

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2020 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GOD IS GREAT AND GOD IS WITH US

In-person public worship has restarted but on a restricted basis. Please use the URLs below so that we can manage attendance and contact information. Registration available from Monday. We will also continue to worship online via ZOOM video conferencing. To join us, use the link below.

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Meeting ID: [882 096 2366](https://zoom.us/j/8820962366?pwd=YUjja05YTXFCN0N4MGRiSFVRIl0Zz09)

Password: 033643

For **Kid's church** the meeting room is at **9am**:

[https://us04web.zoom.us/
j/417454216?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/417454216?pwd=NlFwSktMWUNBS0Y2NHVxemd5Ml0wZz09)

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Meeting ID: 417 454 216

Password: Kidschurch

SUNDAY 2 AUGUST

Seating limited to 35 people per service.

8am Holy Communion

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

10am Holy Communion

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

Celebrant:

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

Preacher: Rev Connie Gerrity

3pm Rainbow Fellowship

5pm Twilight Conversation

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST

Seating limited to 35 people per service.

8am Holy Communion

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

10am Holy Communion

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

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

5pm Twilight Conversation

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

In the three great monotheistic religions, there is a tension between the greatness of God and his intimacy with humans

In Islam, the tension is resolved in favour of God's Greatness — "Allahu Akhbar" (Our God is Great) at the expense of his nearness, his intimacy with humans. Yes, Allah spoke directly to His Prophet, Mohammed, and yes, Allah is merciful, but the emphasis is on obedience, not Allah's mercy or love, which is conditional: indeed, Islam means "Submission".

In Judaism, the tension is there, and acknowledged. In today's OT reading (Genesis 32:22–31), we see Jacob wrestling with a man whom he identifies as God, for he names the place Peniel (face of God: v30). The meaning of this story is hotly contested both in Jewish and Christian commentaries, but this dream or physical manifestation is most certainly connected with Jacob's fear of meeting with his elder twin Esau, and his prayer to God 32:v9ff) to resolve this meeting in his favour, especially since God had commanded him to return. A manifestation of God is technically known as a *theophany* (Greek: appearance, showing, or manifestation of God) and God's appearance in human form occurs in a number of places in the OT, such as where the three men appear to Abraham (Genesis 18:1–15, 22–33) and in this text. God is supremely near and intimate in a human form, and in Genesis 18, Abraham dares to argue with God: in Genesis 32, Jacob dares to wrestle with God. In the popular musical, "Fiddler on the Roof", Tevye argues with God several times, and indeed, this is very Jewish and very

traditional and found in many passages in the OT and in the Jewish commentaries.

Judaism is emphatic that God is the creator of all that is and above all that is, and is all-knowing and all-powerful, yet God's mercy and love for His people is so great that they are allowed, — indeed encouraged — to wrestle with Him, to argue with him, to bargain with him. But they dare to do so because they are his chosen people.

In Christianity, the tension is resolved through the immediacy and mediation of Jesus Christ. It is in the Gospels that we find the final resolution of the tension between God the Creator of all and his immediacy to humanity because of his great love for us. This is the Good News of the Gospels, that God gave us his Son both as the Jewish Saviour and ours, to deal with this gulf between the Creator and fallible Creation, to make us perfect before God and to make us his adopted daughters and sons, through the mediation of Christ, our Pioneer and fore-runner to God.

We should remember that the work of Christ is not something for Christians alone. Paul emphasises just how much the descendants of Jacob are God's people and how he wishes they would acknowledge their Messiah and Saviour, and that this relationship can *never* be taken away from them (Romans 9:1–16). This passage alone, by the way, should quell any thought of antisemitism on the part of Christians.

George Gerrity

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SILENT AUCTION

Congratulations to all who participated in the Silent Auction. The winner of each item is shown below. Please arrange to pick up your item from the Church Office. You can pay by cash or by direct deposit to "Holy Covenant Anglican Church " BSB: 062 907 A/C No: 802 588 with a reference with your name and "silent auction"

Item	Winner
Wooden bowls	Carol K
Knitted beanie	Russell J
Ceramic mugs	Janice G
Luxury Reed diffuser	Susan W
Queen Elizabeth II mug	Prue W
King Edward mug	Prue W
Ceramic bird bell	Carol K
Pink and purple handmade knitted slippers	Penny L
Tea cosy and Coffee Plunger cover	Jodie P
Pink scarf	Deranie J
White knitted hat	Penny L
Needle point	Wendy R
High tea Brighton's for 6 people	James C
Yarralumla nursery voucher	Sue P
Jamison takeaway voucher	Hilary H
Turkish pide house voucher	Wendy R
Corona virus survival kit	Bea D
2009 Mount Pleasant Elizabeth Hunter Valley Semillon	Paul S
2012 Wynns Coonawarra Estate Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon	Ken W

Item	Winner
2013 Horton Crofters Frankland River Shiraz	Quentin G
2002 Jim Barry The Lodge Hill Clare Valley Shiraz	Ken W
2006 McWilliam's 1877 Shiraz Cabernet	Richard S
2012 Grosset Polish Hill Clare Valley Riesling	Paul S
Allergy centre Jamison Products	Carol K
Cassidy's Jamison gold brooch	Heather S
Cassidy's Jamison silver necklace	Deranie
Cassidy's Jamison gold necklace	Heather S
Beauty bar International voucher	Merri B
Donut King Jamison voucher	Anne Dr
3 reflection books by Anne Ranse	Jodie P
Sober driver for a Day Trip	Jayne M
Handmade tailored vest or waistcoat	Jane M
Ricardo's voucher	Sue P
Gift certificate for lunch or dinner at the Shelleys	Noel M
La Shabbie Boutique Jamison voucher	Sandra R

Overall the night was very successful and the Silent Auction raised \$1964

Thanks especially to the businesses that supported us:

- Jamison Takeaway
- Turkish Pide House
- Jamison Discount Hut
- The Allergy Centre
- Cassidy's Department Store
- Beauty Bar International
- Donut King (Jamison)
- Ricardo's Café Jamison
- La Shabbie Jamison



A BRAVE STEP TO REACH OUT

Lockdown has affected everyone in one way or another. We really feel for some of our clients who live alone and are not venturing out.

Like many activities, because of COVID-19 many agencies who provide community meals in Canberra have had to either close, significantly change how they operate or provide takeaway meals.

Community meals aren't just about food! For many guests, who may be homeless or socially isolated, it's the only place where they feel welcome, have an opportunity for conversation and to meet others for a catch up.

It's also a safe opportunity for them to hear about community services like Street Law, and to reach out for help.

Sharing a meal with others is one of those fundamental human needs. For people who are already isolated, these regular, no cost opportunities to come together with others is sorely missed.

Today we had a lady ring us with an enquiry. Did we have any fresh fruit and vegetables? We said yes – actually we have plenty at the moment.

She went on to explain that her family was in a tight spot at the moment. One parent had lost their job due to COVID and they were struggling with a significant drop in income.

They needed some food urgently. She hadn't asked for assistance from us before, so it was a brave step for her to enquire and reach out for help.

We encouraged her to come in to the Centre to get some food and essentials. We also asked if she needed assistance with any bills.

When she arrived, we prepared a big parcel of food with lots of fresh fruit and vegetables (many thanks to OzHarvest!) and encouraged her to come back if she needed more assistance.

We hope it was a positive experience for her and that she will be able to reach out again to us for support if her family needs it.

Asking for help can be so difficult, but we encourage anyone who needs a helping hand with food and other essentials to get in touch.

Kind regards,

SJC team

Items Required: Pasta sauce, paper towel and disinfectant wipes.

FROM THE HEART OF JESUS

Pray then in this way; Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Matthew 6:9

There is no way of telling what each day will bring and in such troubled times as we are in now with the world in a pandemic and a record of this year being one unimaginable catastrophe after another our days and lives can change in the blink of an eye.

So, how should we pray? I seem to recall this question being asked by the apostles when they asked Jesus to teach them how to pray.

He gave them these words – he taught them the Lord's Prayer, a prayer that meets our daily needs and one that assures us God is with us. Imagine this. Every time we say the 'Our Father' God looks at his hands where our names are etched. 'See I have inscribed you on the palm of my hands.' (Isaiah 49:16) What a beautiful image. What an expression of the love God has for us all.

One of the most encompassing, personal yet universal prayers we can ever have was given to us, word by word from the mouth and heart of Jesus himself. They are his words, he made them up just for you and for me and for generations past and future. May we never say, 'Lord, I don't know how to pray.'

May the Lord of Peace himself give you peace at all times and in all ways.

Anne, servant of the Lord.

<https://comewalkwithme-reflections.blogspot.com>



A wall of the Lord's Prayer in every language. (Israel)

KID'S CHURCH STARTS EARLIER

From this week Kid's Church will start meeting at 9am.

This is to allow for families to come to church if they wish.

Wendy Robertson

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Appreciation

2020 PARISH DINNER
ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Allison Cooper-Stanbury

Joh Sheehan

Wendy Robertson

Sandra Ross

Carol Kubanek

TALENT TEAM

James Collier

(quiz master)

Mark Cooper-Stanbury

(emcee)

Quentin Grafton

(auctioneer)

Paul Shelley

JANUS AWARD 2020

FOR OPENING DOORS FOR SO MANY

Joh Sheehan

ENERGISER BUNNY AWARD 2020

FOR GOING THE EXTRA MILE ALWAYS

Mark Cooper-Stanbury

JAMES CAMERON AWARD 2020

FOR VIDEOGRAPHY AND ZOOM

BROADCASTING WITHOUT DUCT TAPE

Anne and Martin Lange

RUBIX CUBE AWARD 2020

FOR PROBLEM SOLVING SOUND SYSTEMS

James Collier

EL CAPITAN AWARD 2020

FOR STANDING TALL AND

BEING AN INSPIRING LEGEND

*Parish dinners are a wonderful opportunity to express our gratitude
to everyone involved during the year.*

*Special thanks to those who organised the 'zoom' dinner which allowed us all
to celebrate our blessings even in the middle of a pandemic.*

*Shout out to the talent team, hosts and participants
who made it such a fun and memorable night.*

*Three cheers to all the local businesses and members who
gave generously to our silent auction.*

*A standing ovation to those whose passion and energy
have made church possible during an unforgettable year.*



WIDER WORKS

Each year, Parish Council considers how it might support financially the work of other Christian organisations locally, nationally and internationally. In 2020 a new approach was adopted in order to: (a) give more support to fewer projects over a longer horizon; (b) create space to provide gifts to new initiatives each year; and (c) to support emergency relief as and when crises occur.

On this basis, Parish Council decided to provide \$2,000 to support the following projects for each of the next three years (2020-2023):

- Embracing Ministries (disability support, Canberra)
 - Tikondane (supporting education, healthcare and entrepreneurship in Zambia)
 - Companion House (supporting healthcare and legal assistance for refugees and asylum seekers, Canberra)
 - St John's Care (emergency relief, Canberra)
 - Anglican Board of Mission (first nations support and international development)
 - Equal Voices (supporting gender and sexual diversity, national)
- Organisations to receive gift of \$2,000 for 2020 included:
- Anglican Overseas Aid (international development)
 - Canberra Refugee Support (supporting resettlement in Canberra) and
 - Nungalinga College (first nations ministry education).

Approximately \$2,000 would be held in reserve for emergency relief in 2020, passing to St John's Care in December if unallocated.

The rector and wardens would welcome your suggestions for initiatives to receive a gift in 2021.

Wayne

On Wednesday 22nd July there was a celebration. In Holy Covenant! The Midday Service Resumed and we celebrated for 2 events. Firstly the Communion Service was celebrated with 9 folk and we also celebrated Christine's 90th Birthday which was in May at lunch. Birthday cake of course, no candles, but we did sing Happy Birthday into our elbows!! It was great to be together again!

Gillian Painter

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Dear friends

The preliminary July accounts indicate that our finances are in a very healthy state. Most of the income was from regular direct givings and this was supplemented by the \$2000 raised by the silent auction held during the recent parish dinner.

We are receiving the JobKeeper supplement for our five employees via the Diocese and this certainly makes a big difference to our fortnightly payroll bill.

Apart from staffing expenses, the main expenditures in July were the quarterly electricity, water and gas bills, repairs and maintenance costs and a start on distributing funds in our 2020 wider work budget.

The parish council would like to thank everyone for their continuing financial stewardship.

Blessings.

Paul Shelley

Warden and Treasurer

PARISH RETREAT

BE STILL

4-6 September 2020

The Hermitage, Old South Road, Mittagong, NSW
Sarah Bachelard is leading this year's silent retreat. Sarah leads the contemplative community called Benedictus and is an accomplished retreat leader. The retreat is an opportunity to get away, take breathe and reconnect with God and self, which is particularly important during times of uncertainty and upheaval. Registrations opening shortly.

DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR REFUGEES?

In 2018, The Refugee Council of Australia, Save the Children Australia, Amnesty International Australia, the Welcome to Australia initiative, Rural Australians for Refugees and the Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce joined to form the Community Refugee Sponsorship Initiative. The CRSI is now looking for sponsor groups to help look after all the needs of refugees for their first year in Australia. Initially with a 6-month program beginning in October.

There is a Zoom information session 12:30-1:30pm Thursday 6 August (link TBA), or look at <http://www.ausrefugeesponsorship.com.au/>. Felicity Banks (aka the Bloomfield's daughter), will run a group. Please also contact Felicity if you would like to help eg. finance, time, fundraising, being a friend, employing refugees in your business, helping with translation services, initial accommodation, tutoring children, giving children lifts to/from school, etc!

Felicity Banks 0402 548 978 fellissimo@hotmail.com

Holy Covenant Youth Group

HC Youth Group is returning in-person this term. Fruitful Fridays will run 6-8:30pm in the Worship Centre 7 and 21 August and 4 and 18 September and Sunday Bible Study will run each Sunday at the 10am service beginning 26th July.



DONATIONS FOR NEW VIDEO EQUIPMENT

Many thanks to all those who have contributed towards the new video equipment. At this stage \$1850 has been generously donated.

DINNER GROUP AT SOUTHERN CROSS CLUB

The "First Tuesday of the Month" dinner is meeting this month on **Thursday 6th** August at 5.30 pm.
A time for some fun and fellowship.
Please confirm that you are coming so I can let SCC Jamison know our numbers.
Thank you
Hilary 6251 8166

COLLECT FOR 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God, giver of life and health,
whose Son Jesus Christ has called us to
hunger and thirst for justice:
refresh us with your grace,
that we may not be weary in well-doing,
for the sake of him who meets all our needs,
Jesus Christ our Saviour;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ We pray for all those whose lives are devastated by war, terrorism, famine and disease, especially the people of Yemen; for leaders of nations and those who strive to bring justice.

IN AUSTRALIA

⇒ We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. We praise God for the people who nurtured the land here in our parish that we call home.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Adelaide
- ⇒ Archdeacons
- ⇒ Area Deans
- ⇒ Professional Standards Board and Committees
- ⇒ Victims of physical and sexual abuse and the continuing implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission including the National Redress Scheme.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ Congregations – 8am Sunday—that those who feel cold, drained and empty might be warmed, filled and sustained by God’s Spirit.
- ⇒ Children’s ministry (Wendy Robertson) that new families might come and join our work.
- ⇒ Parish Council/Wardens for wisdom and courage to thirst and hunger for God’s righteousness.
- ⇒ Holistic Care Nursing Ministries (Rhonda Thorpe and Anne Ranse) pray for a safe and smooth return to face to face contact and that we will have sufficient volunteers to restart the programs.
- ⇒ Rainbow Playgroup (Christine Mitchell).
- ⇒ Musica da Camera
- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Penny and Ted Lilley; Colin Lyons; Frances Mackay; Megan Mackay; Jean Main; Rob Maron; Margaret Martin; and Mary Lynn Mather.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button, Elizabeth Grant, Andrew Hill, Phil Bloomfield, Judith Ann, Lexie Winders, Roger Hallows, Jenny Hall, Bev Barnes and anyone known to us personally

COMMEMORATIONS

Thursday: Tamara Mary Batterham (d. 2019)

READINGS

- Genesis 32.22-31
- Psalm 17.1-7, 17.16
- Romans 9.1-8
- Matthew 14.13-21

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- ★ **Sunday:** Pam Lane
- ★ **Tuesday:** Bryan McGuiness
- ★ **Friday:** Iona Brighton