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.

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Canberra Mental Health Forum

Tuesday 8 October 1.30pm-3pm, see notice board

There will be no Tai Chi in the school holidays. Resumes Wed 16th October

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.

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ We pray for those deprived of a just share of the earth's resources; for those of this land whose heritage has been stolen. Touch the hearts of those who have been blessed with material riches, that they may share generously with the hungry, the homeless, the destitute and all who have too little for their daily needs.

IN AUSTRALIA

⇒ Pray for those continuing to be affected by drought: farmers and country areas.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

⇒ Province of Papua New Guinea
⇒ Theological Colleges and Church Schools of the Anglican Church of Australia: staff and students
⇒ Special Ministries: Military Christian Fellowship:
⇒ Religious education in schools and parishes in both ACT and NSW
⇒ Education for Ministry Diocesan Coordinator: Parish groups
⇒ Confirmation Preparation: Confirmation candidates, the Catechumenate and Alpha programs
⇒ Outreach and ministry amongst youth

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

⇒ We pray for the Community lunch this Thursday.
⇒ For all members of our parish family including Janet Williams; Tony Willis; Lexie Winders; and Raphael, Belinda, Katie, Lucy and William Wood.
⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Dorothy Parsonage, Elizabeth Grant, John Sullivan, Andrew Hill, Phil Bloomfield and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Wednesday: Stephen Conan-Davies (d. 1998)
Portia Lillian Lloyd (d. 2015)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sunday: Roger Hallows
Monday: Liam Harper
Wednesday: Caroline Taylor-Steele
Thursday: Marjorie Pratts
Friday: Carol Kubanek, Barry Pogson
Saturday: Wayne Brighton

COLLECT FOR 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God,
from whom light rises in darkness for those who seek you:
grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties,
the grace to ask what you would have us do,
that in your light we may see light,
and in your narrow path may not stumble;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever**. Amen.**

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READINGS

Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15
Psalm 91:1-6,14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16: 19-31

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HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2019
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TODAY IN THE PARISH

8am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion
Celebrant: Reverend Anne Dudzinski
Preacher: Venerable (EM) Anne Ranse OAM
Twilight Conversation in school holiday recess

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER

8am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion
Celebrant: The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton
Preacher: Reverend Connie Gerrity
3.30pm Rainbow Fellowship
Twilight Conversation in school holiday recess until 13 October

COMING EVENTS

Thursday 3 October
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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ON HOPE AND THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Right now my heart and soul is acutely tuned to hope, especially in our young. When we use the eye of our imagination to see into the future, what images come to mind? What are our prophetic voices saying?

The body is an amazing thing. Truly. How the eye works, the thumb curves, the knee joint glides, all so stunningly elegant, intelligent. The body is a most extraordinary ensemble of finely tuned and collaborating parts. Some are more glamorous and obvious than others, but each are necessary to the other. One part, by its prominence, has no claim to superiority or preference. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' nor the head to the feet 'I don't need you!' No. The eye would be an oyster and the head a monster.

As Paul writes, the 'lesser parts' are in fact indispensable. You can live without an eye or a hand, but not a stomach, or white blood cells. That is, the smaller, 'humbler' parts of the body are in fact, fundamental. Simply, everything is woven together in a living exchange of glorious mutual interdependence.

In Paul's later writings comes the high theology of Jesus as eternal Christ: *Jesus, the image of the invisible God, through whom all things are created and in whom all things hold together. Jesus is the head of the body, reconciling all things to himself* (Colossians 1.15fl).

This image of body describes the mission of church. 'Church' is not a separate entity apart from creation, but the frame around which creation is formed, because Jesus is the body and Jesus is the church. Thus church is servant of creation, working with Jesus, for the good of all the parts. Faith is not a private belief but a public participation in the life of Jesus, for the wellbeing of the body.

This is the prophetic message and this is our calling. Hear it clearly in Jeremiah, the cry of 'poor man' Lazarus and the shaking pointing finger of children yet unborn, channeled in the small frame of Greta from Sweden.

Richard Browning

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EXHAUSTED PARENT FINDS RELIEF

Our Community Worker, Steph, and Programs Manager, Jason, have been working with a single mother of two young children named Sharon (not her real name) for the past year. Both of Sharon's children suffer from chronic illnesses which means she must regularly take them to the children's hospital in Sydney.

Although Sharon is employed, she cannot work whilst the children are sick, so she had to apply for Centrelink payments. Just recently her youngest child was admitted to Canberra Hospital with a serious infection. Sharon had to depend on her friends for help with her other child as she has no family in Canberra.

When Sharon came to the Centre, she was exhausted. She had no money as there had been a problem with Centrelink and no food in the house. She had been in hospital with her son for 7 days and when the family arrived, they were all feeling overwhelmed and her children a little stir crazy from their long stay in hospital.

As our volunteers know the family well they played with the children while Sharon had a coffee and one of the donated quick meals. She hadn't eaten properly in over a week. Sharon said that she really appreciated the break to be able to make phone calls and have some time to herself.

Steph was able to assist her with prescriptions, a water bill and her Telstra bill which she said made a huge difference to her outgoings. More than anything Sharon just wanted to talk and have someone sit with her while she told her story.

Sharon's journey with her sick children is ongoing, but small meetings and supports like we just mentioned help her move through each week.

On a different note we would like to remind you that on Saturday 28 September from

2-5pm, Anglicare and SJC will be holding an Op Shop Fashion Show in St John's Hall to raise money for our Emergency Relief Centres in the ACT.

We would love you to join us, to have a laugh, a chat and a shop, while supporting those in our community who are currently facing hardship.

You can purchase tickets from The Anglicare NSW South, NSW West and ACT website https://www.anglicare.com.au/.

Kind Regards

The SJC Team

Items required: Large tins tuna, Up & Go, tinned tomatoes, biscuits and washing up liquid.

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.

PARISH FETE

SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER

9.30am – 1pm

Planning is well under way for our fabulous Fete! This year we will be having plants, books, white elephant, jewels, a barbecue, cakes and of course our well patronised café.

HOW YOU CAN HELP NOW

* Start sorting out books and DVDs. No magazines or audio tapes please.
* Pot up plants, all varieties welcome.
* Clear out cupboards for the white elephant stall. No electrical please.
* **Sign up to help** on one or two of the stalls during the morning, or help set up on Friday afternoon. Sign up sheets for all stalls on the board at the back.

If everyone does a little, then no one does too much.

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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.

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

WHERE IS WAYNE?

Wayne is in Grafton this weekend leading a diocesan conference about starting new missional initiatives with teams from its 28 parishes.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church had a great month in September celebrating the 'Season of Creation'. Special guests included: Joh Sheehan who talked to us about SHOVEL (Holy Covenant's community garden); Jodie Petrov who introduced us to a very friendly silkie chicken and Perry Wiles who talked to us about the wonders of the cosmos. We also learnt about oceans, storms, the creation story in the Bible and the Godly Play Story of the Parable of the Mustard Seed.

A big thank you to the team who led Children's Church during the 10am service each week this term and playgroup 10am each Friday.

We would love more helpers for Children's Church Sunday mornings! All you need is a Working with Vulnerable People Card, participation in a Creating Safe Ministries course and a willingness to wonder. Please keep Children's Church & playgroup in your prayers.

Children's Church is having a break over the holidays. We resume 10am 13th October. There will also be a meeting for volunteers at 11:30am on the 13th October.

Blessings, *Rev Katherine Rainger*