



THE TRAUMA OF FAMILY HOMELESSNESS

Last week we had a family come to the Centre for the first time. Let's call them Daniel, Shelley and Troy. Daniel and his wife Shelley are a young Australian family, with one young child named Troy aged 6 and a family dog.

Daniel and Shelley worked hard to support their family and both worked together in the same cleaning business. Unfortunately, they were made redundant as the business wasn't going so well.

They had a little bit of money in the bank and received a small redundancy. But life as they knew it was turned upside down.

They applied for job after job and days turned into weeks with no employment. With no income they were no longer able to pay the rent and the family was evicted from their home without a place to go.

With mounting debts and no relatives to turn to they had no choice but to live in their car with their belongings. One of their friends said they could leave some of their belonging in a shed, but they could not stay with them as they had no room.

Daniel struggled to provide even the basics for his family like food and petrol to drive his son to school. Things were getting harder and harder and the family was losing all hope.

We contacted another agency to see who was able to assist us in supporting this family. One agency said they had a room that Shelley and Troy could move into immediately. It was at a women's shelter on a temporary basis. Their child was getting sick from being in the cold and they made the hard decision to separate for a short time.

The accommodation agency continued to look for crisis accommodation for Daniel, while also searching for a home for the whole family.

During this distressing time, Daniel didn't want his son to know the truth of why they didn't have a house anymore. Daniel told Troy that they were having a holiday with Mummy, while their house was getting fixed.

They met up every day to eat breakfast together in a local park near Troy's school. With the help from others the family are doing everything they can to improve their emotional, physical and mental wellbeing. They desperately want to overcome the trauma of homelessness and start smiling again.

We would like to thank all our supporters for all your support during our Winter Appeal which continues throughout Winter.

Your support is pivotal in assisting families in the ACT. We could not do what we are doing without you. So again, thank you from the SJC team!

Jason Haines
Programs and Fundraising Manager

Items required: tinned fruit, Vegemite and peanut butter, jam and biscuits.



LAST WEEK TO BOOK FOR OUR BIRTHDAY DINNER

Our birthday dinner will be held on Saturday 27 July, starting at 6pm at the Labor Club, in Chandler Street, Belconnen.

Tickets are available on Trybooking www.trybooking.com/BCYKP

If you are unable to book this way please see Phil in the office or Libby for help – cost \$55 for waged, \$30 for unwaged, \$15 for children under 12. Further details on the notice on the wall by the vestry.

Come and join in! We are having a silent auction, a guest speaker, a singing duo, the launch of our Jubilee book and lots of fun! For any further information or help – Libby, 6251 1845, lib@warren.com.au

PARISH DINNER – SILENT AUCTION

Put the FUN into FUNdraising by contributing to

Our Famous SILENT AUCTION

- ◆ Donate that special something which you are loathe to part with it, but would like to see going to a good home
- ◆ Is there a service you could provide – window or gutter cleaning, babysitting, ironing, advice to the lovelorn, bake a cake – which would attract eager bidders?
- ◆ Offer services as chauffeur for a winery tour? Or a car and trailer for that trip to the dump.
- ◆ Raid your cellar for that special vintage
- ◆ Do you have a favourite coffee shop, hairdresser or fortune-teller who would donate a voucher in return for great publicity?

Let us have your ideas. Send them to, or talk with Bob Arthur (0413 389 897, rharthur@gmail.com). Please leave items in the Parish Office before Wednesday 20 July.

Help Wanted: Assistant to Bob Arthur to organise Silent Auction for the Parish Dinner

Our Parish Dinner is usually a fundraising event and we hope to have a Silent Auction component to our evening again this year.

If you can help with any elements of the Silent Auction this year (donations of attractive items; seeking donations from others; helping organise the auction on the night) please contact Bob Arthur

Thank you to those who helped with Thursday's Community lunch. A special thank you to Kerin Cox who shared some wonderful reminiscences about her nearly 40 years as a guide at the National Gallery of Australia.

WHAT ON EARTH IS THE CHURCH FOR?

If you asked your neighbour this question, I wonder what might they say? My grandmother would say that the church was there to teach people how to be good. My old school friends would have a much less charitable view.

People get involved with church because it does lots of different things. Churches grow strong when they attend to four relational dimensions of their life together.

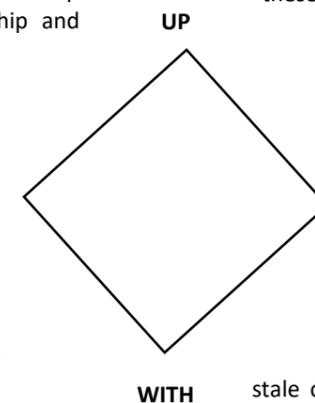
First is the UP dimension which involves our relationship with God. Churches nurture this through worship and prayer, preaching and study groups. This is often focussed around beliefs but it also includes helping each other experience God in our everyday life.

Next is the IN dimension, which involves our relationship with each other. We nurture this through our social activities which build a sense of belonging and community.

The OUT dimension involves our relationship with the world around us. We nurture this through our outreach activities which builds our capacity to serve others.

The WITH concerns our relationship with other groups both in the community and the church generally. As a church we do not change with world by ourselves. We always have the opportunity to work with others on issues of shared concern. As Anglicans we live with a thing called the diocese but we also share life with other communities like Benedictus.

Churches flourish when they attend to each of these dimensions and nurture them. You might have noticed that each dimension is deeply relational. It's through our



connections with God, each other, the world and other groups that growth occurs.

Similarly, problems emerge when people and churches get focussed on one dimension to the neglect of others. When we try to do everything ourselves that creates stress, isolation and burnout.

Vibrant and creative churches are places where people use these dimensions to grow the gifts of the Spirit.

The good thing about four dimensions is that there is plenty of space for everyone to grow where they feel planted. We grow best together when people are able to share their God-given gifts with everyone. This is why as an inclusive parish we believe that God gives everyone something for someone.

The great thing about four dimensions is that you also get to move around. There is always something new to try and fresh opportunities to grow spiritually. If your journey with God feels stale or small, chances are you've been stuck doing the same stuff for a while. Shifting your energy to a new dimension often deepens our engagement with God.

The leadership team has been talking about how each dimension can be nurtured. There are a few ideas in the pipeline.

The bigger question is, what dimension do you find to be life-giving and rewarding?

Wayne Brighton

JUBILEE BOOK

Our Jubilee book "Memories that made us" will be launched at the Parish 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?

CRAFTY CREW

No meeting in July—next meeting 19 August 2019

PHILLIP BEVAN – MAGIC!

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>

Children's Church resumes on 21st July during the 10am service. Parents and volunteers are invited to a meeting to discuss Children's Church at 11:15am next Sunday (21st July).

 ★ **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** ★
 ★ **Sunday:** Quentin Grafton ★
 ★ **Monday:** Jayne Murray, Neville Hurst ★
 ★ **Tuesday:** Frances Mackay ★
 ★ **Thursday:** Samuel Gumbrell ★
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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:

- Being first point of contact for an incident reports (and ensuring any incidents are investigated and reported to the diocese)
- 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.

NAIDOC WEEK

This Sunday we acknowledge and celebrate the contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our congregation, the wider church, our communities, and our nation. The colours on the communion table represent the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. A prayer station has been set up in the chapel using the Aboriginal languages map which shows the 250+ language groups in the lands we now call Australia. Congratulation to Aidan Judd for being nominated for a NAIDOC Week ACT Youth Award for community work in our local area.

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ We pray for all who have lost their wellbeing and we remember all who are treated like slave labour or been made redundant or homeless.
- ⇒ We pray for those who help others who find themselves in need of support and protection, like the Salvation Army, the Samaritans, and Anglicare.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ We give thanks for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and how they use their talents to enrich our communities and inspire us all.
- ⇒ We give thanks for those who work for the emergency services; for the police, ambulance, fire and hospital and social workers.
- ⇒ We remember those who care for the lonely and afraid.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Good Shepherd, Curtin & Cross Cultural Ministry
- ⇒ Fred Ward Gardens
- ⇒ St Peter's Weston
- ⇒ Organisations offering counselling, care and support to families and individuals; and plight of refugees and asylum seekers

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Russell, Jayne, Aidan and Emma Judd; Rosemary and David Kennemore; Kate King; Carol Kubanek and Quentin Grafton; and Pam Lane.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Dorothy Parsonage, Elizabeth Grant, John Sullivan, Phil Bloomfield and anyone known to us personally.

COLLECT FOR FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Eternal God,
you have taught us through Christ
that love is the fulfilment of the law:
help us to love you with all our heart,
with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all
our strength,
and our neighbour as ourself;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMNS 8 AM

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587
468
618

READINGS

Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10: 25-37

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SUNDAY 14 JULY 2019 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WHO IS MY FRIEND?

Who amongst us has not been in a Sunday School play depicting the parable of the Good Samaritan? And we all want to be cast as the good person in the story, don't we?

As adults how often do we feel a twinge of guilt as we remember our behaviours of the previous week? Maybe it was because we stepped around a homeless person in Civic as we rushed to a meeting. Or how we rushed through a phone call with a family member as they complained about their latest malady. Surely God understands that we're being good neighbours as we help strangers through our work as teachers and public servants, right?

As I think about who our neighbours are and what we are called to do, I wonder if the deeper challenge is being called to do things *with* people instead of *for* them. It's easy to see our neighbour as the

person in physical or emotional need. It's easy to give money to Anglicare or a charity so that someone can meet their physical need while absolving ourselves of any deeper attachment.

When our society seems to be increasingly isolated and friendship seems a rare and precious gift, is the question for us may not be one of "Jesus, to whom should I be a neighbour?", but rather "Jesus, to whom should I be a *friend*?" We don't give charity to friends, rather we give our most precious resources, our free time and our attention.

Our community here at Holy Covenant has some wonderful examples of our collectively offering friendship to those in need. One example is the volunteers providing a Day with A Difference to those with life-shortening illnesses on Mondays. Is there someone to whom you could offer friendship?

James Collier

TODAY IN THE PARISH

8am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher:
The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton
Twilight Conversation on holidays

SUNDAY 21 JULY

8am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher:
The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton
4.30pm Twilight Conversation

COMING EVENTS

Saturday 27 July
Parish birthday dinner
Friday 20 – Sunday 22 September
Parish Retreat
Friday 18 – Sunday 20 October
Parish Camp

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