

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH, JAMISON

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OUR JUBILEE YEAR

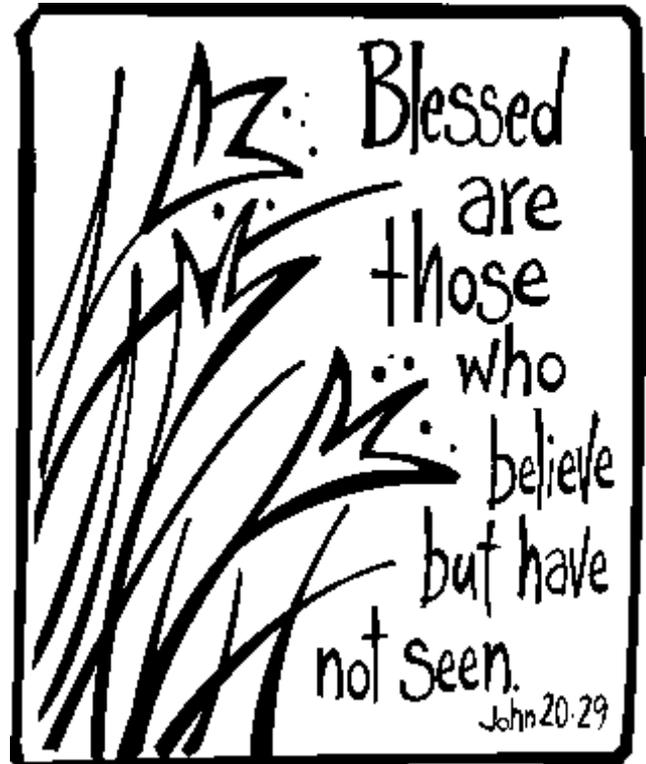


To grow in Christ together,
to equip for service,
to care for all.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

8 APRIL 2018

Second Sunday of
Easter



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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10.15 am **Youth Group Calvary Service**



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 9.4 .18	10 am	Worship Centre Kangara Waters Care Cntr Calvary Retirement Village	Covenant Care Holy Communion Holy Communion
Tuesday	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation
Wednesday 11.4.18	9.30 am 12 noon 2-3 pm 6 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Tai Chi Service and byo lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation
Thursday 12.4.18	9.30 am 4.00 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Belonging and Caring Meeting EFM
Friday 13.4.18	10 am	Worship Centre	Playgroup

WEEK BEGINNING 16 APRIL 2018

Monday 16.4 .18	9.30 am 10 am	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Crafty Crew Covenant Care
Tuesday 17.4.18	12.30 pm	Worship Centre	Meditation
Wednesday 18.4.18	9.30 am 12 noon 2-3 pm 6 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Tai Chi Service and byo lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation
Thursday 19.4.18	9.30 am 11.30 am 2 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Community lunch Book Club EFM
Saturday 21.4.18	9 am	Church Grounds	Working Bee

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HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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Or Rosemary Kennemore: 6251 2009;
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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”

These words are perhaps some of the most remarkable in all of Scripture. They speak of the very heart and nature of God as seen in Jesus Christ. The first words that the terrified and grief-stricken disciples hear from Jesus are words of reconciliation and restoration. If ever there was a moment for retribution and accusations – this was it! Instead Jesus greets them with peace and breathes the Holy Spirit on them. Jesus shows them his wounds in his hands and side: the scars of his torture remain even in his resurrection. As the innocent victim Jesus speaks peace rather than vengeance to his followers. This is a story that the world needs to hear!

Once again this resurrection account contains a mixture of emotions. Fear and joy are present. In the same way doubt and faith are also paradoxes which find a place in the story. Throughout history Thomas has been given the title “doubter.” His statement of scepticism, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand in his side, I will not believe” has echoed through the ages. We have perhaps forgotten that within his doubt was also faith – the faith to wait. Thomas remained in fellowship with the other disciples and was present a week later when Jesus again appeared to them. In this waiting, this turning up and not walking away, Jesus gives Thomas what is necessary for him to believe. Thomas responds, “My Lord and my God!”

Previously Thomas had also been faithful. He was prepared to go with Jesus to Bethany after Lazarus had died (John 11). Knowing the contention that would follow the other disciples were reluctant. Thomas said to them, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” I think most of us can identify with both these actions of Thomas. At times our devotion to Jesus knows no bounds, at other times we are more cautious. Like Thomas, I want to see the wounds of Jesus in his side and hands. For it is in these wounds that the wounds of the world are held and healed. It is also a matter of true recognition. Jesus’ physicality was ever changed by his death and resurrection; however something deeper is also at work. It is in the nature of his wounds that we can recognise the Christ.

Christ is present wherever there are innocent victims being abused, whether it is at Nauru Detention Centre or Yarmouk refugee camp in Syria. To see these wounds and respond is the challenge of the Gospel. As we live into the Easter season this deeply personal exchange between Thomas, the disciples and Jesus has universal implications. As disciples today we too receive the Spirit and are sent with a message of forgiveness and restoration.

“Peace be with you!”

**- Katherine Rainger
2015**

TATHRA BUSHFIRES EMERGENCY APPEAL



Anglican Aid has established an emergency appeal in response to the significant loss of property from bushfires in Tathra and surrounding districts. The funds will be distributed primarily by the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, and will help the diocese respond to the needs of people affected by the loss of property.

Archbishop Davies writes, "Fire and flood are sadly part of the realities of living in Australia, but being members of the body of Christ gives us responsibilities. I commend Anglican Aid for their appeal to assist those whose homes have been razed and whose lives have been turned upside down by the recent fires in their communities. Let us therefore do good to all who are affected, especially the household of faith."

The NSW Rural Fire Service has reported that 65 homes have been destroyed and 48 homes have been damaged in Tathra and surrounding districts. Local Anglicans - especially those with disaster recovery training - have been engaging with people impacted by the fires and are offering excellent pastoral care.

Acting Bishop, Trevor Edwards, has been assessing the material, emotional and spiritual needs of the affected communities. The funds raised by this appeal will be distributed accordingly.

Donations to Anglican Aid's Tathra Bushfires Appeal can be made online, by phone, mail or direct deposit using **donation slips which are on the hymn book stand.**

Online www.anglicanaid.org.au/tathra-bushfires2018

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The favourite place of God
is in the heart of man.

Yiddish Proverb

IN THE PARISH



COMMUNITY LUNCH

Thursday 19 April

11.30 am for 12 noon

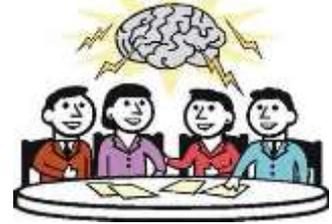
Guest Speaker: The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

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. If you have any questions please call Trish Barnes ph 6251 4354.

FROM LAST MONTH'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Your new Parish Council met last week and enjoyed a very productive meeting together. We give thanks for:



- The energy and passion that Wayne is bringing to his work. We started talking about how our parish relates – to God; to each other; to the community around us and to the various other organisations with whom we partner to be part of God's mission to the world. We'll be talking about this different relationships over the next few months, especially as we mark the 50th anniversary and think about how we want to be God's church over the next 50 years;
- The Resources team who continue to do a brilliant job looking after our physical parish resources;
- Our children's and youth worker, Elle Platt, and for all the various younger folk in our parish that inspire us;
- Rhys Thorpe who makes such a wonderful contribution to the music of the 10am service and does wonderful behind-the-scenes work on our IT.



MARK YOUR DIARIES!

- ⇒ 27 April - Drinks at Bolt Bar, Aranda
- ⇒ 18 May - Women's Dinner
- ⇒ 12 July - Community Lunch
- ⇒ 28 July - Celebration Dinner

IN THE PARISH

SAVE THE DATE PLEASE:

On **Saturday 28th July** we will have a Celebration Dinner to mark our 50th Birthday as part of a weekend of celebrations. Details of the dinner will be published shortly. In the meantime, those of you who have been here for a while or a very long while are invited to provide contact details of past Rectors or Lay Leaders so that we can send them an invitation to join the festivities.

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Please provide written details on paper or by email to Jennifer Collier (via the Office email headed for Jennifer Collier please: office@holycovenant.org.au) – or feel welcome to contact your old friends and invite them along yourself!

Entertainment books are now available to order online
www.entbook.com.au/247m3



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.

WANTED

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Any offers??



Thank You!

To **Mark Cooper-Stanbury** and **Catherine D'Cruz** for volunteering to join the Tracking-Sheet-Power-Point-Producers-team.

And to **Elaine Gifford** who is joining the Weekly Bulletin team.

We are very grateful and thank you for your willingness to commit to these tasks.

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

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

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed
10-11-12 April



BOOK TO CELEBRATE OUR JUBILEE

In the next month or two, Mary Lynn Mather plans to listen to people's stories so we can shape them into a book to celebrate our jubilee year.

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The focus for the potential publication will be around thankfulness. Mary Lynn hopes to collect stories from current and previous parishioners and perhaps clergy. Ideally these will relate to an element of thankfulness for something, whether it is a characteristic or an event or an activity or a period of worship. It's about a time at Holy Covenant that the person values or treasures and wishes to share with readers.

Anyone who is interested in arranging a time to chat in person can call or email Mary Lynn. The best number is (02) 6253 4191 (you can leave a message); or you can email : marylynn@iinet.net.au

AND . . .



LITTLE TREASURES

Holiday programme
for children with special needs

Embracing Ministries is excited to offer Little Treasures, an all inclusive Christian Holiday Program for Primary school children. We have spaces for 12 children with special needs, and with our partnership with Scripture Union ACT we are able to offer 17 spaces for siblings and mainstream children.

We will start the program on Sunday 15th April from 2pm-3.30pm. This is a time for families to have the opportunity to meet and get to know leaders before the program starts and for leaders to get to know the children.

16th-18th April from 9am-2.30pm will be a three day Christian program.

The theme and stories will be Celebrating Easter. Each day will have a different part of the story. We will end the program with an end of program service at 2pm on the 18th April. Together we will celebrate the gift of all people being welcome to the banquet table together.

The program will be at Radford Collage in the ELC. Registrations are open from the 7th March. Forms can be found on our webpage embracingministries.org under resources.

Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone who may find this program a blessing.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact me

Reverend Andrea de Vaal Horciu
Director of Embracing Ministries &
Disability chaplain for Anglicare and Malkara Specialist school

Volunteers, food and donations needed



On Tuesday, Robbie (not his real name) came to St John's Care requesting a little food for the week. Whilst speaking with the volunteer, she realised that he could perhaps do with some extra assistance.

She asked if there were other areas where we could assist, e.g. financial or general information. Robbie looked confused, took a deep breath, and said, "Yes. I have a staggering phone bill and I need to get to Centrelink, but it is a long walk." He was in his 50's and was not as fit as he once was. The volunteer explained that we could provide a few bus tickets to make the travel easier, as well as some assistance with his phone bill.

Robbie was shocked and said, "This will fix everything!" He explained that he was at risk of being cut off from Centrelink and that his phone bill debt was just getting bigger. He knew it was the wrong thing to do, but he was planning to skip his Centrelink meeting and not pay the phone bill, because everything was getting too hard. Now everything seemed more manageable.

Anglicare is looking for a driver to assist with the collection and delivery of emergency food relief items during their Annual Pantry Appeal, which runs during the winter period. Through the Pantry Appeal, donations of non-perishable food and essential living items are received, with a significant amount of the food coming to St John's Care.

The role involves working for 4 hours per day, 1-2 days a week, for 2 months. Saturdays may be required. A current driver's licence is essential. If you think this may be something you would be interested in and would like to know more, Anglicare would love to hear from you. Phone: (02) 6245 7118 or email: volunteers@anglicare.com.au

The good news is SJC has received an increase, both in financial donations and food in the past month. I would like to deeply thank everyone for their generosity and assistance. However, in saying this, there is still a high demand. So, if you are in a situation to donate or are able to organise a collection from your workplace, parish, school or community group; our clients would greatly appreciate your generosity.

Wish list: Soup, full cream long life milk, tinned meat, breakfast cereals, biscuits, 500 ml tomato sauce.

Sarah Murdoch
A/Executive Officer

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ♦ We pray for the countries coping with extreme weather conditions and for international response.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ♦ We give thanks for the spirit of inclusiveness demonstrated at the Commonwealth Games and pray that it will engender continuing good relationships.

IN THE CHURCH

- ♦ Diocese of Bunbury, St John's Canberra, St John's Care, Sutton Road Mission District: Radford College, Anglican Schools Commission
- ♦ Pray for: The work of Christian education in all schools, and for the continuing development of accessible schools in the Diocese. Ministry to post-secondary students.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ♦ We pray for the Youth Group helping at the Calvary Service this morning.
- ♦ We pray for the people from the parish travelling with Margaret Campbell on the Cathedral pilgrimage—Roger and Rika Amos, Mel Clark, Beth Heyde, Doreen Matters, Brian McGuinness, Elizabeth Sillano.
- ♦ We pray for all members of our parish family including Janet Williams, Joan Williams, Tony Willis, Lexie Winders, Robert and Kath Arthur, Merri Bacon and Bruce and Bev Barnes.
- ♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer including, Susan Joy Nevile, Peter Sherman, Dorothy Parsonage, Ross Mitchell, Elizabeth Grant, Anne Ranse and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Wednesday: George Augustus Selwyn, first missionary bishop of New Zealand (d. 1878)

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 – 15 April 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

8.00 am

HOLY COMMUNION

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TODAY

SENTENCE: 'Peace be with you,' says the Lord. 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' John 20.21

READINGS:

Acts 4: 32-37
 Psalm 133
 1 John 1:1 to 2:2
 John 20: 19-31

8 am HYMNS - Dudman

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PRAYER

Risen Christ,
 whose absence leaves us in despair
 but whose presence is overwhelming:
 breathe on us with your abundant life,
 that where we cannot see
 we may have courage to believe
 that we may be raised with you.
Amen.



Peace be to you!

	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Jennifer Collier, Hilary Harris	Reg Holmes, Jey Hoole
Readers	Robert Arthur Jennifer Collier Anne Ranse	Phyl Holmes Reg Holmes Mark Cooper-Stanbury
Intercessor	Katherine Rainger	George Gerrity
Organist	Kath Arthur	Ruth Dunnicliff-Hagan
Word and Prayer	Paul Shelley	Joh Sheehan
Deacon	Anne Ranse	-
Cup	Paul Shelley, Anne Ranse	Phyl Holmes, George Gerrity
Morning Tea	Paul and Heather Shelley	Youth Group
Counters	David Kennemore, Rod Menzies	Mark Cooper-Stanbury, Graham Bonnett
Saturday 14 Apr	Cleaning: Kath Arthur,	Flowers: Jen Collier