THANK YOU HOLY COVENANT

Grace and I want to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our wedding and reception at Holy Covenant on Saturday 15 June. Wayne conducted a fantastic service, the church set up, the flowers and the booklet were perfect and the rearrangement for the reception and the clean up afterwards went like clockwork. It was a wonderful day all round. Thanks to everyone who helped, especially Wayne Brighton, Phyl and Reg Holmes, Paul and Heather Shelley and Kath Arthur for their efforts.

Graham Bonnett

WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY TEAM IN OUR PARISH

For several years, Joh Sheehan and Mel Browning have been the convenors of our WHS team — with Mel taking over two years ago. As Mel is moving to Brisbane soon, we need a new volunteer (or perhaps a pair of people interested in sharing the task) to take over the convenor role, which involves:

- \cdot Being first point of contact for an incident reports (and ensuring any incidents are investigated and reported to the diocese
- \cdot Being the liaison point on WHS matters for Parish Council and the parish
- · Conducting an annual WHS audit of our parish buildings and making recommendations to Parish Council/Resources team for remediation

If this could be you, please speak with your favourite warden or with Mel – training can be provided.

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ For all who endure terrorism, war or civil strife; for prisoners of conscience and all who suffer persecution or torture

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ We pray for the hungry and the unemployed.
- ⇒ We pray for all those in need of companionship, care, comfort and support.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Mission Agencies
- ⇒ Missionary Work of the Church in Australia & Overseas
- ⇒ Deacons in their specialised ministries
- ⇒ Diocesan Clergy: Clergy currently on Long Service Leave, Study Leave or Exchange,
- ⇒ Retired Diocesan Clergy, Clergy widows and widowers
- ⇒ Vocations to missional service both at home and overseas.
- \Rightarrow The bereaved and those who care for them.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ We pray for all members of our parish family including Andrew Hill; Reg and Phyl Holmes; Jey Hoole, Evelyn David-Hoole and Hannah, Mary, Sarah and Elizabeth; and Nilantha Hulugalle.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Dorothy Parsonage, Elizabeth Grant, John Sullivan, Ruth Durie's family and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS:

Monday: Margaret Jean Winders (d. 1989)

Friday: Arthur William Ryan (d. 1997)

COLLECT FOR SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God,

the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, the strength of the thoughts that seek you: help us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMNS 8 AM READINGS

580 2 Kings 2:1-2; 6-14 601 Psalm 77:1-2; 11-20 686 Galatians 5:1; 13-25 595 Luke 9:51-62

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HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH



a place for everyone

SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2019 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TODAY IN THE PARISH

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Holy Communion

10am

Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

4.30pm Twilight Conversations tonight

SUNDAY 7 JULY

8am

Holy Communion

10am

Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

3.30pm Rainbow Fellowship

3.30pm

Twilight Conversations with

5.30pm Twilight Conver Brooke Prentis

COMING EVENTS

Friday 20—Sunday 22 September

Parish Retreat

Friday 18—Sunday20 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

KEEP IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT

GALATIANS 5: 13-25

It's a wonderful thing to be free (in Christ) to serve one another in love. To be free to experience love, joy, peace, patience – all these things that Paul said the Holy Spirit produces in the believer. Some Christians can be very disappointed when they catch a vision of what could be but it's out of reach because they fail to keep in step with the Spirit (v25). If you were in the army you might hear a sergeant shouting at you, 'Keep in step. Move it!'

I see the Spirit filled life as a life of waiting, of waiting for the Holy Spirit directing. Quite often if the Holy Spirit is not felt within our being then perhaps there are more times of just sitting down. Paul said, 'Keep in step with the Spirit' don't sit down. Don't wait for the Spirit to tap you on the shoulder and point saying move it!

Paul told the same thing in other ways. We are to 'use' our freedom in Christ to serve one another (v13). Right there we

have the Spirits marching orders. We need to simply get out and start serving! 'The only thing that counts', Paul says earlier is faith expressing itself in love.

Again we see the same emphasis. Faith must express its self. Faith is active. It moves. Faith doesn't sit about waiting. God has work for us to do and if we really trust God to work in us, we naturally get up and do it. Its seems so simple yet so many miss it.

Do you believe God's Spirit lives in you? Do you believe he is able to work through you? Then show your faith by stepping out to serve others in love.

God's Spirit is at work in the world. God's Spirit is at work here in our place of worship. Keep in step with it. Every time we say 'I believe in the Holy Spirit,' we mean that we believe there is a living God able and willing to enter human personality and change it (J.B.Phillips).

Archdeacon Anne

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A 'WHEELY' GOOD OUTCOME

A couple of weeks ago a St John's Care volunteer asked me if I knew of any young people who might need a bike. Her neighbour had moved and couldn't take her ladies bike with her and she thought it could help someone in need.

In catching up with the young people Raw Potential supports during the week, I was asking them what practical things they needed. Most of our young people are reluctant to ask for anything. They are used to just making do; but so often they are turned away with their hopes dashed.

And so it was with Tracey (not her real name). Tracey is living in a condemned building, without heating, and with other young people who are also doing it tough.

She asked if I might be able to take her down to buy some warm pants as she only had leggings. She chose some cheap tracksuit pants. They were thin, so I mentioned that there were some thicker ones that would be warmer. She was concerned that they cost more, but we ended up purchasing two pairs.

She was wearing \$3.50 sneakers, and I asked if she needed some warm boots. She chose \$12 vinyl boots, which I gently returned to the shelf and guided her towards leather, durable, padded, and most importantly warm boots that were more expensive. She became a little teary. We bought the boots and went for a coffee. I asked Tracey about finding a permanent home, work and transport. She explained that she has a serious injury and has not been able to work. She is awaiting major surgery, but without a safe place to recover, the surgery cannot proceed.

She mentioned being unable to drive, how she travels by bus and now the tram, but that walking the kilometre to the tram stop and carrying home groceries is really difficult. Tracey said "I really wish I could afford a bike".

I came back to St John's Care and spoke with our lovely volunteer, saying that I'd found just the young person who needed a ladies bike. We needed to find a way to make sure it was roadworthy and to get it to the young person. Another volunteer offered to get a new tyre and repair the bike, and, as she had a bike rack, bring it down to meet Tracey on the weekend.

Last Saturday, I met our volunteer out the front of where Tracey is living, and we gave her the bike, a helmet and a lock. She was shy, and a little overwhelmed, but grateful. She later sent me a message saying that she had taken the bike for a test-ride and that it was perfect — even the seat was already at the right height. She will be able to put her groceries on the rack on the back of the bike.

It's incredible how when we all work together with a little bit of kindness, a little bit of teamwork and a whole lot of love, wonderful things happen in just the way they're meant to.

Raw Potential and St John's Care have a beautiful partnership, and we're very grateful for the support.

Kind regards, Gabrielle Penn, Raw Potential

Items required: Long life milk, olive or cooking oil up to 750 ml, Vegemite, tinned fruit

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.

PARISH ANNUAL DINNER

Tickets for the Parish Dinner - do you have one? If not, please visit https://www.trybooking.com/BCYKP or contact Libby or Phil in the office for assistance.

to make your purchase. Ticket prices - \$55 for waged; \$30 for unwaged and kids under 12 years of age are \$15 each. The evening starts at 6pm at the Belconnen Labor Club.

Tables are rectangular, seating 6 people. Please note that the website asks you to provide the dietary requirements of each person for whom you are buying a ticket.

People do not have to book themselves onto a hosted table of 6 - everyone is welcome to purchase a ticket from the group called MAKING NEW FRIENDS - and they will be grouped by the dinner organisers. Any further questions? Ask Libby Warren.

Silent Auction: Please give your donations to Bob Arthur and if you don't think you've got something suitable to donate, perhaps you'd like to help him organise the auction itself or offer to help by subsidising a dinner ticket for someone on a low income.

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 Kattherine Rainger

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.

Sign-up lists on the board to attend, make slices and help on the day please.

POSITION VACANT—JAM MAKER

For many years Margaret and David Meggs have provided parishioners with a huge variety of jam to spread on our toast. And in the process have raised thousands of dollars for the parish. Due to a downsizing move they are no longer able to do that.

Thank you Margaret and David.

They have a large supply of empty jars that need filling. If you think you could fill those jars, please contact them on 6251 1735

LIGHTS, CAMERA... ACTION!

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

Faith is not simply the set of things we believe. It is also the course of action we choose to take in life. Eugene Peterson put it this way,

Dear friends, do you think you'll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? ... Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?

(James 2.14-17 The Message)

ACT

ACCOUNT

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As Christians we are called to be good news in the world or people that are a blessing to others and not a curse.

We are more likely to bless others when we've worked around the circle of spiritual growth.

Of course, action is not the end. Rather, it is the start of something new and different.

For when we act on what God has said then change really begins.

Millard Fuller, the Christian who founded Habitat for Humanity, put it this way, 'It is easier to act yourself into a new way of thinking, than it is to think yourself into a new way of acting.'

When we act, we also look closely at what happens – within us and around us. We pay attention to the things we do and say. We notice the reaction of others.

That's why the pattern for spiritual growth looks like a circle. By acting we get to test our thoughts, hopes and beliefs in reality. Action invariably produces outcomes that reveal the quality of

our thinking, values and theological method (Matt 7.16-18).

As we act and new outcomes emerge we can find ourselves having another Kairos moment and the opportunity to observe, reflect and discuss once more.

Having introduced the circle, I'm feeling challenged by the need to act. I'm hoping that as a parish we might act in three ways.

First, that we might find better ways of being a welcoming parish and not just a friendly one to those who belong already.

OBSERVE

REFLECT

Put another way, how do we help strangers become friends?

Second, that we might find better ways of helping us all to hear God's call and to find ways of acting responsibly together. I'm exploring ways to set up some Grow Groups in the parish that will help us to use the circle to reshape our lives and to be a positive

begins. influence in the world.

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Third, that we might explore the circle of spiritual growth on the parish camp (18-20 October) and to introduce another shape that might help us take another step in our journey together.

Holy Covenant is a community that wants to help you grow into the person that God created you to be. Come take the journey with us. Let's see what happens.

Wayne Brighton

JUBILEE BOOK

Our Jubilee book "Memories that made us" will be launched at the Jubilee dinner.

We are still accepting / looking for stories.

We would especially like stories on Kairos moments; people who have touched you; why you came / stayed.

But any stories are welcome – just a paragraph or two is fine.

Please email to mdclark@grapevine.net.au

MUSIC TEAM - DRUMMERS WANTED

The 10am service is growing its music team. We're looking for drummers - and a drum kit for the parish!

If you know of someone wanting to clear their garage or have their drums find a new home, why not pass them on to the parish?

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Monday: Nicholas Platt Tuesday: Jono Elkhuizen

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

The Walking Group

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.

Questions: James Collier

Cafe Crawlers

Sunday 7th July, 3pm at Dobinsons, Bunda Street, Civic

Questions: Allison Cooper-Stanbury or James Collier

Come and join the Covenant Care community in the church on **Monday, 15 July** at 10am to see magician, Phillip Bevan. Bring the children or grandchildren or just your playful self. Please take a leaflet from the font for more details.

https://holycovenant.org.au/covenant-care.php

CRAFTY CREW

No meeting in July—next meeting 19 August 2019