



HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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to equip for service
to care for all

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

23 SEPTEMBER 2018

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**



Welcome to our worship and fellowship today! You are warmly invited to share Communion with us, either by drinking from the cup or dipping the wafer in the chalice, or to come forward for a blessing.

Reflection after Communion – feel free to light a prayer candle in the Chapel at the back of the Church following Communion.



Please join us for morning tea after the Services

TODAY IN THE PARISH

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
Celebrant and Preacher:
The Venerable Dr. Wayne Brighton

10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION, Children's Church and Youth Group
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5.00 pm SOUL FOOD CONVERSATION.
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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 24.09.18	10.00 am	Worship Centre Kangara Waters Care Cntr Calvary Retirement Village	Covenant Care Holy Communion Holy Communion
Tuesday 25.09.18	12.30 pm	Worship Centre Chapel	Meditation
Wednesday 26.09.18	9.30 am 12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Tai Chi Holy Communion and byo lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation
Thursday 27.09.18	9.30 am 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Scrabble EFM Parish Council Meeting
Friday 28.09.18	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Rainbow Playgroup

WEEK BEGINNING 1 OCTOBER 2018

Monday 1.10.18		PUBLIC HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 2.10.18	12.30 pm 4.00 pm	Worship Centre Chapel Rainbow Centre	Meditation Belonging and Caring Meeting
Wednesday 3.10.18	9.30 am 12 noon 2.00 pm 6.00 pm	Worship Centre Worship Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Tai Chi Holy Communion and byo lunch Ever Active Exercise Class Meditation
Thursday 4.10.18	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble EFM
Friday 5.10.18	10.30 am	Rainbow Centre	MOTH

HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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ON WISDOM AND THE CROSS

All language is symbolic. Yet some words are bigger receptacles and carry a greater load.

Calling Peter, 'Satan,' is an example. The phrase 'take up your cross and follow me' is another. We have to do some work to make sense of what is proposed. This passage in Mark 8 (and the reading today) puts Jesus' firmly within the Wisdom tradition. He is saying that the Saviour will save by becoming the victim, honour will be won through the shame of crucifixion, greatness and power will be expressed through service, having will be secured by giving and life will be gained by dying. Wisdom is never easily defined, and even in its most imminent, it is hidden within the mystery of a person, Jesus. Yet see here, 'the life-giving power of unconditional love through sacrifice is wisdom in its most confronting'*. God's Wisdom turns logic on its head.

We see it clearly in today's gospel. Jesus is once again framing his Messiahship around his own death. He confronts human preoccupation with the numbers of winning (who is first, me or you?) and responds by placing a young child at his feet. 'This', Jesus says, 'is the greatness you should aspire to.'

I offer three extrapolations to assist making sense of 'taking up your cross'.

Let go of our addiction to death

We are addicted to patterns of death. Turn away from them or we will walk headlong over the edge. We make physical beauty a value; we cherish acquiring and possessing things and use them to prove our worth; material profit precedes and trumps ethical endeavour; our ego is trapped by envy and fear, shaping our choices and turning us against others.

Love

Choose love. Love is patient and kind, it is not envious, boastful, arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way (1 Cor13). Let the love this is in Jesus be in you, and regard others as better than yourselves, look not to your own interests but the interests of others. Empty yourself and serve the best interests of the other (Phil 2). Love. Even though love is a death ... a death of ego and the false self. In this love there is a power that is greater than death. Take up this love.

Change and become like a child

Unless you let go of all self-entitlement, and receive your value only as a gift from God the Father, your greatness will amount to nothing.

In the Wisdom of God, take up your cross and
be released from our embrace with death;
love, love the other, even though love is a death;
become like a child, receiving our worth from God.

* <https://www.georgebrowning.com.au/blog/homo-sapiens-really>

IN THE PARISH

COMMUNITY LUNCH Thursday 11 October

11.30 for 12 noon—Cost \$5

Guest Speaker: Rod Menzies on "The Big Fish"



Come and hear the story of the famous Blue Mountains Commuter Train 'The Big Fish', which became an institution and whose service spans more than 150 years.

Please invite any others in our community, especially those who may feel isolated and may appreciate a nice lunch, some fellowship and a great keynote speaker.

We have sign up sheets for:

- Attending
- Offers of making slices (including gluten free)
- Able to assist at the lunch



FROM MAURICE.

A very warm thank you to everyone who celebrated Susan Joy's life at her funeral service last week, and particularly to those who gave practical and creative support or provided refreshments. You made it a fitting farewell for her, a service of colour, creativity, light, life and love, just as she'd hoped. We are confident that Susan Joy would have been happy with the service, not least because she planned much of it herself! It was wonderful to see so many people place a piece of fabric on her casket, and the resulting 'quilt' was a beautiful gift which remained with her. As a family we've been encouraged and sustained by so many kind comments and wishes at this deeply sad time.

MOVIE NIGHT - FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER 6.30 9.00pm
"THE SHACK" (M)

After suffering a family tragedy, Mack Phillips spirals into a deep depression that causes him to question his innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers led by a woman named Papa.

Please bring finger food to share.

THE FETE PAGE

PARISH MINI FETE
Saturday 3 November
UPDATE and BRAINSTORMING
MEETING

TODAY 11.15am in the Worship Centre.

Preparation is under way for Saturday 3 November (9.30 – 1.30)

How you can help:

OFFER

- To assist with PUBLICITY – radio etc
- Some **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES** / ideas
- To manage a CAKE STALL
- To work with Reg Holmes on a treasures stall

COLLECT

- **BOOKS, DVDs, CDs but don't bring them yet**
- Jewellery, accessories, ornaments, **gift items, 'treasures'**

KEEP POTTING plants + bring medium empty pots

MARK your diary, keep the day free

COME to an ideas meeting TODAY, 11.15

CONTACT Elaine Gifford gifford246@bigpond.com with your thoughts.

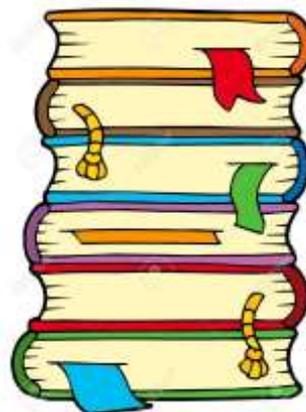
PLANT STALL

Have you got a green thumb? Are you tidying up your garden for winter? Now is an ideal time to pot up plants such as those extra strawberry runners, hydrangea, geraniums, rosemary and corea prunings etc and get them off to a great start. Alternatively, you might be contemplating dividing that clump of iris, lamb's tails, or hellebore. These and many others would also be well established by November and make tempting purchases.

BOOK STALL

The Book Stall Conveners have requested no magazines, or out of date technology.

Books to be left after 14th October.



IN THE PARISH



WHAT IS RAINBOW FELLOWSHIP?

We could call it our Disability Fellowship but a better way of describing our members is Differently Abled. We come from a variety of perspectives created by our respective physical and/or intellectual impairments. These strong different perspectives make our time together both interesting and challenging.

This ministry has been happening for several years now on the first Sunday afternoon of each month. About 12 adults and one dog attend, supported by either a family member or a paid support worker (funded generally through the NDIS). We are keen to see our group grow, and welcome anyone who may wish to join us.

We open with prayer, share news, hear and consider a Bible story before moving onto a craft activity and arvo tea. We enjoy activities together including planting cuttings for the fete, trips to the National Botanic Garden and, the occasional barbecue down at the lake. In December we join with the Holt church's JAFFA group for a Christmas lunch. Gatherings finish with an individual set prayer for everyone attending.

Anne Ranse, Ken Wedgwood, Judith Ann and Anne Dudzinski think it's a great afternoon. But we are a small team, and would welcome others to join us. You will find an opportunity to come to understand a new perspective, and to see life through the eyes of another. It is a chance to make new friends who are enthusiastic in their welcoming, and keen for you to join them in Fellowship.

Calling all EFM Alumni and those interested in EFM Join us for our Atonement Interlude



All EFM Alumni and others who might be interested. The second Interlude study this year is on the book:

Transformed Lives: Making Sense of Atonement Today,
Cynthia S.W. Crysedale.

We will be meeting in the Rainbow Centre at Holy Covenant on Thursdays 4 and 11 October at 7:30pm.

If you would like join us please let Merri Bacon (merri.bacon@bigpond.com.au) know and come along with your book for this two week interlude

We welcome all EFM Alumni or those interested in joining EFM to attend for this two weeks with the Holy Covenant and St Paul's Manuka EFM groups.

AND

EMBRACING MINISTRIES TRADING POST

Decluttering?

If your decluttered items have some life in them, they may be attractive to other parishioners and at the same time help Embracing Ministries. The idea is that you advertise them on the noticeboard and any proceeds go to Embracing Ministries.

(No items to be left in the church.) See David Clark for more details.

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NEW GREEN BIN

Now that green bin collections have started in Belconnen, the parish has acquired one and it is parked with the other bins to the left of the kitchen door (outside the multipurpose room).

The green bin is for **garden waste only** including spent flowers, etc. (It is not to be used for kitchen waste.)



Barry Pogson is raising funds for Cerebral Palsy and getting a bit fitter by doing Steptember. If you want to donate please click on

<https://event.steptember.org.au/donateto/64d7664b-256f-4737-8faf-4b86352fd9df>

UNAVAILABLE FOR ROSTER IN OCTOBER?

Don't forget to mark the Unavailability sheet on the Roster Board. October rosters will be made up this week.

September Anglican News is now available:

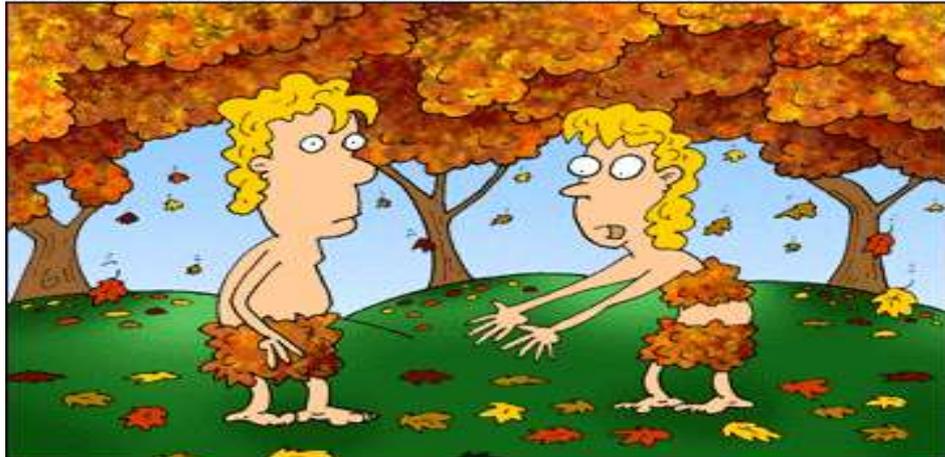
<http://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/>

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Friday: John Body
Saturday: Roger Hallows



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WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?

10-06-2006

Paying bills twice causes hardship



Last week, a young mum, Kate (not her real name), came into St John's Care with her 2-year-old daughter to get some food as she is finding life hard at the moment. One of our wonderful volunteers realised that they hadn't eaten all day and made them a sandwich, a cup of tea and asked what assistance they needed.

It transpired that Kate has always been a single mum and suffers from schizophrenia with psychotic episodes. This means that when Kate is having an episode she becomes very paranoid about everything. She would go to online banking and pay bills that were set up as a direct debits. Consequently, because of her behavior, she often doesn't have enough money in her account and is charged 'insufficient funds' fees.

The volunteer discussed with Kate the possibility of going to Care Financial for financial counselling, support and information. She also referred Kate to Steph, our Community Worker, because the young mum had complex issues.

On talking with Kate, Steph discovered she had too many insufficient fund and administration fees charged on her gas and electric bills. She rang ActewAGL, with Kate's consent, to find out why. They explained that if a direct debit is rejected due to insufficient funds, they charge fees, even though the account is in credit. Steph then explained about Kate's illness and how she didn't trust direct debits. ActewAGL was understanding and restructured her bills so that they are more manageable. She suggested to Kate she write herself a note to remind herself of that when she is unwell. Kate thought this was a brilliant idea as she is aware of her forgetfulness, when unwell.

Kate receives a disability pension because of her schizophrenia but doesn't receive any National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) support. She told Steph that she "finds it all too complicated". Steph suggested that she bring in the form, so she could help her complete and submit it. Kate was so relieved to finally have an advocate who could help her.

She mentioned that because she is on her own she is finding it difficult to afford some of the essentials such as car rego and a new fridge. She also has an outstanding loan that she needed to get on top of.



Steph was able to tell Kate about the Anglicare No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS), which offers no interest loans to people who cannot access mainstream credit. Kate was overjoyed that at last she may be able to get on top of her finances and stop herself from slipping further into poverty.

Wish List: tinned fruit, 100g coffee, 1 litre Vegetable stock

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ◆ We pray for serious attention by those in power to tackle the threat of climate change, and for all who are currently suffering from extreme weather around the world.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ We pray for Christians in Federal, State and local governments, for discernment in policy-making as to how the gospel can be applied for the common good.

IN THE CHURCH

- ◆ Diocese of Tasmania; South Wagga Wagga; Community of the Redeemer, Ashmont; Ashmont Community Resources Centre; and the Forrest Centre, Wagga Wagga.
- ◆ The bereaved and those who care for them.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ We pray for the Parish Council meeting this week and for the preparations for the Fete.
- ◆ We pray for all members of our parish family including Robert and Kath Arthur; Merri Bacon; Bruce and Bev Barnes; Trish Barnes; John and Kathryn Body; Graham Bonnett; Harris, Helen, and Tanya Boulton.
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer including, Dorothy Parsonage, Elizabeth Grant, Lexie Winders and Joan Williams and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Tuesday: Sergius of Moscow, abbot and teacher (d. 1392)

Wednesday: Lancelot Andrewes, bishop of Winchester (d. 1626)

Thursday: Vincent de Paul, priest, worker with the poor (d. 1660)

ON THE NOTICEBOARD

- Diocesan Involvement in the National Redress Scheme.
- Anglican Church Calendar
- CMS summer School
- The Bible and the Environment, Breakfast Talk, Sat 29 Sept. St. Barnabas, Charnwood.

- Christians for an Ethical Society—Dinner Forum 10 October. Hugh Mackay OA

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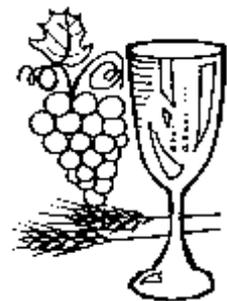
DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
Preacher and Celebrant:
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10.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
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5.00 pm **SOUL FOOD CONVERSATION**



TODAY

SENTENCE:

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.
Mark 9:35

READINGS:

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3: 1-12
Mark 9: 30 - 37



8 am HYMNS - Dudman

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PRAYER

God and father of all,
you have taught us through your Son
that the last shall be first,
and have a little child the measure of your kingdom;
give us the wisdom from above,
so that we may understand that in your sight
the one who serves is the greatest of all.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
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
Sidespersons	Kerin and Brian Cox	Merri Bacon, Reg Holmes
Readers	Kerin Cox Tony Willis Anne Ranse	Andrew Hill Mark Copper-Stanbury Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Paul Shelley	Anne Dudzinski
Organist	Mandy Squair	Clare Lawlor
Word and Prayer	Paul Shelley	Katherine Rainger
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse -
Cup	Paul Shelley Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse, Tobias Nevile, Mark Cooper-Stanbury, Anne Dudzinski Extra bread: Katherine Rainger
Morning Tea	Mandy Squair, Pam Lane	Judith Ann Daniells, Catherine D'Cruz
Children's Church		Pauline and Jenny M/Tea: Phyl Holmes
Counters	Robert Arthur, Jen Collier	Mark Cooper-Stanbury, Reg Holmes
Sat 29 September	Cleaning: Murray/Judd Family ₁₂	Flowers: Jen Collier