

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2020 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TRUE FORGIVENESS

Whatever you bind on earth, will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven (Matt. 18: 18)

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=YUpja05YTXFCN0N4MGRiSFVIRlloZz09>

Meeting ID: 882 096 2366

Password: 033643

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

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Meeting ID: 417 454 216

Password: Kidschurch

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

Brighton

5pm Twilight Conversation

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

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8am Holy Communion

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

10am Holy Communion

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

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

5pm Twilight Conversation

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On the face of it, the meaning of today's parable seems clear enough: if God generously forgives us, then we ought to forgive one another. But there are some disturbing details: e.g. the reference to 'torturing' the unforgiving slave until he has learnt his lesson, and the contrast between the spectacularly generous king at the beginning and his abrupt and punitive response at the end. Apparently, the one sin that is unforgivable is unforgiveness.

There is a profound irony here. But perhaps that is the point. **We** limit grace by unforgiveness. In the Lord's Prayer we pray, 'Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us'. Hopefully, this does not mean we should forgive others as a kind of insurance policy so that God will forgive us. What if, instead of seeing forgiveness – or punishment for that matter – as something given arbitrarily or in strict accordance with some obedience/reward formula, we see this parable as describing how things *really* are? Maybe we cannot experience ourselves as loved or forgiven if we withhold forgiveness and love from others, because we *really* do unto ourselves what we do to others.

True forgiveness does not mean sweeping things under the carpet. Especially where the offence is great, it involves an often-painful psycho-spiritual journey of coming to terms with the reality of what has happened, and being open to being transformed in the process.

Maybe we haven't experienced betrayal on this scale. But daily life offers us many opportunities to give and receive forgiveness – ranging from minor slights to the ego to more serious violations of our sense of self. We may be surprised where the practice of forgiveness leads us. We may need to find more effective ways of 'speaking the truth in love', as St Paul puts it, having first discerned whether the 'offence' really warrants the confrontation! It can also mean getting in touch with our own capacity to hurt others, our own need to be forgiven.

Let us remember the power we have over one another: power to bless and power to wound – especially those who are close to us.

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?

WE'RE BACK!!

COVENANT CARE RESUMES ON MONDAYS

HCNM staff and Covenant Care volunteers and clients were very excited this week to meet in person for the first time since March. We were able to host 6 clients this week and the other 6 will come next Monday. Each group will meet fortnightly for 3 hours including a hot meal provided by the Canberra Southern Cross Club. Clients enjoyed tai chi, a presentation on British gardens, a prayer time, games and activities and morning tea as well as lunch. The day went well with all COVID protocols observed. Thank you to the volunteers who are making it happen each week.



'Have a Good Yarn'

Have a Good Yarn group is a chat and knitting group

Meeting fortnightly between 10.30am to 12 noon in the worship centre. The next two are 15th and 29th September

Any queries to Sandra Ross 0408438770
sandraross@ozemail.com.au

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 COMMUNION IN YOUR HOME

Are you missing out because you don't have access to the Internet?

Is Zoom great but you would like 'real' elements sometimes?

Anne Dudzinski would love to come and share a service with you.

Details are always at the end of the Bulletin.

Phone or text or email. 62786087 or 0413994739

Psalm 34: 8 "Taste and see that the Lord is good"

SEPTEMBER ANGLICAN NEWS

The Anglican News for September 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-September-2020.pdf>



NOTHING LEFT AFTER THE RENT

It's well known that renting in Canberra is expensive. We have median rents like the big cities of Sydney and Melbourne. Every year Anglicare reviews the number of affordable properties for people relying on Centrelink or a minimum wage. Every year they find something similar – in Canberra there is almost nothing available, especially for families.

The only affordable option for many low-income families is government housing. However, even priority applications – those from families facing homelessness, escaping domestic violence, or other complex issues – take six months on average to be housed. This also means that crisis accommodation is nearly always full, as these vulnerable families have nowhere to go except to government housing... when it becomes available.

So for those of our clients on the waiting list, things are really tough. They might be paying 70% or more of their income on rent, not leaving enough for other basic essentials (let alone improving their job prospects or wellbeing). They might be living somewhere too small for the family - particularly difficult when some household members need to work or study from home, and putting huge pressure on relationships. Or they might be couch surfing – staying with friends or family as long as they can, but in unsustainable and risky situations.

One family we supported recently was renting privately. Joe*, the dad, was receiving the DSP after a serious injury, and Angie*, the mum, fit part time work around supporting him and looking after the children who are in primary school. The rent was just under half of their income, and while they tried to make ends meet, more and more was going on the credit card to keep up with bills, medical expenses and children's needs. When Angie lost her job during Covid, she had to apply for the JobSeeker payment, and with the inclusion of the Coronavirus Supplement they were starting to chip away at their debt. That is, until the car broke down the same week as Joe's expensive specialist appointment, and they started to seek help from us.

Angie was grateful that we could help with some food, scripts and the electricity bill, but as we spoke with her, her anxiety about the upcoming reduction in her Centrelink payment was clear. She was continuing to look for work, but with few opportunities in her area and her responsibilities with her husband and children, she wasn't optimistic about finding work in time and was feeling defeated about the future.

We share her concern more broadly, as the supplemental government support gradually comes to an end, but the news seems to bring more job losses every day. Hopefully many people who have lost their jobs will find new opportunities, but there will be many left behind, struggling with unaffordable rent, some with significant rent arrears, and diminishing government support. Here at St John's Care we will continue to support people that are struggling as long as they need it.

*not their real names

Items Required: Peanut butter, Vegemite, men's deodorant, large tins of tuna

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING MY GREAT REDEEMER'S PRAISE TIS 210

What a way to wake up in the morning with a hymn on your lips and in your heart.

The morning shrouded in fog was alive with a wonderful chorus that was completely in harmony with the paint brush in God's hand as he painted a loud magnificent dawn of blood red and gold and blue. The chorus was magnificent: a mass of Magpies in harmony with each other. Crimson Rosellas 'pipping' high and low notes and the tiny trill of the Blue Wrens. All just seemed to pull together a chorus of a thousand tongues singing praise to our great redeemer.

I joined in the chorus with: My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread throughout all the earth abroad the honour of your name.

Take these words with you today because such music in our ears is life and health and peace.

Anne, servant of the Lord.

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



All God's creatures have a place in the choir.



READING SCRIPTURE FINDING FREEDOM

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

Thursday evenings through October and November

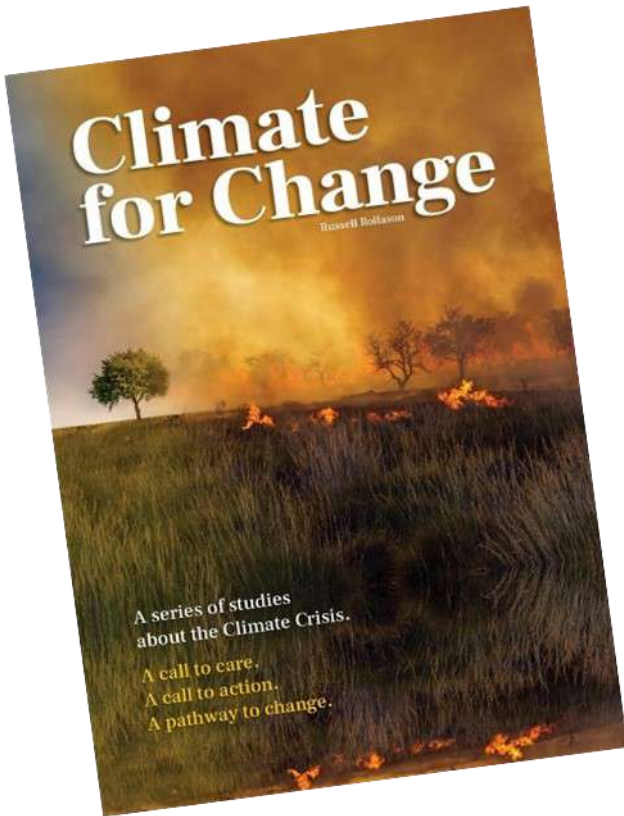
Contact Wayne at rector@holycovenant.org.au for more info

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.

Quentin Grafton is expecting to run a group looking at these studies early next year.



6 September 2020

Dear Friends

Each year we write to the many friends of the Cathedral as part of our annual appeal in support of the Restoration Fund. However, we have decided not to have a formal appeal this year in recognition of the economic circumstances caused by COVID-19.

During the last year we have:

- completed repairs on the northwest and southwest parapets,
- restored the font,
- repaired the lightning conductors,
- checked the electrical wiring and remediated where necessary following the fire in Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris,
- completed stabilisation work on seven finials and two crosses to make them safe after the engineers identified substantial cracking,
- placed tell tales to check for movement of Great East Window.

These works were made possible by donations to National Trust St Saviour's Cathedral Restoration Fund and the substantial support from the Friends of the Cathedral as well as grants from Goulburn Mulwaree Council. We were also the beneficiary of a significant bequest, in addition to two earlier bequests, for which we are most grateful.

Much work remains, but we are optimistic and enthusiastic.

Ornaments There are 18 finials and crosses of which only 2 are not considered to need repair. Nine have been stabilised by wrapping them, 3 have been removed and the bases capped with lead, while 4 require repair but are not considered dangerous. The stabilisation of the 7 finials and 2 crosses defers further action for three years, subject to six-monthly monitoring by the engineers.

Thus, the position is that most, if not all, the finials and crosses will need to be replaced within the next three years. The current quote for this work is \$330,000.

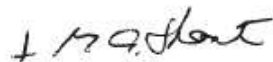
Great East Window The engineering report identified a crack in the East Window caused by the settlement of the Gable. To determine whether the cracking has been stabilised by the completion of the drainage works, the Window is currently being monitored for movement to determine the necessity for, and extent of, repairs which could cost in the order of \$250,000.

Other Work While not as urgent, work will soon be required on other aspects of the stonework, guttering and the roof.

As you can see there is significant, and potentially urgent work to be done.

We thank you for your interest in the conservation and restoration of our Cathedral and look forward to your continuing support. Information on contributing to the Restoration Fund is attached for those who wish to make a donation this year.

Yours in Christ



The Rt Rev'd Dr Mark Short
Bishop Canberra and Goulburn



The Very Rev'd Phillip Saunders
Dean Canberra and Goulburn
Chair NT SSC Restoration Fund

P.S.

Congratulations to the Cathedral team for their brilliant online ministry during COVID-19! M.S.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL RESTORATION


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 To make a phone donation, call 02 4821 2206

 Send a cheque, payable to St Saviour's Cathedral Restoration Fund
PO Box 205 GOULBURN NSW 2580



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Cathedral Restoration Fund

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CAN YOU LEAVE A GIFT TO ST SAVIOUR'S IN YOUR WILL?

If you'd like to discuss leaving a gift to St Saviour's Cathedral in your Will, please provide your preferred form of contact below and we'll get in touch.

Phone and/or email:





Thanks to Josiah Gillman
LEPERS ... I HEAL LEPERS 05-02-2007

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ We pray for the healing of your wounded world, for an end to ancient feuds, and for the process of reconciliation in our own land

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

- ⇒ Ministry with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island People of Australia
- ⇒ St Paul's, Manuka & St David's Red Hill
- ⇒ St David's Close Self Care Units, Red Hill
- ⇒ Aged Care Chaplaincy
- ⇒ Calvary John James Hospital
- ⇒ Parliamentary Christian Fellowship
- ⇒ Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Leader of the Opposition Anthony Albanese, all members and senators, and reconciliation of First Peoples of Australia.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ Congregations – 10am Sunday
- ⇒ Young adults ministry (Dougal, Celeste, Remus, Sarah, and Tobias)
- ⇒ Shovel Community Garden pray for wisdom to discern the next steps in growing our Missional Community
- ⇒ Resources group
- ⇒ Tai Chi Give thanks for our first 5 years at Holy Covenant and the 2 members of the group who are now helping at CC with sitting Tai Chi
- ⇒ Please pray for a Crafty Crew member who is immune compromised but waiting for hopefully good news.
- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Peter and Carol Sherman; Mandy Squair; Robyn Staniforth; Eileen and Ian Sykes; and Caroline, Richard and Oliver Taylor-Steele.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button, Elizabeth Grant, Andrew Hill, Phil Bloomfield, Judith Ann, Lexie Winders, Jenny Hall, Bev Barnes, Graham Bonnett, John Blue, Anne and Peter Bazeos and anyone known to us personally.

COLLECT FOR 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God,
you call your Church to witness that in Christ
we are reconciled to you:
help us so to proclaim the good news of your
love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

READINGS

- Exodus 14.19-31
- Psalm 114
- Romans 14.1-14
- Matthew 18.21-35

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- ★ Sunday: Chris Olsson
- ★ Monday: Bruce Barnes
- ★ Tuesday: Tanya Boulton
- ★ Friday: Ann Menzies