



HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

28 OCTOBER 2018

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

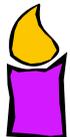


Rabboni, I want to see



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. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available on request.

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

Preacher and Celebrant:
The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

10.00 am

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5.00 pm

SOUL FOOD CONVERSATION

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 29 .10. 18	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Wednesday 30.10.18	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 1.11.18	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
Friday 2.11.18	10.00 am 10.30 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Play Group MOTH
Saturday 3.11.18	9.30 am to 1.30 pm	Church and grounds	Spring Fete

WEEK BEGINNING 5 NOVEMBER 2018

Monday 5 .11. 18	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
Tuesday 6.11.18	4.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	Belonging and Caring meeting
Wednesday 7.11.18	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 8.11.18	9.30 am	Rainbow Centre	Scrabble
Friday 9.11.18	10.00 am 10.30 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Play Group MOTH

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from 11 to 30 October while Libby is on leave.

HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

MARK 10: 46-52

BLIND BARTIMAEUS

Bartimaeus was stuck in life. His opinions were reduced to a very few. He could find no way out of his dilemma. He was making the best of his situation but was stuck in desperation 'sitting by the road side.' I wonder how much Bartimaeus mirrors our lives. Blind or sighted, hearing or not, physically challenged and physically blessed, all of us are challenged and tested by the frailties and failings in our lives. All of us become too easily stuck! We too have felt like we have exhausted all options. We know what it is like to be 'sitting by the roadside' in desperation because we are for whatever reason unable to do otherwise.

But when Bartimaeus heard it was Jesus of Nazareth passing by he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, son of David have mercy on me?' Was it a brother beggar who told him Jesus was passing by? Perhaps a sighted paralytic or was it a chance word from someone in the crowd, a scrap of conversation from others passing by? I wonder, where was 'the church in this particular speaking of the words of life?' Where are our congregations in telling the stories of those stuck beside the road? Where are you and I in speaking words of healing and hope that point to Jesus? Bartimaeus heard because someone spoke. He had been listening for a long time for someone who would speak the truth.

Faith always comes through hearing. Do you remember how you came to faith? Remember who first spoke to you of Jesus and you felt and heard the first spark of faith ignite? The words of Bartimaeus were loud and clear. 'Jesus Son of David have mercy on me.' Such bold asking is at the very heart of faith. Jesus spoke to the disciples and said, 'call him here.' He could have spoken directly to Bartimaeus but he knew the need of others to do the calling, to be involved.

When Jesus stopped for Bartimaeus it started his life again. He was stuck by the roadside but now saw his life in a new and exciting way as a disciple, a follower of Christ. Jesus changed desperation into discipleship. Because Jesus stopped, life started.

Jesus stops us and sets us on the road to living for ourselves and for others. He stops us in the faces of the poor, the questions of suffering, the demands of those stuck on the roadside of life. Jesus stops us in the person of the homeless and the hungry and starts us living our life for others.

Are you living a life for Christ? Do those around you ever hear you in conversations of faith or are you perhaps stuck and sitting by the roadside? God still stops to touch our deepest need, to transform our desperation into discipleship. 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.'

- *Archdeacon Anne*

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Energy, enthusiasm and engagement were just a few of the things that came out of our parish planning morning last Saturday, 13 October. This positive start reflects how our process is a little different to those adopted in previous years.

The first step happened on Sept 22 when we began to think about why Holy Covenant exists and what gift we have been given to share with the world around us. We reflected on the reality that churches are meant to be places where everyone can learn to be disciples who reflect the life of Jesus together. Craig and David from the Cascade Network helped us greatly.

Our planning day was the second step. With the help of John Body, a member of the 8am congregation and director of Thinkplace, we began to see how Holy Covenant helps others to learn the life of discipleship along four relational dimensions - UP into God, IN or fellowship with each other, OUT into the world, and WITH by considering how we work with others to see God's kingdom become a reality.

From the past, we sought to envisage a new future together. We began to discuss our hopes and dreams for the future. This opened us up to considering we might better attend to the needs of those within our congregations and how we might work with others to see God's Kingdom of justice, compassion and humility realised in our neighbourhoods.

Many of us saw that our deep relationship with God through worship and the Deep Dive programs are great strengths of the parish. We also recognised how the Holistic Care Nursing Ministry helps us to go out into the community to make a real difference to people's lives.

At the same time, we recognised that there are other things that need to be planted and developed. More opportunities for friendship and hospitality between members are needed. Similarly, new opportunities for families, young adults and people from diverse backgrounds to discover the freedom and new life that comes by learning about God need further development. Many realised that these are often things that come by working with others and so many want to explore partnerships with others in our corner of Canberra.

So what we might realistically do to help these opportunities blossom in 2019? That is our next step which we will begin to discuss towards the end of November. Recordings of the day with Craig and Dave and notes from the day with John are available on our website. Everyone is invited to join in this process as together we discover God's dream for us together in the city of Belconnen.

- *Wayne Brighton*

IN THE PARISH

MAN OVER BOARD!!!! Help!! The Crafty Crew has lost Crew members and we need to recruit/shanghai helpers. **There is one more meeting on 19th Nov. 9.30-noon and need to make more cards for Anglicare.** Good company, delicious morning tea. Bring a pair of scissors to cut paper - everything else provided and I promise to leave the Cat O' nine tails at home! - Gillian Painter
Contact : gillian.painter@hotmail.com or 6253 1058.



THE JUBILEE BOOK, is starting to take shape, but more contributions would be most welcome. Here are some suggestions to help:



- ◆ Why did you first come to HC?
- ◆ What made you stay?
- ◆ Who are the most unforgettable characters you recall at HC?
- ◆ What is the funniest thing you recall happening at HC?
- ◆ What sermons linger in your memory? Why?

One paragraph—3 to 4 sentences is a good length.

Email your contributions to: David Clark: mdclark@grapevine.net.au,
Mary Lyn Mather: mlmather5@bigpond.com



Holy Communion. Some members of our congregation have difficulty receiving wine at Holy Communion for personal reasons. We are trialling a dipping cup with grape juice for those who would like to receive a non-alcoholic option. Please indicate to the person with the small cup if you'd prefer this option.

PORCH OVER KITCHEN DOOR

Parish Council has agreed to a proposal from the Resources Team to erect a long-needed porch over the kitchen door. As this door is the main entry for out-of-hours access by parishioners and hirers, the porch will provide some shelter from the weather and it will also protect the door from weather damage. The porch will be architecturally sympathetic with the existing building design. We have paid a deposit and construction will take place in November.

We have already received two donations for this project. If you are interested in donating, you can transfer the funds directly into the parish's CBA account (details in the WB) – use your surname and “porch” as the reference. Any enquiries to Paul Shelley, Bob Arthur or Harris Boulton.

THE FETE PAGES

FETE NEWS

COME, 9.30—1.30, Saturday 3 November.

BRING family, friends.

FETE ... **SPREAD THE WORD...FETE**
Saturday 3 November
9.30—1.30

LEAFLETS

Please keep distributing leaflets.

TALK

Tell your friends / family / neighbours / colleagues about the Fete. For example:

- **Plants** include a range of locally grown hardy perennials, natives, ground covers, vegetables and herbs. Be early not to miss the heirloom tomatoes, including Brandywine, Siberian and Rouge de Marmande.
- Come on Saturday for a big **White Elephant sale; Treasures; Books; Sausage Sizzle; Children's Activities; Café**

USE SOCIAL MEDIA to spread the word



BOOKS

Yes, keep them coming, both **BOOKS** and DVDs..

There's still time for some culling at your place!

BOOKS



COVENANT CAFÉ

To make the Café a success and share the load, Phyl needs:

- **ASSISTANCE** in kitchen and waiting on tables — talk to Phyl or see the sign-up sheet
- **Promises of FOOD** - slices, small cakes, cookies — also write on a sign-up sheet

FETE NEWS

PLANTS

Reminder: plants will be in the labyrinth area

If you need to bring your plant contributions before fete day, they can be placed outside, right near the sanctuary glass. There is NO watering service!

Any names or information on or with the plants would be helpful, even if very brief, eg 'hardy groundcover'

On Saturday from 8.30am there will be an unloading zone near the Parish Office (opposite the Rainbow Centre). Please minimise your time there.

WHITE ELEPHANT



Contributions will be received on Friday afternoon 1—6 pm

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



If you have Skittles / Ten Pin Bowling Games or Quoits you could lend for the Fete, please contact Katherine

Rainger 0401 142 851 or k_rainger@hotmail.com

CAKES and JAMS

People love home-made goodies, so bake if you can and bring on the day (with ingredients shown).



Chocolate cake?
Cupcakes? Gingerbread? M&M biscuits?
Teacakes? Yes, anything easy for you.

AND THERE'S MORE . . .

Education for Ministry (EFM) at Holy Covenant in 2019

Next year we'd love to invite anyone interested in participating in EFM at Holy Covenant to take the plunge and join us.



We've got a great group currently comprising members from parishes other than Holy Covenant and would love to see some returnees and new candidates to join our group. We meet weekly during school terms, usually in the Rainbow Centre and it's a time to explore our faith and theology in ways that will help us as we participate in the life of the church.

Our mentors are Nich Hills from Christ Church Hawker and Merri Bacon from Holy Covenant. If you are interested in learning more about EFM please speak to Merri Bacon (6251 1110, merri.bacon@bigpond.com) or to others in the congregation who have taken part in EFM in previous years.

TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER, 7PM
St. John's Church Hall

Organised by and to support St. John's Care.
BYO drinks and nibbles

\$50 per table (up to 8 people)
Or \$10 per person

More details on notice board.

HAWKER MEN'S LUNCHEON FORUM

Monday 12 November
11.45am - 2pm

Birrigai Café, Kangara Wates,
2 Joy Cummings Place, Belconnen

\$27 per head.

"What men need—beside sheds!"

More details on the Notice Board.

ACCC Quiet Day 17th November:

Acclaimed theologian Sarah Bachelard will lead this Quiet Day at the Chambers Pavilion, ACCC, 9.30am to 3pm: *Experiencing God: What does it mean to experience God? How do we know it's 'God' we're experiencing?* This day focuses on the contemplative awareness of God and how we deepen our receptivity for this encounter. Cost \$25 per person (cash only on arrival). Registrations from 9am. Morning tea provided. BYO lunch. RSVP appreciated by 12th November to Alice-Anne Macnaught aamacnaught@iinet.net.au 0414 790 201.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday: Aidan Judd,
Clive Rodgers

Tuesday: Ian Matters



FROM ST. JOHN'S CARE

WE ARE GEARING UP FOR CHRISTMAS

St John's Care provide a significant amount of support to people in the lead up to Christmas. We offer a range of programs to support those in Canberra who are doing it tough.

Our Present Room opens on Tuesday 4th of December and runs until Friday 14th December. We are still in need of toys for older children and gift cards for teenagers. If you can help, your donations will be gratefully appreciated. In the coming months, we will be putting together our Christmas Hampers. In previous years we have provided 300 hampers and this year we are hoping to provide more. A troop of Sea Scouts have kindly volunteered to pack the hampers and assist in preparation. This will take place on the Wednesday 28th November. We will need all Christmas donations on site by Monday 26th November.

Plans are well under way for our Christmas Day lunch which will run from 12 noon until 1.30pm. If you know someone who would like to participate as a volunteer, please encourage them to call the office. I am still taking names for volunteers for the day, but places are filling up fast.

SJC often meet with clients with very complex problems and it is always amazing when we see them change in front of our eyes. Recently, I had a call from a young man, who we will call Roger. He was escaping domestic violence, had been homeless and was now living in a private rental unit. Roger had recently lost his job after going on leave for stress and anxiety.

When Roger came into the Centre he had not eaten for several days. His unit had no furniture, no cooking equipment and no food. The volunteers were able to provide him with immediate food, extra groceries, linen, crockery, cutlery and bedding. He also needed assistance with a major bill and SJC was able to make a small contribution towards this. Roger was overwhelmed with the kindness and was visibly transformed. He came later that day and said he felt so much better after he had eaten and had some things in his unit. We referred him to St Vincent de Paul to help with household goods.

This is a wonderful example of how SJC use the money and in-kind goods which our generous supporters donate. Most clients don't need all the services at once. However, Roger did and for him, receiving these items and the love that came with them was life-changing.

We thought we would give you some number to see what we did last month:

- 374 families came into the Centre
- 48 scripts were provided
- 36 transport tickets given
- 29 families given support with utility bills



Wish List: Christmas pudding, pouring custard and tinned fruit.

Kind Regards, Jason Haines, Programs Manager

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

IN THE WORLD

- ◆ We pray for the peoples of the world, for harmony, justice and peace.



IN AUSTRALIA

- ◆ We pray for this land and it's people, for tolerance, compassion and integrity.
- ◆ We give thanks for the recent rain and pray for the generous response from around the country for the farming communities who are suffering.

IN THE CHURCH

- ◆ Province of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.
- ◆ Anglicare Australia; Basement Ministries; Synergy Youth; and Synergy Camping Coordinator.
- ◆ Specialist youth ministry teams as they speak with parishes and more generally for Peace in the world, for interreligious engagement and for the challenge of climate change and energy sources.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ◆ We pray for our Spring Fete next Saturday - for all who are working towards it and that it will be a good outreach into the community.
- ◆ We pray for all members of our parish family including Georgina and Andrew Dudzinski; Sue Dunbar; Alan and Bea Duncan; Ruth Durie; and Wendy, Bec and Jono Elkhuisen.
- ◆ We pray for those in special need of prayer including, Joan Williams, Dorothy Parsonage, Elizabeth Grant, Lexie Winders, and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Tuesday: Florence Olsen (d. 1995)

Thursday: Arthur Olsen (d.2005)

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 – 4 NOVEMBER 2018

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
Preacher and Celebrant:
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10.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
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3.30 pm **RAINBOW FELLOWSHIP**

5.00 pm **SOUL FOOD CONVERSATION**



TODAY

SENTENCE:

The redeemed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads. Isaiah 51.11

READINGS:

Job 42: 1-6, 10-17
 Psalm 34: 1-8
 Hebrews 7: 21-28
 Mark 10: 46-52



8 am HYMNS - Dudman

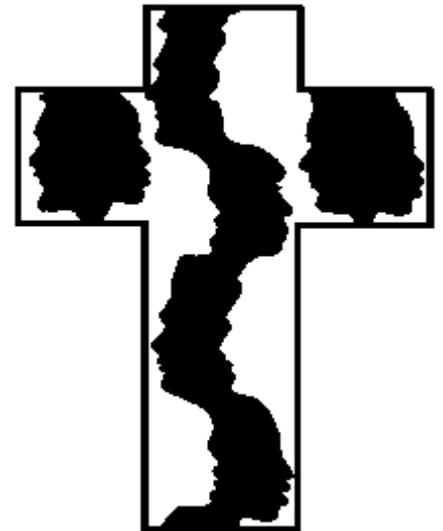
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PRAYER

O God, you give light to the blind and the sorrowing, and in your Son you have given us a high Priest who has offered the true sacrifice for us and who is able to sympathise with us in our weakness.

Hear the cry of your people
 And lead us home to our true country,
 Where with your Son and the Holy Spirit
 You live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting.

AMEN



	8.00 am	10.00 am
Sidespersons	Jennifer Collier, Tony Willis	Sandra Ross, Graham Bonnett
Readers	Anne McDowell Rosemary Kennemore Anne Ranse	Sandra Ross Mark Cooper-Stanbury Anne Ranse
Intercessor	Merrie Hepworth	George Gerrity
Organist	Kath Arthur	Leanne Parker Antill
Word and Prayer	Paul Shelley	Connie Gerrity
Deacon	Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse
Cup	Paul Shelley Anne Ranse	Anne Ranse, George Gerrity, Doreen Matters, Mark Copper- Stanbury Extra bread: Connie Gerrity
Morning Tea	Mandy Squair, Pam Lane	Prue Wedgwood, Catherine D'Cruz
Children's Church		Karen Bisley, Pauline Lovitt
Counters	Jen Collier, Trish Barnes	Nilantha Hulugalle, Martin Lange
Sat 3 November	Cleaning: Andrew Feitz	Flowers: Wendy Ward