



# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH JAMISON

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

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YEARS

2 DECEMBER 2018

*Advent*  
A Season of Hope & Expectation



**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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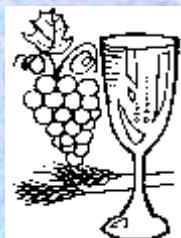
The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

**2.00 pm**

**ADVENT QUIET AFTERNOON**

**5.00 pm**

**SOUL FOOD CONVERSATION**



## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

<b>Monday 3 .12. 18</b>	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Covenant Care
<b>Tuesday 4.12.18</b>	4.00 pm	Rainbow Centre	Belonging and Caring
<b>Wednesday 5.12.18</b>	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
<b>Thursday 6.12.18</b>	9.30 am 11.30 am 6.30 pm	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Scrabble Community lunch Parish Council meeting
<b>Friday 7.12.18</b>	10.00 am 10.30 am	Worship Centre Rainbow Centre	Play Group MOTH

## WEEK BEGINNING 3 DECEMBER 2018

<b>Monday 10 .12. 18</b>	10.00 am	Worship Centre Calvary Retirement Village	Covenant Care Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday 11.12.18</b>	10.30 am	Kangara Waters Village	Christmas Carol Service
<b>Wednesday 12.12.18</b>	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
<b>Thursday 13.12.18</b>	9.30 am 11.30 am	Rainbow Centre Worship Centre	Scrabble Community lunch
<b>Friday 14.12.18</b>	10.00 am	Worship Centre	Play Group

### HOLY COVENANT PRAYER VINE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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# SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

## ADVENT—THE SEASON OF EXPECTATIONS

We are entering the season of expectations. Round about now we are beginning to think about where Christmas lunch should be held, what gifts might be appropriate for family and friends, and how we are looking forward to a break at the end of the year, the joy of being surrounded by people we love and the special worship of the season. Some of these expectations are fuelled by the advertising that shapes our spirits more than we realize with visual messages about extravagant gifts, happy and harmonious families and luxurious holidays. The reality of the season for many people, however, is an experience of disappointment, grief family conflict, loneliness and tiredness.

At this point I could slip in one of the most frequent Christian statements about Christmas, “the real meaning of Christmas is to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and this is what brings us joy.” For some however, that simply piles guilt on top of sadness, making it even harder to tell anyone the real story.

One of the invitations and challenges in living out our Christian faith is to become disillusioned, i.e to shed ourselves of false illusions and expectations and to be real. Attractive as the media images of Christmas are, we need to dig to a deeper level of reality to discover its meaning.

God’s self expressions through Jesus Christ was to make human life experience with all its ups and downs a holy place. It is not in our unreality or out of our illusions or false expectations that we find the holy, but in the midst of a reality that is sometimes painful and messy that the holy finds us. It takes courage to break through the false expectations and illusions of Christmas in order to say how we are this particular year and to plan for the season in a way that is most appropriate to us and those we share it with. May you find the presence and the power of the Christ with you as you struggle against false expectations and embrace the reality of this season.

- Ann Siddall,

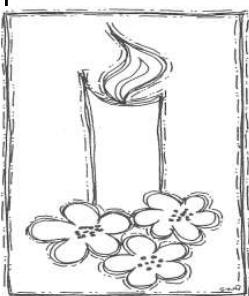
*Ann Siddall is an experienced spiritual director and former Director of Stillpoint Spirituality Centre, South Australia.*

### ADVENT QUIET AFTERNOON TODAY Rainbow Centre 2 - 4.30 pm

This is an opportunity to draw apart to ponder afresh the meaning of the season for our lives and our world. There will be time for quiet reflection as well as some sharing.



# IN THE PARISH



As we light the candle of hope;  
we remember the stories of God with us,  
when life has been hard,  
and not what we expected.  
We can trust that God  
is with us, as we wait  
for hope to be born, anew, in us.



To all who helped at the food collection for St. John's Care and the stall last Saturday. A great result: 150 bags of food and \$688 from the stall.

Well done!

Through the sale of **youth-baked ginger bread last Sunday**, we raised \$105. This money goes to support the Orangutan Project and our sponsor orangutan Popi. The money helps to reintroduce orangutans into the wild and to protect important habitats.

**COMMUNITY LUNCH**  
**Thursday 6 December**  
**11.30am for 12 noon \$5**  
**Last chance to sign up today.**



Come and join in the Christmas Carol sing-along, enjoy a lovely meal and get into the Christmas Spirit.

There is a **sign-up sheet** on the board for attending, or helping by making a slice or helping on the day.



**Christmas  
Bowl**

Bringing hope in times of disaster  
When your home and

livelihood are destroyed, how do you find the strength to start over? You need hope – the ability to trust in God's love and the goodness of His plan for your life. This is what your Christmas Bowl gifts bring to women in Vanuatu, who are struggling to keep their families resilient. Giving envelopes are included in this Bulletin.



## IN THE PARISH

### FROM NOVEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

After their last business meeting of the year held last Thursday, Parish Council gives thanks for:

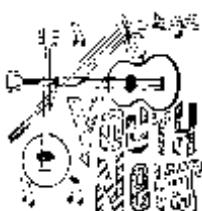


- ♦ our wonderful and diverse teams of people within the congregations who have gathered and contributed to our life in many extraordinary ways. We particularly noted, with deepest gratitude, the decades of love and service given to us by Harris Boulton as Convener of the Resources Team.
- ♦ Arrangements are being made to acknowledge and thank him during our morning services soon as he relinquishes this role.

Parish Council also approved:

- \* the commitment of seed funding for a new Parish project S.H.O.V.E.L. that will reach out to our neighbourhood via a community garden initiative - commencing in early 2019;
- \* a budget for 2019 for consideration at our February AGM.
- \* the preparation of a discussion paper suggesting ways in which our Parish can take more steps towards being a welcoming and affirming church community in which we celebrate our diversity as God's children - fearfully and wonderfully made, in Their image. This paper will be considered by the new Parish Council during 2019.

And finally, we give thanks to our wonderful and enabling God for the gift of our friend and Rector, Wayne, who has inspired and encouraged and provoked us to join with him and all of the staff and volunteers to do God's work here in our part of the world. Amen.



#### Financial support for Camp Pelican

The parish is providing financial support for three leaders from Holy Covenant for Camp Pelican and is keen to support families who may not be able to afford the camp fees.

If you are able to assist in this ministry, you can transfer your donation directly into the parish's CBA account (details in the WB) – use your surname and “CampPel” as the reference. Or you can put your donation suitably marked in the offertory plate, or hand it in to the parish office.

Enquiries to Youth Group Leader Jerry Platt. ([youth@holycovenant.org.au](mailto:youth@holycovenant.org.au))

#### PARTH COUNCIL ELECTIONS for 2019 9 DECEMBER 2018

Nomination forms are available from the back table.  
For Councillors (yellow) and Wardens( orange).

Please prayerfully consider if this is a ministry to which you are called.

# PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

## IN THE WORLD

- ♦ We pray for the millions of refugees around the world and that the world community will commit more deeply to their plight.



## IN AUSTRALIA

- ♦ We pray for those parts of our country that have been devastated by abnormal weather this week. We give thanks for the Emergency Services who come to their aid.

## IN THE CHURCH

- ♦ Diocese of Adelaide; Archdeacons; Area Deans; and Professional Standards Board and Committees. Victims of physical and sexual abuse.

## IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ♦ We pray for hope as we enter the Advent Season.
- ♦ We pray for God's leading as we prepare for 2019.
- ♦ We pray for all members of our parish family including Deranie and Phoebe Jackson; Gareth, Jo, Elanor, Isobel and Hannah James; Betty Jennings; and Russell Judd, Jayne Murray, Aidan and Emma.
- ♦ We pray for those in special need of prayer including, Joan Williams, Dorothy Parsonage, Elizabeth Grant, and anyone known to us personally.

From Philip and Jane Trigge  
To our Holy Covenant family,

You are welcome to join with us to celebrate  
the marriage of  
Sarah Elizabeth Trigge and  
David Edward Tilley  
at two o'clock in the afternoon  
on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
at All Saints Anglican Church  
325 Stanmore Road Petersham NSW 2049  
Afternoon tea will be served in the hall  
at the conclusion of the service.

**St John's Care**   
Partners with Anglicare

**WISH LIST.** shampoo and conditioner, savoury biscuits, deodorant

**GIVING BOX.** New toys, (not soft ones) Gift cards, e.g: EB games, Rebel Sport, JB Hi Fi, Target are great for teenagers.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today: Connie Gerrity, Dorothy Parsonage  
Tuesday : Sandra Button  
Thursday: Eleanor Platt, Kathryn Body

## MINISTRY TEAM

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## DETAILS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 9 DECEMBER 2018

### Second Sunday in Advent

**8.00 am**

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

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**5.00 pm**

#### **SOUL FOOD CONVERSATION**



# TODAY

**SENTENCE:** Stand up and raise your heads; our redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21:28

## READINGS:

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25: 1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-38

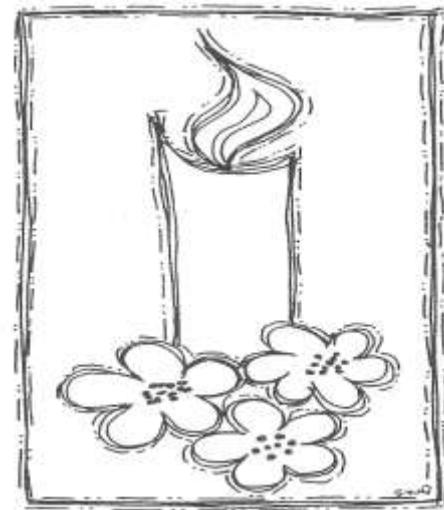


## 8 am HYMNS - Matthias

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## PRAYER

Eternal God,  
you have taught us that the night is far spent  
and the day is at hand:  
keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,  
and make us strong in faith,  
so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth,  
we may go out joyfully to greet him;  
and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever;  
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
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Kerin and Brian Cox	Prue and Ken Wedgwood
<b>Readers</b>	Robert Arthur Kerin Cox Anne Ranse	Janice Green Perry Wiles Elaine Gifford
<b>Intercessor</b>	Jennifer Collier	Bruce Barnes
<b>Organist</b>	Kath Arthur	Michael Troy
<b>Word and Prayer</b>	Luc Rose	Tobias Nevile
<b>Deacon</b>	Anne Ranse	
<b>Cup</b>	Luc Rose Anne Ranse	Tobias Nevile, Phyl Holmes Mark Cooper-Stanbury, , Anne Dudzinski Extra bread: Elaine Gifford
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Paul and Heather Shelley	Elaine Dennis, Judith Ann Daniells
<b>Children's Church</b>		Pauline, Katherine Rainger
<b>Counters</b>	Clive Rodger, Rhonda Thorpe	Mark Cooper-Stanbury, Reg Holmes
<b>Sat 8 December</b>	<b>Cleaning:</b> Murray/Judd Family	<b>Flowers:</b> Mary Lynn Mather