

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2020 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

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

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SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

Seating limited to 35 people per service.

8am Holy Communion

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

10am Holy Communion

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

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

5pm Twilight Conversation

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Seating limited to 35 people per service.

8am Holy Communion

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

10am Holy Communion

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

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

3pm Rainbow Fellowship

5pm Twilight Conversation

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Names are sounds we make to label or point to persons, things, or kinds of things. We call them nouns, from the Latin word *nomen* — name. Names are powerful, for they allow us to transmit an idea to another person.

In today's world, the names of persons (proper nouns) might seem to be simply a label, albeit one that may be popular, or original, or nice sounding. In the past, names were deliberately chosen to represent the essence of a person or the hoped-for qualities that a child would have when fully grown.

All classical names have meaning although the meaning might be in another perhaps long dead language. The modern Greek name for Greece — *Ellos* — once pronounced Hellos, comes from a root word meaning bright or white. The name Helen and its derivative Ellen, Elaine, basically mean Blondie. In the Bible, Samuel means something like 'heard by God', but could also mean 'He hears God', and he was so named because God heard the prayer of his mother for a child. Girls were often named after flowers or sweet things — Rose, Violet, Honey. Boys were named after strong things. I have a grandnephew named Bear, and does he ever fit the name! Duncan means 'Dark Warrior' in Gaelic.

Names of persons are considered so powerful in some cultures that if a person's true name were known, the one who knew it could magically control that person's destiny. People have a public name and a true, or secret name known only to those closest to him or her. Some form of this practice is seen in Revelation 2.17 where those who endure

persecution receive a stone from God with their new name engraved. In many Amerindian tribes, people were given a conditional name at birth, and then were able to choose their own name at puberty.

So how should we name God? This is the question that Moses asked in our reading this morning (Exodus 3:1–15). Rabbi Lord Johnathan Sacks, sometime Chief Rabbi of Great Britain and a leading Jewish scholar puts the unanimous Jewish interpretation in an interview in November 11, 2010 with Krista Tippett this way:

When Moses at the burning bush says to God, "Who are you?" God says to him three words: "Hayah asher hayah". And these words are mistranslated in English as "I am that which I am". But in Hebrew, it means "I will be who or how or where I will be" meaning don't think you can predict me I am a God who is going to surprise you.

God cannot be contained. God cannot be limited. God is Lord of past and future. No list of names or attributes can adequately describe her/him. The Jewish Commentaries list nine names of God, and the commentaries on the Qur'an list ninety-nine names of God, but they are but futile attempts to get a handle on God, to somehow control her/him, to limit her/him. The one true name that encompasses what we can know of God is the name of Jesus.

George Gerrity

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WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

Sunday August 30

Today is an opportunity for us to wear purple as a way of showing love and support for our rainbow friends and family members. Wear it purple day began 10 years ago as a student led organisation that sought to celebrate diversity and inclusion at a time when exclusion and suicide was prolific among sexually and gender diverse teens.

Across Canberra all manner of schools, hospitals, businesses and community groups are now participating as a way of encouraging rainbow young people to feel safe and empowered. So there was no way we were going to be left out! Our rainbow friends are loved by God and by our church family.



SHOVEL COMMUNITY GARDEN

According to the *ABC Fight for Planet A* food miles make a big contribution to our carbon omissions. The Community

Garden tries to address this, taking a three pronged approach. We aim to:

- create community through sharing of resources, offering hospitality and love;
- nurture the environment, using sustainable practices to grow our own produce; and
- nurture people through the sharing of nutritious food.

Do you want to grow more of your own food, but lack the skills, knowledge or space? Perhaps you are a champion composter or have 101 recipes to make zucchini's appealing for the 6th night this week. Why not drop in and exchange ideas? We meet behind the Rainbow Centre at 2 pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Contact Joh Sheehan (6251 7151)

Donations to Sierra Leone

Hi if you are looking to spring clean and missing our Holy Covenant fete, you can still give direct to the container for Sierra Leone. They are collecting again with a special request for anything - especially bikes in particular - doesn't matter if they are broken. If you have anything to donate contact deranie@hotmail.com to organise delivery.

Thanks Deranie



Register online or pick up a form from the office.

PET BLESSING - 4 OCTOBER, 11.45am



Pets are wonderful. Their affection and company make a great difference in our lives. Holy Covenant will be holding a pet blessing for all creatures great and small in our Community Garden. So whether your pet walks, flies or swims, why not bring them out for something special?

CARD MAKERS HELP HOLISTIC CARE NURSING MINISTRIES

Holistic Care Nursing Ministries(HCNM) staff have been keeping in touch with volunteers in a variety of ways during the current close down. Recently Jennifer worked with Gillian Painter and the parish card making group to produce bookmarks which have been sent to all volunteers. Many thanks to the team which is always open to new members if that is of interest to you. Contact Gillian. HCNM is planning to resume its face to face activities in a limited way commencing with Covenant Care in early September. Our COVID Safe Resumption Plan has been approved and we are now planning for the restart.

Rhonda



DINNER GROUP AT SOUTHERN CROSS CLUB

The "First Tuesday of the Month" dinner is meeting this month on Tuesday 1st September at 6 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



A SAD BUT POSITIVE GOODBYE

Two years ago I started my role as Community Worker with St John's Care (SJC). Throughout those two years I have met and supported many people from all walks of life, often with really good outcomes.

Unfortunately, I am leaving my position at SJC as I am moving to Perth with my family. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the client stories that have been written in the newsletter over the past two years.

In 2018 I had the great pleasure of meeting Alice, an 81 year old lady who was homeless and had been living in a tent with her cat. The community really rallied round for Alice and not long after she had come to SJC for help, she had a house through One Link and lots of furniture and clothes donated by you. In fact, there was so much donated that we were able to help others as well.

You'll be pleased to know that Alice is doing really well and loves living in her house surrounded by people she now calls friends. Two wonderful volunteers donated their time and took her out for coffee a few times (before COVID) which made her day, as loneliness is a real issue with the elderly.

In 2019 we helped Robert through a sticky patch in his life as he was depressed and had lost his job and home but luckily had his dog for company.

Robert needed to talk and was given that space at SJC to speak with me which really helped him move forward.

Unfortunately, because of Robert's dog, it was difficult to find anywhere for him to live. Thankfully, we managed to set him up with a static caravan near Canberra which is where he is today with his dog.

Robert has planted a herb garden and a couple of miniature trees in pots outside his van which is really homely and he is finally enjoying life.

In May this year Sammy came to see me after escaping from a Domestic Violent situation in Queensland. We helped her and her children with food and clothing and connected her with One Link and PCYC.

I had arranged for a delivery of clothing and baby furniture with Roundabout as Sammy is due with her 5th child in September.

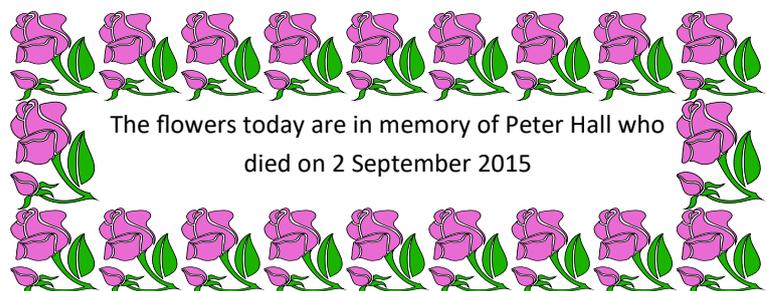
The update is that after staying at a friends for a few months where there were twelve people in a three bedroom house, Sammy and her children have been allocated emergency housing and is settling in nicely just before the baby arrives.

I want to say a huge thank you to the St John's community for all the help and support you consistently provide, but especially over the last two years. I will miss my St John's Care 'family' but in many respects my time here has ended on a positive note.

Steph
SJC Community Worker

Stephen

Required Items: Sweet biscuits, small boxes sultanas, 500ml oil, Vegemite and peanut butter



A SMALL CLOUD OF HOPE

Look, a little cloud no bigger than a person's hand is rising out of the sea. 1 Kings 18:44

Recently I heard a version of this which said 'a fist full of clouds' and it has stayed with me ever since. That small cloud was full of hope for the people who were desperate for rain. It held all their dreams and desires and prayers. They had watched a dry and 'cloud empty sky' for a long time and then this small cloud of hope rose from the sea and went on to produce great rain.

Life is like that at the moment. We look about, we pray, we trust and we hope things will change. We seek the small signs that will tell us all will be well; we believe God will come to the rescue.

I believe that. Why? Because I love the world, the green grass, the increasing blossoms on the trees, the spring flowers, the baby animals, the sunshine, the rain (and the snow!) and more so, God's great love for us. So much of God's great love for us.

Grace and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ

Anne, servant of the Lord.

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



A fist full of clouds

**HOLY COVENANT
WOMEN'S
AFTERNOON TEA**

3 October
from 3pm



A chance to get together and share some laughs on a nice Spring day.

Cost: \$5

Bookings can be made at

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

ANGLICARE NSW SOUTH, NSW WEST, ACT

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

From Thrive Winter 2020

"..Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly..."

- Martin Luther King Jr

"Learn to do good, seek justice, correct oppression..."

Isaiah 1:17 ESV

While we struggle to cope with the changes COVID-19 has brought to our lives it's important we don't gloss over the point being made by the recent black lives matter movement. The Black Lives Matters protests refocused our attention on the shocking rate of Aboriginal deaths in custody which are driven by disproportionate imprisonment rates. If we say we care about justice or "fairness" then we need to reflect on our part in a harmful and problematic system and do something about it.

Research shows that Indigenous men are 15 times more likely to be incarcerated than non-Indigenous men and that Indigenous women are 22 times more likely to be in jail. That the gap is getting worse every year. Systematic racism

which leads to higher incarceration rates for Aboriginal people is a wicked problem and so we should resist defined and predetermined plans. Clearly a paradigm shift is required. An example of a paradigm shift in the criminal justice is moving away from a punitive function towards restorative justice with a purpose of restoring community relationship.

One solution is to customise and tailor individual interventions. Sometimes it is as basic as having a youth worker operate from a police station to help find safe accommodation for a young person.

Many people that Anglicare works with are vulnerable. A number are from an Indigenous background. Finding culturally appropriate and compassionate approaches are essential in the development and outworking of our services. This is being driven by the Board and Executive teams and ably led by our Cultural Safety Officer, Karen Kime who is a Birripa woman, educator and social worker. We still have a long way to go, and Anglicare is on the journey too.

Jeremy Halcrow

Anglicare CEO



HOLY COVENANT MEN'S DINNER

11 September
From 6pm

At Worship Centre Holy Covenant
Speaker: Prof Clive Williams MG, ANU.

Topic: "The future history of trains"
Looking at the development of trains -
and what it means for Canberra.

The cost is \$10.00 per head. Some wine will be provided but attendees are welcome to bring a bottle also if they would like to do so.

RSVP: Colin Lyons (colinlyons@tpg.com.au) or
Quentin Grafton (quentin.grafton@gmail.com)

Or <https://www.trybooking.com/BLCHZ>

by 8th September please.

AUGUST ANGLICAN NEWS

The Anglican News for August is now out.

To the page:

<http://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/>

Straight to the pdf:

<https://anglicancg.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Anglican-News-August-2020-optimised.pdf>

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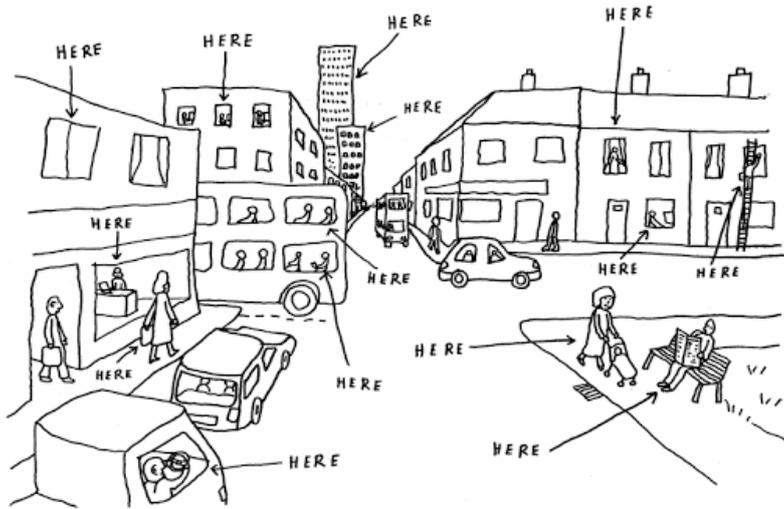


(See Acts 7:30-31)

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MOSES? DO I HAVE YOUR FULL ATTENTION?

WHERE THE CHURCH IS



COLLECT FOR 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God,
 whose Son has shown the way of the cross to be
 the way of life:
 transform and renew our minds
 that we may not be conformed to this world
 but may offer ourselves wholly to you as a living
 sacrifice
 through Jesus Christ our Saviour;
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
 Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. Amen

READINGS

- Exodus 3.1-15
- Psalm 105.1-6, 105.23-26
- Romans 12.9-21
- Matthew 16.21-28

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ We pray for all in places of conflict or hardship, for victims of ethnic and religious hatreds, ideological conflict, economic exploitation or environmental disaster.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ We ask You to free those living with abuse physically, mentally or spiritually, from their oppression.
- ⇒ Continue to pray for wisdom in our response and our government's response to the coronavirus pandemic.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Mission agencies
- ⇒ Missionary work of the church in Australia & overseas
- ⇒ Deacons in their specialised ministries
- ⇒ Diocesan clergy currently on long service leave, study leave or exchange
- ⇒ Retired Diocesan clergy; clergy widows and widowers
- ⇒ Pray for vocations to missional service both at home and overseas.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ That members of parish and community groups that have been suspended or cancelled will find ways to be connected during the current pandemic and that they can look forward to a time when they will be able to meet again
- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Barry and Carol Pogson; Anne Ranse; Wendy, Lachlan, Isla, Lainie, Tahli and Estelle Robertson; and Clive Rodger.
- ⇒ 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

- Monday:** Susan Joy Nevile (d. 2019)
- Wednesday:** Peter Hall (d. 2015)

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