Monday 2.4 .18		Easter Monday	
Tuesday 3.4..18	12.30 pm 4 pm	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Meditation Belonging and Caring Meeting
Wednesday 4.4.18	9.30 am 12 noon 2-3 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre	Tai Chi Service and byo lunch Ever Active Exercise Class
Thursday 5.4.18	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Friday 6.4.18	10 am 10 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Playgroup MOTH

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Mark 14:1-15, 27

IN MEMORY OF HER

All four gospels include a story about a woman anointing Jesus with precious ointment from an alabaster jar. Matthew, Mark and John place this incident in the last week of Jesus' life, in Bethany, just before Passover. They all include the objection that the money represented (about a year's wages for a labourer) could have been given to the poor. Indeed, this incident is presented as the catalyst for Judas to betray Jesus. (Luke's account, Luke 7: 36-50, falls into a different category. It comes much earlier in Jesus' ministry and is more about teaching on forgiveness.)

There are differences as well as parallels in the way Matthew, Mark and John tell the story. Matthew and Mark locate the event in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, and the woman is unnamed. In John's account, the incident takes place in the home of his friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus. And Mary is named as the one who anointed him.

It seems a pity to be too distracted by these apparent anomalies. It is much more interesting as well as more fruitful to look at some of the symbolism in this account, anointing, for example. In the Bible, anointing was associated with the consecration of prophets, priests and kings. At a more everyday level, it was associated with hospitality, medicine, healing and burial rites. The title of Messiah meant 'anointed one' and Jesus associates that with the Spirit's calling (Luke 4). In today's reading Jesus specifically refers to this anointing as 'being prepared beforehand for burial'.

What did this extravagant gesture mean for the woman? Did she realise intuitively that she was anointing him for burial? Was she aware that this was a prophetic gesture? Or was she just pouring out her love and gratitude to him? Or was it a mixture of both? At any rate, there is a mutuality in the giving and receiving of the gift, which is ultimately the gift of herself. What might it mean on a symbolic level that the alabaster jar must be broken open before its perfume can be released? For the woman? For Jesus? For us?

There is considerable dramatic irony in this story. For example, the oasis of beauty and intimacy of the woman's gesture and of the shared meal, compared with the gathering plot against Jesus, including the betrayal of one who had seemed to be a friend. In this story, the lovers and betrayers are all in the same room. Sometimes, perhaps always, within the same person. Later in the chapter Jesus tells the disciples that they will all desert him, despite Peter's vehement protestations that he will be the exception. And we know how that turns out.

Perhaps this week we can be more aware of both our giftedness and our capacity for betrayal.

- *Frances Mackay*

IN THE PARISH



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 1 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)

Practice, slowness, stillness, silence this week.



COMMUNITY LUNCH

Thursday 19 April

11.30 am for 12 noon

Guest Speaker: The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton
Cost \$5

There are sign up sheets on the board both for attendance and if you can bring a slice and help on the day.



Entertainment books are now available to order online
www.netbook.com.au/247m23

The cost is \$60 and Holy Covenant receives \$12 for each book we sell. Contact Hilary Harris on 6251 8166 or at the services for more details.

Entertainment books or digital memberships can be purchased now.

Early Bird Offers are available too.

See Hilary with \$60 cash or your credit card to pre-order your membership.

Please tell your friends, neighbours, work people etc.

Books arrive mid April.

GOOD FRIDAY GROUP READINGS

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

GOOD FRIDAY 8am - Wednesday 28 March at 7pm

10am - Wednesday 28 March at 7.30pm



MARK YOUR DIARIES!

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

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.

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 gooood. 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

PARISH COUNCILLOR PROFILE—TOBIAS NEVILE

I've been coming to Holy Covenant for well over a decade, - I know it was when I was in primary school. I'm now in my honours year in history at ANU, and in my third year on Parish Council.

I'm a local, having been born and raised in Canberra. While I've travelled to other places, I have a connection to this city and region, and have a deep love for this place. I love reading books, listening to music, playing board games and walking.



My spiritual journey, though in some ways younger than others, has nonetheless held many ups and downs, including great highlights like my baptism in 2013 and Godly moments on camps and retreats. I try to follow Jesus as best I can, and look to bring God's love and kindness wherever possible.

On Parish Council I aim to help give voice to the youth and young people at Holy Covenant, making sure that those groups are heard and their feelings and experiences taken into account.

THE DISCIPLINE OF REGULAR GIVING

The Bible teaches us that our giving should be a personal response to what God has given and entrusted to us.

At Holy Covenant we encourage the use of

- ♦ direct deposit into the parish's CBA account; (details below)
- ♦ the AIDF direct debit scheme; or
- ♦ weekly offering envelopes. On back table.

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today: Libby Warren,
Rhonda Thorpe, Des Pain
Thursday: Jennifer Collier, Merri Bacon



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.

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 and the Diocesan website.

Free to good home: 7-piece glass-top outdoor table and chairs - never been in weather. Cook, 6251-1735

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- Card from the Shermans'
- Ending Slavery, Forum, 27 March AC&C chapel.
- 30 March—St. John Passion St. Paul's Manuka

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

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

Sidespeople for both Services during April. Email the office or Kath Arthur—kandrarthur@gmail.com

HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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



FROM ST. JOHN'S CARE

SIMPLE ACTS CHANGE LIVES



Last week, John (not his real name) came to St John's Care to thank us for the assistance we gave him three years ago. He came to us when he was homeless, unemployed and struggling. He said he had hit rock bottom, fallen into deep depression and was of the belief that his life was never going to look better or any different.

At the time, John was moved to tears from the very simple act of a volunteer offering him a cup of coffee. No one had offered him a coffee in a very long time, nor made one for him. He was overwhelmed by this simple act of hospitality. Then he sat with the volunteer to share his story which was very important to him.

When he came that day, John received food, a sleeping bag and information about other services in the area who could assist him long-term. He said this was the beginning of a process of change for him. Over those three years, he applied for housing, was able to access Centrelink and now has a job. He attends his local Men's Shed, has friends and a social network.

To say thank you to SJC, he came with a bag of groceries, so we could assist someone else. I was very moved by John's story and the fact he took the time to pop in, say thanks and help others.

I notice in the *Canberra Times* that Australian job seekers living below the poverty line have been granted an increase to their Newstart allowance of 50 cents a day - or a total of \$7.00 to the base fortnightly payment of \$545.80. The Brotherhood of St Laurence executive director Conny Lenneberg said "You can buy very little for 50 cents a day."

So far this month SJC has supported and assisted approximately 220 people with food, financial matters, information and moral support.

We would like to thank all those who attended the working bee last Saturday. St John's Care is now looking wonderful both on the inside and outside.

Wish list: Peanut butter, tinned meat, large tuna tins and small fruits for school lunches.

Sarah Murdoch
A/Executive Officer
21/03/2018



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ◆ We continue to pray for the people of New Guinea as they are still recovering and working to repair the damage from the recent earthquake.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ We pray for stability in our governance, for a compassionate and caring response to the issues facing our country.
- ◆ We give thanks that there were no lives lost in the Tathra fires.

IN THE CHURCH

- ◆ Diocese of The Northern Territory
- ◆ Cooma; Berridale and Snowy Mountains; Southern Monaro; Cooma Correctional Centre.
- ◆ Pray for: Premier of New South Wales (Gladys Berejiklian) and Leader of the Opposition (Luke Foley), Chief Minister of the ACT (Andrew Barr) and Leader of the Opposition (Alistair Coe), and their respective Governments and the Opposition parties.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ We pray for our Lenten Groups meeting this week.
- ◆ We pray for the Holy Week Services this week.
- ◆ We pray for all members of our parish family including Rhonda Thorpe; Jenny Tompkins; Marilyn and Colin Tolano; Philip, Jane, Emily, Sarah Louisa and Matthew Trigge; Anthony, Susan, Elizabeth and Michael Troy.
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer including, Susan Joy Nevile, Peter Sherman, Dorothy Parsonage, Ross Mitchell, Elizabeth Grant, Mandy Squair, Anne Ranse and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Thursday: **Norman Kennett (d. 2005)**

Friday: **Yvonne Greening (d. 2005)**

**Hear our Prayer,
O God. †**

Prayer from Bishop Stuart, for the people of Tathra.

Almighty God, who alone created the beauty and the bounty of our land, who cares for and loves this diocese, uphold your people in Tathra and across the Bega Valley, we pray.

Please bring an end to the loss of homes, stock, fauna and property. Bring aid to the firefighters, emergency workers and disaster recovery teams who, by serving others, serve you. Give them courage and strength to persevere. Ease the winds that have spread the flames and disperse the smoke that has covered the sky.

And Lord, please bring hope to the displaced and the homeless. Keep alive - in their minds and hearts memories - the traces of that which may be lost. Remind us that through Jesus, you hold the promise of a new tomorrow.

Be a comfort and relief to all who grieve and enable us to continue in showing your love and compassion. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 1 April 2018

Easter Sunday

- 6.00 am** Lighting of the New Fire and Holy Communion
- 8.00 am** **HOLY COMMUNION**
Preacher and Celebrant: The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton
- 10.00 am** **HOLY COMMUNION**
Preacher and Celebrant: The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton



TODAY

SENTENCE: 'At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:10-11

READINGS:

Mark 11:1-11
Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Psalm 31: 9-18
Philippians 2: 5-11
Mark 14:1 to 15:27

8 am HYMNS



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PRAYER

Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross:
in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience
to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Libby Warren and Tony Willis	Sandra Ross, Graham Bonnett
Readers	Robert Arthur Kath Arthur Steve Daniels	Andrew Hill Reg Holmes Kate King
Intercessor	Paul Shelley	Merri Bacon
Organist	Mandy Squair	Clare Lawlor
Word and Prayer	Paul Shelley	Katherine Rainger
Deacon	-	-
Cup	Paul Shelley, Rhonda Thorpe	Tobias Nevile, Vera de Vere, Neville Hurst, George Gerrity Extra bread: Katherine Rainger
Morning Tea	Mandy Squair, Pam Lane	Elaine Gifford, Catherine D'Cruz
Counters	Tony Willis, Trish Barnes	Andrew Hill, Neville Hurst
Saturday 31 Mar	Cleaning: Murray/Judd Family	Flowers: Kath Arthur