

SHOVEL – COMMUNITY GARDEN

Spring is here and the community garden is a hive of activity. We now have four members from our local area renting plots and helping with our community beds. We are looking for used hand tools in working order (forks, trowels etc) as well as lattice and stakes for upright plants. A sturdy, weatherproof container to store hand tools in would be a bonus. If you have any surplus to requirements and would like to donate them to a good home, please email Joh at Johann.sheehan@id.au

If you haven't seen the garden, why not wander over and have a look behind the Rainbow Centre?

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ We pray for those in the world who have no daily bread, no shelter or medical care.
- ⇒ May we learn to share the world's resource and live in harmony with your created world.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ We give thanks and praise, O God, for your unconditional love for your people, for your acceptance of all without distinction.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Sydney
- ⇒ St John's, Wagga Wagga:
- ⇒ Wagga Wagga Base Hospital:
- ⇒ St Martin's College
- ⇒ Riverina Juvenile Justice Centre, Wagga Wagga:
- ⇒ Chaplaincy work in hospitals, universities, colleges, schools, the workplace, prisons, Defence Forces, emergency services and border protection; Archdeacon for Chaplaincy (Wayne Brighton).

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ We pray for the Spiritual Pastoral Care reunion meeting on Tuesday evening, and on Thursday the Holistic Care client outing to Tulip Tops, and Parish Council.
- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Hugo Walker; Peter and Wendy Ward; Libby Warren; Susan Webb; Prue, Ken and Ellie Wedgwood; and Audrey and Stuart Wells.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Dorothy Parsonage, Elizabeth Grant, John Sullivan, Andrew Hill, Rosemary Kennemore, Phil Bloomfield and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

- Wednesday:** Sergius of Moscow, abbot and teacher (d. 1392)
- Thursday:** Lancelot Andrewes, bishop of Winchester (d. 1626)
- Friday:** Vincent de Paul, priest and worker with the poor (d. 1660)

 * **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** *
 * **Sunday:** John Painter *

COLLECT FOR 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God,
 you are rich in love for your people:
 show us the treasure that endures and,
 when we are tempted by greed,
 call us back into your service
 and make us worthy to be entrusted with the
 wealth that never fails.
 We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus
 Christ,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
 the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMNS 8 AM

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 444 (56)
 285 (87)
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READINGS

Jeremiah 8:18 to 9:1
 Psalm 79: 1-9
 1 Timothy 3:14 to 4:6
 Luke 16: 1-13

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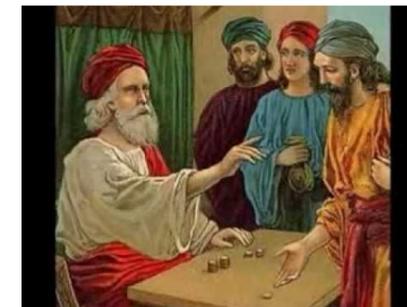
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SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2019 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TODAY IN THE PARISH

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

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

8am Holy Communion
 10am Holy Communion
 Celebrant: Reverend Anne Dudzinski
 Preacher: Venerable (EM) Anne Ranse
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 4.30 pm Twilight Conversation

COMING EVENTS

Saturday 28 September
 3pm Women's afternoon tea at Tilleys
Thursday 3 October
 11.30am Community Lunch
Saturday 19 October
 Parish Camp—Churches that change the
 world with Kylie Butler
Saturday 2 November
 Parish Fete

Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

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 Name: Holy Covenant Anglican Church

Reading a challenging parable in light of the climate crisis A discussion on hope and activism as shrewdness

Christianity is completely and entirely and utterly about hope (CS Lewis). Hope is not an appendix but the vehicle to take the community into what will be fulfilled: justice, peace, equity and the completeness of compassion. Christianity is resurrection charged irrepressible participation in Jesus' work for this future.

Christian faith is not a feverish prayer, "Oh God, save me from this world and lift me into heaven". Christian faith is heaven reaching into the present, into this geographical, political, historical present. The prayer is "on earth as in heaven".

Before there was anything – God was. And LOVE was the first creative impulse. We can see this in the past. In the *future*, after everything has passed, God will be, and LOVE will be what remains. And everywhere in-between is God and perfect love. Thus this present moment is hope infused. The world in all its beauty, mystery, pain and goodness, is loved. See plainly, Christ has died and is risen. And we have agency to participate in this new reality.

Tim Flannery, former Australian of the year and public scientist,

describes his last 20 years of climate action as a failure. But we can still imagine a just and sustainable future, in the knowledge that how we act has an impact. In the face of the climate crisis this vision is urgent. It needs to be grounded in love.

And here we are. With pressing challenges, knowing that everything is political. Every act and inaction, every word and silence: they are all political. Martin Luther King was not an activist. He was a pastor and this shaped him:

"Cowardice asks the question is it safe?"

"Economics asks – is it profitable?"

"Vanity and even politics now asks is it popular?"

"But conscience of character asks is it right?"

And to communities of faith and people of character, there is always a time when we must act on what we see, and take a position that is "neither safe, nor profitable, nor popular", but act, "because it is right." Love demands nothing less.

Richard Browning

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RECONNECTING WITH FAMILY

We had a client who we will call Helen. Three years ago, Helen had a fallout with her family and they asked her to leave the family home. She was told to leave her home town and not return.

Helen moved to Canberra and found a job and somewhere to live. Things were looking up for her. However, every day she missed her family and the land where she grew up. As an Aboriginal her heart is where her family and country is.

A couple of years went past and she fell in love. It didn't last that long before the abuse started. It started off as every now and then. Then it became daily. Everything she did was wrong in his eyes. Her mental health started to suffer, and she lost her job. She then became homeless as her boyfriend kicked her out.

For the next 6 months she lived on the street and would sometimes couch surf. As it got colder her mental health got worse. Helen didn't feel safe and would go days without sleep.

Helen met a lady that was sleeping rough as well. She suggested that she come with her to St John's Care to get some food. When Helen came into the Centre she was cold and felt hopeless. One of our volunteers gave her something warm to eat and asked what they could do to help her.

Helen started to cry and said that she wanted to go home but was scared her family wouldn't let her. We provided her with a phone to use and she called her Mum and Dad. Her parents were so happy that she called as they were worried about her. They were sorry they had kicked her out three years earlier. Her parents suggested that she come home. However, they didn't have any money to send to her.

Helen told this to Jason, our Programs Manager, who connected her with another community service so she could get an interstate bus ticket. While we were driving to get her things, Helen told us that she had considered suicide over the past few weeks, but now felt she had a reason to live after reconnecting with her family. She said that everything had seemed dark and there was nothing to look forward to.

Helen said that if it wasn't for the caring volunteer that didn't judge and who had looked past her dirty appearance to give her an open listening ear, she wouldn't have lived another day. She said that since being homeless and living on the street, people would often look at her. She was a 'no one' and no one would talk to her as she was dirty. "Living on the street is hard enough without people not seeing you," she said.

Items required: 425g tins of tuna, Up & Go milk drinks, tinned tomatoes, biscuits and washing liquid

Sarah Murdoch, Executive Officer

September **Anglican News** on the bookcase at the back.

The **lost property** basket is overflowing – please check to see if any of it is yours. It will all be donated to Anglicare soon.

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Your Parish Councillors have been discussing with Wayne, our Rector, the challenge of how we best use our resources, of time, talents, energy and funds, to best go about being God's people here at Holy Covenant in Jamison. Our use of Wayne's time and that of our volunteer clergy and many of our volunteers is at full stretch and we are talking through ways in which to continue to develop our life together.

Our Treasurer, together with our Finance Committee, has advised us that during 2019 the level of our giving has not risen to match recent rises in staffing and operational costs which have increased with CPI and energy costs. Perhaps as you or your household go about doing your taxes or processing your tax return, it could be a good time to review your financial arrangements and if you haven't adjusted your offering in some time, consider doing so to align to your current situation. Our Treasurer, Ken Wedgwood, or any of the Wardens, will be happy to speak with you further.

POSITION VACANT

Children's Ministry Worker – paid position, available from end 2019. As advised recently, our wonderful Katherine Rainger is very soon going to be blessing the cherubs of Radford College and thus relinquishing her role as our Children's Ministry Worker. While the Rector and Wardens are going to run a formal recruitment activity in the next few months, they are very keen to hear from any of you if you know someone who might be suitably skilled and appropriately situated to be included in our recruitment arrangements. Please talk to your friend/contact and encourage them to get in touch with our favourite Rector in the first instance – we'll provide more information in future weekly bulletins.

DID YOU KNOW – you can recycle your bottles and cans at the Anglicare shop at Jamison? The 10 cents Anglicare receives will be put towards all the work they do.

ROSTER UNAVAILABILITY

If you are aware you will be unavailable for rosters during October, please indicate on the Roster Unavailability sheet on the board up the back.



PRAYER VINE

A meeting of Prayer Vine members will be held at 3pm on Sunday, 29 September in the Rainbow Centre. Any members of the parish who are interested are welcome to come too. For more information contact Rosemary Kennemore, 6251 2009 or rkmore@grapevine.com.au

ENGAGING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE - SYNOD 2019

Nearly 300 delegates from the parishes and agencies of Anglican Church in Canberra and Goulburn crammed into the Goulburn workers club for Synod 2019. It was Bishop Mark Short's first meeting and he ensured that business moved along smoothly.

Bishop Mark reflected on the reality of tribalism, which fosters division and contempt in contemporary society, in his presidential address. Rather than succumb to such divisions, Mark urged Christians to find their unity and identity in Christ as we move into the world inviting others to encounter Christ. He suggested that the church might think of itself as a waterhole in a dry and dusty land.

Mark offered a threefold pattern of engagement. First, the church needs to see what matters to God, just as the Samaritan saw the need of a stranger (Luke 10.25-37). Second, we need to hear what matters to God, as Philip heard the Eunuch asking questions (Acts 8.26-40). Finally, we should feel what matters to God, as those on the road to Emmaus felt warmed by God's presence (Luke 24.13-35).

At the synod dinner the contribution of Bishop Trevor and Ruth Edwards was acknowledged. Friends and colleagues spoke warmly about Trevor's capacity to keep calm and hold everything together. It was also the last meeting of Synod for our current parish representatives, Beth Hyde (8am congregation), George Gerrity and Merri Bacon (both 10am congregation).

Synod furnished members with an opportunity to hear from agencies about important aspects of ministry where members of our parish family make a substantial contribution. These included:

- my presentation of the story of the Exploratory Ministry Chaplaincy Unit, an incubator for new ministries;
- Bob Arthur (8am congregation) presented on the selection process used for electing bishops; and
- Ben Paton (4.30pm congregation) presented the ministry of Synergy, reminding people about how the impact of Camp Pelican lasts a lifetime.

Of course, Synod also allowed a variety of concerns about issues to be voiced and heard. I presented two motions encouraging parishes to engage with First Nations people and to read the Uluru Statement from the Heart (2017). Beth Hyde also encouraged more substantive government engagement on climate change. A motion requesting the ACT government to revise its decision withdrawing from the school's chaplaincy program generated much energy. The need to retain and redevelop the diocesan camp site at Tathra following the 2018 bushfires was affirmed and the development of diocesan phrasing and graphics for signage was encouraged.

Amid all the conversation, two issues loomed large. The capacity to sustain congregations in rural areas, which often lack both money and people, and the need for grow leaders capable of developing creative solutions are challenges facing the diocese that will only grow with time. I'm convinced that by working better together even the driest desert can blossom into life. In a thirsty and parched world, we have the opportunity to rediscover Christ as the source of living water, the waterhole for us all.

Wayne Brighton

Parish Camp

CHURCHES THAT CHANGE THE WORLD



with Kylie Butler

Jesus changed the world. Changing the world doesn't depend on the church's size, wealth or capacity to court politicians. It all depends on its member's preparedness to listen to God and to do something about it. Put simply, Churches are meant to CHANGE the world.

Saturday, 19 October 2019
9am—4pm

Dinner and activities from 6pm

Greenhills Conference Centre
1437 Cotter Road, Stromlo ACT 2611

WOMEN'S AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 28 September
3pm at Tilley's at Lyneham
All welcome!

Last chance to sign up today! Don't miss out on a cuppa, cake, sweet potato chips and a good chat!

SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Our annual fete and plant sale is rapidly approaching! Please think about clearing out books and white elephant things, what you can cook for the café and pot up your best plants. Further details will appear each week from now on – what can you do to make the morning a great community event and a success?

COMMUNITY LUNCH THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2019

11:30am start

Water for All?

Quentin Grafton will talk about water resources in Australia. Sign up lists on the board to attend, make slices and help on the day please.