

ARTIFACT COLLECTION - ANNE RANSE

Some time ago I donated my Aboriginal artifacts to the National Museum of Australia for safe keeping as they were among the last of the aboriginal artifacts to be made in the traditional way by the Pitjantjara peoples of Ernabella. The collection can be viewed on line by going to Google Anne Ranse collection National Museum of Australia.

SUNDAY SING-ALONG JUNE 23RD

Do you like some of our newer songs but wish you knew them a bit better? Would you like a sneak preview of a new song or two we'll be singing over the next months? Do you just like to sing?

Then please join us after church on Sunday 23rd June from 11:30am for about 45 minutes to have a good sing of 5 or 6 new or newish songs that we're including in the 10am service. Anyone from the congregation is very welcome. I'll send the music and YouTube links out in advance so you can have a look and hear them. So see me or send me an email. I am also happy to provide copies of the music and the links if you can't come. But the more the merrier!

Jodie Petrov anjoali@hotmail.com

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ Those whose lands and livelihoods are destroyed; for those who live in places of war, oppression or deprivation

IN AUSTRALIA

⇒ Leaders to embrace a spirit of compassion and concern for human dignity in their considerations with regards to Refugee and Asylum-seeker policy development.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

⇒ Diocese of Newcastle

⇒ St George's Anglican Life Centre, Pearce; Arawang; St Matthew's, Wanniasa; Lanyon Valley Anglican Church; St Mary-in-the-Valley, South Tuggeranong.

⇒ Anglicare activities in partnership with parishes and with government: child care, foster care, young people and families; for staff and volunteers in regional offices and in Goulburn; for clients, and for Anglicare Appeals.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

⇒ We pray for all members of our parish family including Janice Green and Perry Wiles and Cassandra; Patrick Guinness; and Clayton Gumbrell and Karen Bisley and Jamie, Samuel and Ethan.

⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Dorothy Parsonage, Elizabeth Grant, John Sullivan, Ruth Durie and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Monday: Nicholas Scott Winders (d. 2015)

Saturday: Marjorie Baker (d. 1992)

COLLECT FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Father, we praise you,
that through your Word and Holy Spirit
you created all things;
you reveal your salvation in all the world
through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh;
through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in
your life and love:
fill us with the vision of your glory,
that we may always serve and praise you,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMNS 8 AM

127
465
160
158

READINGS

Proverbs 8:1-4;22-31
Psalm 8
Romans: 5: 1-5
John 16: 12-15

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SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2019 TRINITY SUNDAY

TODAY IN THE PARISH

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

4.30pm Twilight Conversations

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6.00 pm Refugee Week Ecumenical
Service

COMING EVENTS

Friday 20—Sunday 22 September

Parish Retreat

Friday 18—Sunday 20 October

Parish Camp

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

THE TRIUNE GOD

'So you say you worship three gods' was a response I received when talking about Christian beliefs and faith. 'No,' was my reply. 'God the Father spoken of as the creator, the Son as the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit as Sanctifier is all one God.' 'But how can that be came the puzzled looks? I could explain it using images of three overlapping circles, or two interwoven triangles, or a three legged stool but none of these capture the mystery of the Trinity.

The author of Proverbs says: before all things existed Wisdom was present to God the creator and was in his delight day and night and what was Wisdom doing? Wisdom was *playing* on the surface of the earth and found delight in the human race. If you pick up on the thoughts of the 13th century mystic, Meister Eckhart he speaks of the trinity as a game, or a play that goes on eternally playing before the Father and the Father before the Son. Through this play, the

Father grasps his own meaning. It's a game or a play that has always been happening. The Son playing before the Father. The Father contemplating himself in the Son. And the Holy Spirit being the love that goes back and forth between them. What a beautiful image.

So how can we relate this to our own lives? Look at it like this: A child playing in the presence of his mother, delighting her with many of his antics, while she sees her own self in her offspring and the love between them a hint of the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes we find it hard to grasp God in three persons and we know from teaching that one cannot function without the other. We love the lord our God and through this we believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God and like the Pentecost experience are *filled* with the Holy Spirit that enables us to love and serve one another.

Archdeacon Anne

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THE FINAL STRAW

Last week a woman called Angela (not her real name) turned up at St John's Care (SJC). She was very upset and explained that she had to leave her house due to a violent and emotionally draining ex-partner. She said it was the final straw.

Angela told me that she didn't want to admit that she needed our help, but she was living in her car with her 12-year-old daughter. She and her daughter had been sleeping in the car for about 6 weeks at this point and she knew it was time to swallow her pride and ask for help. I let Angela know about the Early Morning Centre in Northbourne Avenue which provides breakfast, showering facilities, healthcare and other supports. Angela wasn't aware of the Centre and was delighted that she could have a shower and receive some other support.

I gave Angela some food and referred her daughter to the youth program, Raw Potential for help to stay engaged at school. It emerged through conversation with Angela that she was also struggling with a medical condition, which made sleeping in the car extra difficult as the Canberra nights are getting colder.

I contacted Amanda Haig, the Salvos housing Manager and enquired about a unit for Angela and her daughter. Luckily a tenant had vacated a unit that day and Amanda was happy to place Angela into it.

When I told Angela that there was a unit for her, which meant she would have a roof over her head, she burst into tears. It transpired that Angela had suffered significant emotional abuse by her ex-partner and her self-esteem had plummeted.

Angela and I decided to work on that together and placed her on the list to attend the Grief and Loss program SJC will be running, commencing in July.

SJC provided bedding, food and paid for her phone bill so that she had contact with relatives who lived in Queensland. Angela told me that she hasn't been able to wash or eat properly for some time and her health was getting worse.

The fact that she now had somewhere to sleep and keep warm was amazing. She told me as she was leaving that she felt like a new woman.

Items required: Small packets of sultanas for school lunches, dried peas, Deb Instant Mash Potato, olive or cooking oil up to 750 ml.

Steph Stephens
Community Worker

'Have a Good Yarn'

Knitting and chatting each fortnight with the next meeting on Tuesday 18th June 11.15am to 1pm in the worship centre.

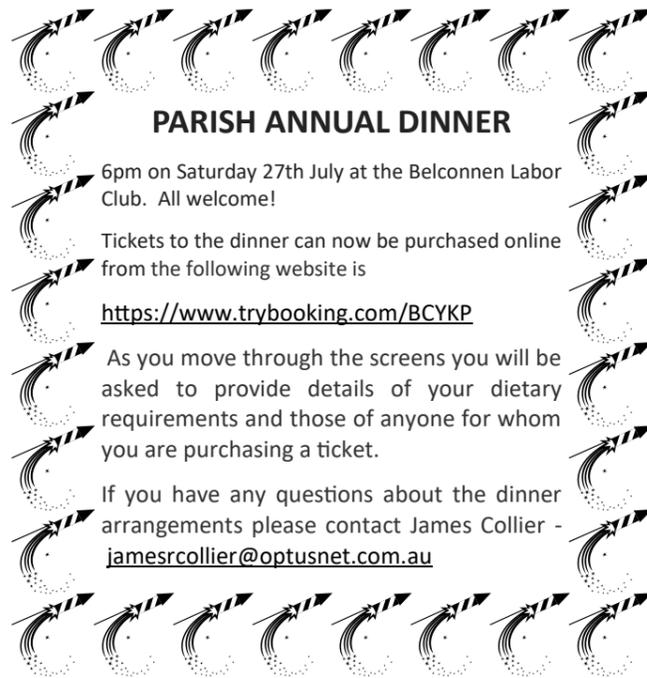
Morning tea and a good time guaranteed for both women and men....friends most welcome.

Any donations of wool and needles would be most appreciated and could be left at the back of the church

Any queries to Sandra Ross 0408438770

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★ **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** ★
★ **Sunday:** Sarah David-Hoole ★
★ **Wednesday:** Estelle Robertson ★
★ **Saturday:** Peter Sherman ★
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PARISH ANNUAL DINNER

6pm on Saturday 27th July at the Belconnen Labor Club. All welcome!

Tickets to the dinner can now be purchased online from the following website is

<https://www.trybooking.com/BCYKP>

As you move through the screens you will be asked to provide details of your dietary requirements and those of anyone for whom you are purchasing a ticket.

If you have any questions about the dinner arrangements please contact James Collier - jamesrcollier@optusnet.com.au

COMMUNITY LUNCH—THURSDAY 11 JULY 2019

11:30 start

From Blue Poles to Burial Poles -

Kerin Cox reminisces about her nearly 40 years as a guide at the National Gallery of Australia.

CREATING SAFE MINISTRIES REFRESHER COURSE COMPLETION

Congratulations are due to the following people on completing the Creating Safe Ministries Refresher Course on 30 May:

Rika Amos, Merri Bacon, Wayne Brighton, Judith Ann Daniells, Connie Gerrity, George Gerrity, David Kennemore, Jenny Madden, Maurice Nevile, Katherine Rainger, Johann Sheehan, Martin Wells and Margaret Wells

CELESTE SANDSTROM BAPTISM

Celeste Sandstrom will be baptised during the 10am service today. Friends and family are most welcome



KIDS@HOLY COVENANT

Children and youth are a valued part of the community at Holy Covenant. During the 10 am service, we offer age-appropriate programs for children and youth. These programs run each week of the school term. After the opening prayers, the children and youth are invited to leave the worship centre with program leaders and go to the "Rainbow Centre," a multi-purpose space adjacent to the worship centre. Children and youth return to the worship centre in time for Holy Communion. Youth Group is for high school age. Children's Church is for preschool to Year 6. Younger children are welcome to attend Children's Church with a parent/caregiver. All program leaders have met Diocesan and ACT requirements for working with children and youth.

Rev Katherine Rainger

STEPPING OUT IN FAITH TOGETHER- ACCOUNTABILITY

What begins with a plan must end in action. While some people can draw a straight line between these points most of us need something in between if faith is to change our lives and transform the world around us.

Accountability is that step. Nevertheless, many people find the idea of accountability uncomfortable, even confronting. Often this is because of how the concept has been misused.

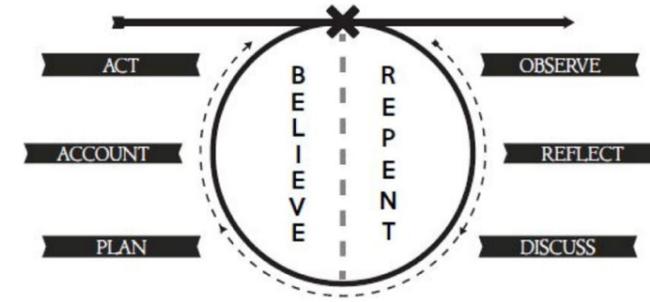
Accountability is misused when it gets turned into a one-way street. When leaders expect people to be submissive or obedient to their authority in the name of accountability they are abusing it. Talk about headship, sheep and shepherds often gives them away. In reality, accountability involves mutuality, openness and transparency between equals.

Accountability is misused when it becomes intrusive, particularly when leaders expect people to disclose their weaknesses and flaws. While confession is an important spiritual practice, accountability is not about trying to manage our sins better.

Finally, accountability becomes toxic when leaders use it to get others to do stuff for them. I worry when accountability is used to push people into things they may have reservations about. Little wonder that most Christians prefer to keep their faith private.

So how might we use this term safely and respectfully?

Accountability needs to be about encouragement and responsibility. It enables followers of Christ to stand alongside each other so each of us might engage responsibly in God's dream for us all. Viewed this way, accountability simply means sharing your plans for action with a friend after having observed, reflected and discussed a potential way forward.



Source: Mike Breen, *Building a discipling culture*. 2nd ed. Pawleys Island: 3DM.

Accountability is something I'm learning to appreciate with my ministry coach Andy. I've noticed three things happen when I share my plans with him.

First, I experience a reality check when I speak my plans to another person. As an intuitive person, I'm always prone to assume too much and explain too little. Andy helps me fill in the gaps.

Second, by speaking things out loud I actually hear what my plan sounds like, especially whether its sensible or not. For anyone impulsive or prone to acting first and thinking later, this can be especially helpful. Of course, I have to be open to receive encouragement, especially when it may confirm what I want to do.

Finally, sharing my plan builds confidence. It's easy to moan about things that don't work. It's hard to work on things that aren't easy. With Andy's help I get to discover when I'm ready to stop procrastinating. I also have someone to celebrate with when action gets underway.

God doesn't expect us to save the world by ourselves. Change happens when we are more able to responsibly use the gifts God has given us. While God sent Jesus to love us into new life and the Spirit to help know our identity as the beloved, God has also given us each other so that we do not go alone into a world that needs to be loved.

Accountability is how we share the journey. As the writer of Hebrews said, 'let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out... spurring each other on' (Heb 10.24-25, *The Message*). I wonder who is your spiritual friend that shares the journey? Who encourages you and helps your confidence to grow?

Wayne Brighton

REFUGEE WEEK SERVICE



Refugee Week (Sunday June 16 - Saturday June 22) is an opportunity to celebrate the contribution refugees make to our society while also raising awareness about often perilous journey that refugees have taken to reach Australia. Holy Covenant will be hosting an ecumenical Refugee Week Service on **Sunday 23 June** at 6pm, with a light supper afterwards. Speakers at the service will be Rev'd Peter Malone from St Paul's Anglican Church, Manuka, and Megan Watts, Tuggeranong Uniting Church.

TWILIGHT CONVERSATIONS WITH BROOKE PRENTIS

To celebrate NAIDOC week Brooke Prentis will speak at Holy Covenant at 5:30pm on Sunday 7th July.

Brooke is an Aboriginal Christian Leader from the Wakka Wakka peoples. She is the Aboriginal spokesperson for Common Grace and Coordinator of the Grasstree Gathering. Brooke is also a regular panelist on ABC's *The Drum*. All welcome.

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★ **FRIENDSHIP GROUPS** ★
★ **The Walking Group** is underway. ★
★ The next walk will be held (except during torrential rain) on Sunday 7th July, meeting at the Captain Cook memorial water jet at 12 noon. ★
★ The August walk will meet at 12 noon at the main entrance of the National Museum. ★
★ The September walk will meet in our church carpark at 12noon - mystery destination! ★
★ Questions: James Collier ★
★ **Cafe Crawlers** is also underway. The next crawls will be: ★
★ Sunday 7th July, 3pm at Dobinsons, Bunda Street, Civic ★
★ Saturday 20th July, 3pm at A Bite to Eat, Chifley Shops ★
★ Sunday 4th August, 3pm at "Passiontree Velvet" - inside the Canberra Centre, Civic. ★
★ Saturday 17th August, 3pm at "Sweet Bones", 8/18 Lonsdale Street, Braddon ★
★ Questions: Allison Cooper-Stanbury or James Collier ★
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