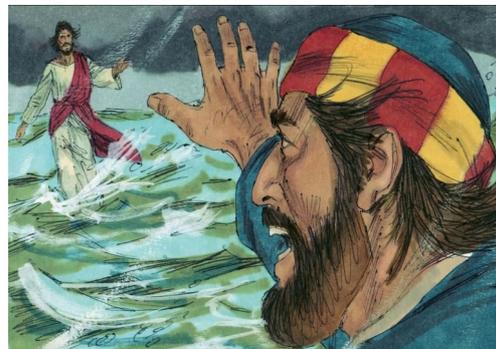


HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2020 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CHANGING THE ORDER

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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Password: 033643

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

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Meeting ID: 417 454 216

Password: Kidschurch

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

3pm Rainbow Fellowship

5pm Twilight Conversation

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST

Seating limited to 35 people per service.

8am Holy Communion

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

10am Holy Communion

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

Celebrant: Reverend Connie Gerrity

Preacher: Reverend Anne Dudzinski

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

People often assume that the natural order is something fixed and immutable, if not divinely ordained then supported by God at the very least. Such visions tend to structure life hierarchically, usually on the basis of class, race, wealth or sexuality. Those who are most enthusiastic about such arrangements are typically those who gain the most and they often react badly to any suggestion that things could or should be different.

God shows a consistent disregard for natural order. God shows no regard for doing things the way they've always been done and precious little interest in backing those who claim some divine right to rule. Scripture shows God overturning the established order at every turn, not least of all with Joseph (Gen 37).

Ancient families had a pecking order. A person's place in the world was determined by their birth order, an order which was never random but something ordained by God. Birth order wasn't just about inheritance. It was about access to power and status. Little wonder then that the firstborn always had to come first.

In this kind of world Joseph should have come last, in everything. Yet Israel (or Jacob as he was known before wrestling with an angel for God's blessing) loved Joseph more than anyone. The child of his beloved Rachel was more important to him than 10 sons and valued more highly than his only daughter (v.3).

Such favouritism didn't go unnoticed (v.4). Reversing the natural order bred resentment. Jealousy took root among those who felt overlooked. Rather than discussing it like adults, Joseph's siblings took matters into their own hands (v.12-28). They conspired to trap and kill him, only to relent at the last moment by selling Joseph to Egyptian slavers instead.

Although people might resent little brothers, God chose to reveal himself through Joseph. Even when he was abandoned by his brothers God had other plans. God works out the plan for salvation through Joseph, the least in the family to save everyone. Through a series of remarkable coincidences, Joseph is there at the right time or as William Temple might remind us, 'when I pray coincidences happen. When I don't, they don't.'

So no matter how small, least and even lost we might feel, remember Joseph.

He discovered that coincidences do happen. He found God was present even when things were not going to plan. Even at the bottom of a pit, God was there.

God opens up space for those who are open and willing to learn. Although some might be upset and even call you a troublemaker like Joseph, who knows how God might use you to enable everyone to grow and benefit?

Wayne

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CHANGING CLIENT BASE BECAUSE OF COVID



Over the past few months, since the beginning of COVID-19, there has been a gradual change in our client base and their needs. Now that St John's Care (SJC) is working in collaboration with the Canberra Relief Network (CRN) the cohort of clients receiving assistance from SJC is changing. The CRN is an ACT Government food relief initiative, facilitated by community services, for people who are experiencing financial hardship during the pandemic.

As well as providing food and support to those who struggle with issues related to low income and social disadvantage, SJC has been helping people who, until recently, have had well paid jobs but lost them because of COVID. Unfortunately, these people often don't know how to negotiate the help and support that is out there.

When a person comes to collect a CRN box from SJC we ask them if there is anything else we can support them with. Quite often they are struggling with utility bills, housing issues or problems with Centrelink. The CRN boxes are available to people in addition to the usual food hampers that SJC provides monthly to clients.

We have also been able to assist these people in collaboration with Street Law, ActewAGL, Care Finance, ACT Housing, Centrelink Community Liaison and Telstra.

An example of this is when Molly (not her real name) came into the Centre a few weeks ago. Molly lives in a nice house on the south side of Canberra with her husband Geoff (not his real name) and their children aged two and four years.

Geoff had been working full time as a salesperson at a local business. Unfortunately, he had only been there for seven months, so he wasn't eligible for JobKeeper.

Molly and Geoff have a mortgage and a car loan which they would normally be able to afford. Molly had heard about the CRN on the radio and contacted them asking for a food hamper to be delivered to SJC.

When she arrived at SJC to collect her hamper she had her children with her and appeared very flustered. She told the volunteer that she worked part time, but her husband had lost his full-time job and was struggling to get onto the JobSeeker allowance.

I organised for Geoff to come and meet with me. With the support of the Centrelink Community Liaison Worker, I helped him to claim JobSeeker which would supplement Molly's small income.

However, they still had the issue of the mortgage. Care Finance assisted them with this and the ActewAGL 'Staying Connected Program' helped with the gas and electricity bills moving forward. Molly had also been experiencing health problems and needed help with a couple of prescriptions. SJC was able to support this.

Molly and Geoff are not our usual cohort of client but in these difficult times we were able to support them compassionately. They said that they didn't feel judged, which is something they were very worried about.

Kind regards,

Steph Stephens
Community Worker

Items required: children's toothpaste and toothbrushes, 500 ml cooking oil, shampoo & conditioner, tinned fruit.

WHAT DOES THIS SAY TO YOU?

Break me, melt me, mould me fill me. Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me. (New Harvest 173)

It is so amazing to know that you cut open a flower bulb and inside you will see the flower. What does that say to you? What image comes to mind?

There it is, this beautiful flower tucked away hidden in the centre of a plain brown bulb and planted in the right place it will emerge from the darkness into the light, unfolding to flourish.

I think we can relate this to us: ordinary people with the light of Christ hidden within us. Beak us open by the Spirit of God and there will be revealed our beauty, our compassion, our love for each other and an even greater love for God. And we will flourish.

May many see the beauty within of all who follow Christ.

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

Anne, servant of the Lord.

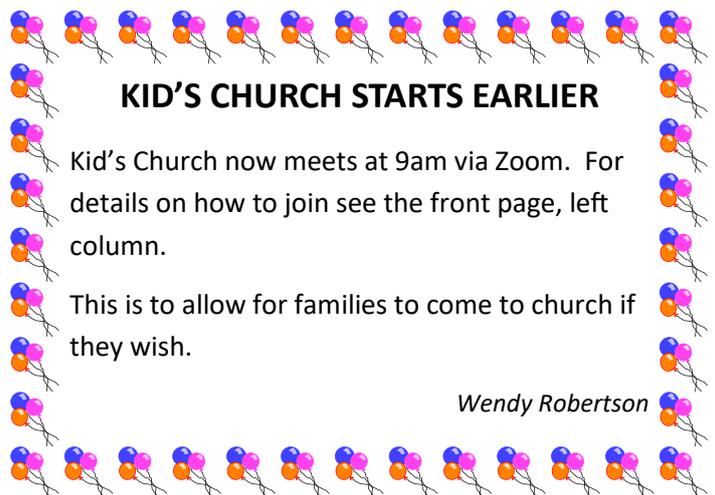
<https://comewalkwithme-reflections.blogspot.com>

Break me, mould me so I flourish



SILENT AUCTION

Congratulations to all who participated in the Silent Auction. Please arrange to pick up your item from the Church Office if you haven't already done so. 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".



KID'S CHURCH STARTS EARLIER

Kid's Church now meets at 9am via Zoom. For details on how to join see the front page, left column.

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

Wendy Robertson

DIRRUM FESTIVAL 2020 – EXPLORING THE THEME OF ‘TIPPING POINTS’

Friday 14 August, 4:30 – 7pm

Saturday 15 August, 4:30 – 7pm

This year’s Dirrum Festival theme is ‘Tipping Points’. As the Dirrum Festival fast approaches, the theme feels increasingly apt. The Dirrum team, made up of Year 12 students, has brought together a range of speakers who can address ‘tipping points’ in our individual and collective lives.

Speakers Bernard Collaery, Tom Calma, Ahmed Kelly, Camille Wilson, David and Emma Pocock, Mark Whithear, Anote Tong, Brooke Prentis and Craig Foster are well positioned to address ‘tipping points’ in areas such as democracy, mental health, the environment, human rights and the particular rights of First Nations peoples.

More information <https://www.radford.act.edu.au/news-and-events/latest-news-and-achievements/article/?id=dirrum-festival-tipping-points>

Registration at [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=PxqJtlejykw2YfUU26d_hC_SplHtD5Dgpfpc6RzoyNURTFWV0Q1NUtWOUFORkxSS0ZlWDRBWjhaTy4u)

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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

Holy Covenant Youth Group

HC Youth Group is returning in-person this term. Fruitful Fridays will run 6-8:30pm in the Worship Centre 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.

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

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.

YMCA EXERCISES FOR THE 50 PLUS

Classes to start at **Scullin Salvos Hall**

on Monday 10 August at 9.30am or Thursday at 11am.

Bring a mat, band, and dumb bells if you have them

\$10 a class

Only 20 per class

You will need to book in

Duncan Craig

0404 373 157

Duncancraig@boomerabbs.com.au

These are the first classes to start up.

Duncan will look to Holy Covenant classes if demand indicates they are needed.

WORKING BEES

The Resources Team is always looking for new members to help keep our gardens and grounds looking beautiful. If you are able to help for a couple of hours on a Saturday morning, once a month, please contact Paul Shelley (0419 255 002) for details. On-the-job training available, plus time off for a delicious morning tea.



PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ For those who hunger for freedom, for justice, for release from poverty and disease; for all who struggle for the peace and welfare of the world.

IN AUSTRALIA

⇒ For all who are caught up in crime or addiction, for all who are giving their allegiance to wrong things or feel trapped in circumstances beyond their control.
⇒ Continue to pray for control of the corona virus, and patience particularly for Victorians as they face a further period of lockdown.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

⇒ Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn
⇒ Bishop-in-Council and the Ministry Executive, the Anglican Church Property Trust and The Pelican Foundation
⇒ Diocesan Synod
⇒ Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture
⇒ Diocesan Public Issues Commission
⇒ All Saints' Ainslie; All Saints College
⇒ Growth of the Anglican Investment Development Fund and The Pelican Foundation.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

⇒ Congregations – 10am Sunday
⇒ Young adults ministry – pray for the continued growth of the leadership team and the inspiration and wisdom to navigate the challenges associated with covid-19
⇒ Shovel Community Garden – pray for God’s guidance as we seek to grow this community
⇒ Resources group
⇒ Tai Chi – pray for the continuing health of the group and a member who has had a death in the family in Queensland
⇒ For all members of our parish family including Doreen and Ian Matters; Anne and Lindsay McDowell; Bryan McGuinness; David and Margaret Meggs; Rod and Ann Menzies; and Christine Mitchell.
⇒ 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, Graham Bonnett, John Blue, Anne and Peter Bazeos and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Sunday: Audrey Pearl Kennett (d. 2015)
Tuesday: Joyce Cole (d. 2019)
Saturday: Jagaraj Lamech Aiyathurai (d. 2008)

COLLECT FOR 10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mighty God and ruler of all creation,
give new strength to our faith,
that we may recognise your presence
even when all hope seems lost.
Help us to face all trials with serenity
as we walk with Christ through the stormy seas
of life
and come at the last to your eternal peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

READINGS

Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22
Romans 10.4-15
Matthew 14.22-36

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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Tuesday: Oliver Taylor