

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2020 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LOST AND FOUND

So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost. (Matt. 18:14)

Bring Him Home. (Jean Valjean's prayer in Les Misérables)

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.

<https://adcg.zoom.us/j/8820962366?pwd=YUpja05YTXFCN0N4MGRiSFVIRlI0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 882 096 2366

Password: 033643

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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/417454216?pwd=NlFwSk1MWUNBS0Y2NHVxemd5MlW0wZz09>

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

Meeting ID: 417 454 216

Password: Kidschurch

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

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Seating limited to 35 people per service.

8am Holy Communion

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

10am Holy Communion

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

Celebrant: Reverend Anne Dudzinski

Preacher: The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

3pm Rainbow Fellowship

5pm Twilight Conversation

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Spring is in the air with its promise of new life.

I have recently emerged from a zoom-supported 90 day retreat in daily life based on the spiritual exercises of St Ignatius. Near the beginning of the retreat we were invited to pray with the Lost Sheep, Lost Coin and Lost Son parables as told in Luke 15. Ignatius, who was gifted with profound psychological as well as spiritual wisdom, recognised that we have a foundational need to be found, to be brought home – to ourselves, to God and to each other. And this is not something we do once. Conversion is ongoing. We stray; we are brought back. Like the Lost Sheep, we might not perhaps even realise we are lost. Or, like the Lost Son, we come to the end of our resources, and decide to return home. Either way, God, imaged as Shepherd or Father, is on the lookout, either carrying us home, or waiting for us to come to our senses and then running to embrace us.

In Matthew's version, the parable of the Lost Sheep is tucked in among teaching on how to maintain

community. Coming home (being found) is not just a private matter between the individual and God, but a returning to community – not only to our particular 'tribe' – but our deep interconnectedness with the rest of humanity and creation. COVID 19 has been a graphic reminder of this reality.

Yet our membership of our planetary community remains a bit theoretical unless it is grounded in our relationships with family and local community. Today's gospel contains some practical suggestions about resolving differences, and maintaining authentic community by continuing to meet in twos and threes. Whatever else it means to meet and pray 'in Jesus' name', we are talking about a deeper connection than 'club church' here.

What ways of thinking and acting help you to feel connected, at peace or at home with yourself, other people and the natural world? What does not?

Frances MacKay

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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?

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)

FROM THE TREASURER

Dear friends

The preliminary accounts for August indicate that our finances are in a very healthy state. The income from regular direct givings was down a bit but expenses were also lower.

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.

The parish council joins me in thanking everyone for their continuing financial stewardship.

Blessings.

Paul Shelley

Warden and Treasurer



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

WOMEN'S AFTERNOON TEA SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 2020 3 PM IN THE WORSHIP CENTRE

Come and join us for tea or coffee and cake and lots of chatting. The cost will be \$5 per person.

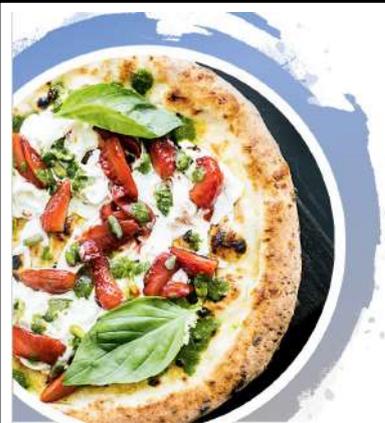


Please book using:

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

Any questions?

Please ask Libby 0419 603 228



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.



EYES ON THE PRIZE

Raw Potential is an outreach support service for young people who are at significant risk with issues such as homelessness, trauma, mental health, addiction and disconnection from education.

We endeavour to shine a light to help guide the way for young people. Sometimes they need us for a few weeks. Sometimes they need us for longer. Whatever their need, we try to meet them where they are, providing non-judgmental support and connections that help them to grow and thrive!

Elle* has been working with us at Raw Potential for about 12 months. We have seen her through some difficult mental health episodes, coming clean from ice addiction, from homelessness and substantial personal trauma after growing up in a household with domestic and family violence.

Elle has been able to re-enter school and will graduate from year 12 in mid 2021. She has also commenced vocational training, and has started a Certificate 3 in Community Services. Her goal is to become a disability support worker, earn a good income and to be able to save up enough to lease a horse, and maybe one day own one.

Raw Potential supported Elle to work with a psychologist who uses horses as part of the therapy. Elle found working with horses really helpful in being able to process things and stay focused on her end goals. Being around horses helped her to believe that she can have a bright future...and a horse.

Elle has saved up and bought herself a nice little car and today is going for her driving test. Not the first time she's gone for it, but her emerging resilience has seen her grow with each "failure" rather than falling into her old patterns of self-defeating thinking.

We're really proud of Elle's progress. It has been outstanding, given the difficulties she has encountered since we first met her. We will soon put in an application for public housing. However, her goal is to get into a private rental and eventually buy her own apartment. We're confident that she will do it! Eyes are on the prize!

If you're aware of a young person from 12-25 who seems to have fallen through the gaps, is in serious need and who is willing to accept help, please get in touch with us.

Raw Potential is based at St John's Care at Reid, and we can be contacted on 6248 7771, via email rptl@stjohnscare.org.au, or 0407 723 385. As an outreach service, we are able to come to meet young people in a public/safe place.

St John's Care kindly supports our young people with emergency relief food when required. However, supermarket gift cards are always welcome to give to our young people.

If you'd like to keep up with what we're doing, please give 'Raw Potential Youth' the thumbs up on our Facebook page. If you see something there that you like or that inspires you, please give it a 'share' so that more people hear about what we're doing.

Thanks!

Gabe – Youth Worker, Raw Potential

· not her real name

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

SMALL JOYS AND BIG ONES.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone. The new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

Anxiety consumes so many in the crisis of today's world. I came across this one liner: *May you refuse an anxious heart and embrace a faith filled one* Anxiety cripples our life style. It cripples our dreams and our hopes. It consumes our every moment thoughts.

The first song bird of the morning, the tiny rich coloured pink wild flower hidden in the field of green grass yet visible with love from God if your focus is on him; that tiny florescent green and red tipped feather lying on the ground you bend to pick up, a God sent blessing to take home to put in a special place to remember its finding blessing always.

When we seek out the day with God it's filled with small joys and big ones.

Shake off the anxiety, go for a walk with God, walk in his blessings. Our lovely world is still there in all its beauty. 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 field of blessings

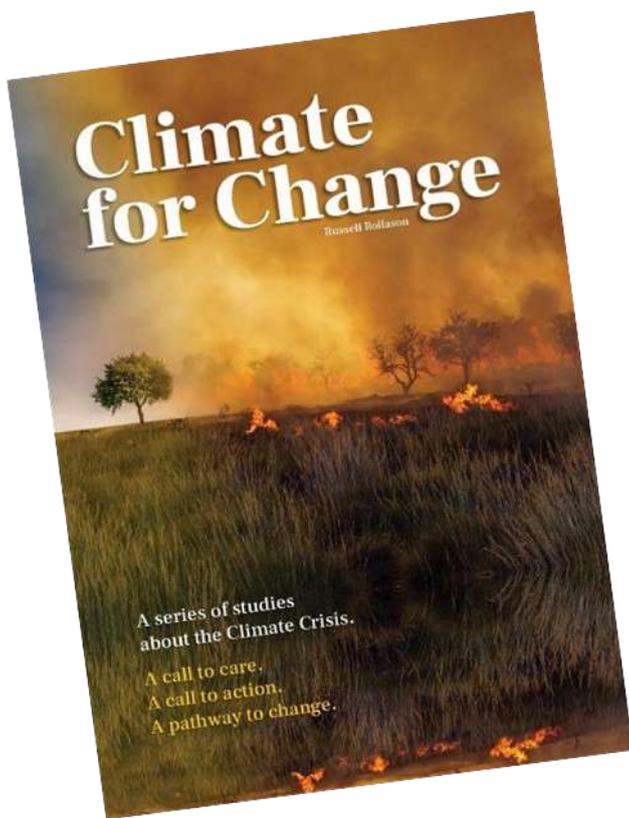


READING SCRIPTURE FINDING FREEDOM

A six-session series to help us read Scripture in healthy ways

Thursday evenings through
October and November

Contact Wayne at
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more info



Climate for Change

Studies about the Climate Crisis

The COVID 19 pandemic has created a climate for change. It has laid bare inequality and provided a dress rehearsal for what awaits if we fail to address Climate Change and cut our carbon emissions.

Climate for Change is a challenge to take our love and responsibility for the world seriously. Many of us have known for some time that we need not only to 'care' but also to 'act'.

Russell Rollason walks with us through a series of studies that help us realise not only that we can act – but that we must. These studies provide reasons to change and pathways that will allow us to turn our good intentions into concrete, world-saving action.

There is time to change the future of our planet. We need to be informed, to get angry and to get going. As Augustine of Hippo said, *“Hope has two beautiful daughters, their names are anger and courage. Anger that things are the way they are, and courage to see that they do not remain as they are.”*

Climate for Change urges people of faith and hope to become activists for a sustainable future. Our children and grandchildren will inherit the fruit of our decisions.

“I want you to act as you would in a crisis. I want you to act as if your house is on fire. Because it is”

Greta Thunberg at the World Economic Summit in Davos, Switzerland, January, 2019.

What should we do about Climate Change? Is it really urgent? Where lies our Hope in Christ for a better world? Explore these questions and links in a new set of five discussion studies: **Climate for Change**.

Each year, from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family around the world celebrates the *Season of Creation* in prayer and action to protect our common home, God's creation.

Written specially for ABM as a contribution to the global ecumenical Season of Creation, the studies are available for free download from <https://www.abmission.org/climate-for-change>

The author Russell Rollason was a parishioner at Holy Covenant and member of the Public Issues Commission until recently.

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ We pray for those whose lands are invaded and whose homes are destroyed; for those who suffer from starvation and disease; for leaders of tribes and nations and for all who govern

IN AUSTRALIA

⇒ For those who struggle day to day whether due to homelessness, unemployment, under employment or over work

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Bendigo
- ⇒ Canberra Grammar School
- ⇒ Canberra Girls' Grammar School
- ⇒ Anglican News
- ⇒ Cursillo Movement generally.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ Congregations – 8am Sunday for new volunteers to help with Sunday service roles
- ⇒ Children’s ministry (Wendy Robertson) to connect with new families in our neighbourhood
- ⇒ Parish Council/Wardens as we develop our strategic vision for our community
- ⇒ Holistic Care Nursing Ministries (Rhonda Thorpe and Anne Ranse) for a safe and enjoyable recommencement of Covenant Care on Monday and ask a blessing on the clients and volunteers who are staying home still.
- ⇒ Rainbow Playgroup (Christine Mitchell) We continue to provide a safe place for families to meet together each Friday morning. We give thanks for the loving care and mutual support that these families provide, and we pray for continued safety in our work with this group. Thanks to Heather Shelley, Frances Mackay and Doreen Matters for their continued assistance .
- ⇒ Musica da Camera as they prepare for concerts on 19th and 20th.
- ⇒ 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 Maxine Rose; Luc Rose; Sandra Ross; Celeste Sandstrom; Richard and Maureen Scutter; Joh Sheehan; and Paul and Heather Shelley.
- ⇒ 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

Friday: David Frew Durie (d.1999);
Thomas Winters (d. 2016)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- ★ Sunday: **Mel Clark**
- ★ Monday: **Hannah David-Hoole**
- ★ Friday: **John Dau**
- ★ Saturday: **George Gerrity, William Wood**

COLLECT FOR 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Go before us, O Lord,
and further us with your continual help,
that in all our works, begun, continued, and
ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally, by your mercy,
obtain everlasting life;
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

READINGS

- Exodus 12.1-14
- Psalm 149
- Romans 13.1-10
- Matthew 18.10-20

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