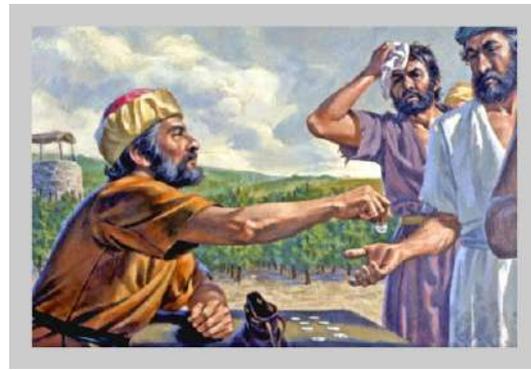


HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2020 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE PARABLE OF THE LABOURERS IN THE VINEYARD

*Spring is at the node of every greening branch,
May even the wind be our song.* (Hildegard of Bingen)

*And then we shall be thoroughly blessed;
But we no more than all the rest.* (John Donne)

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](https://adcg.zoom.us/j/8820962366?pwd=YUpja05YTXFCN0N4MGRiSFVIRlloZz09)

Password: 033643

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

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Meeting ID: 417 454 216

Password: Kidschurch

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Seating limited to 35 people per service.

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

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

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

10am Holy Communion

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

Celebrant:

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

Preacher: Reverend Connie Gerrity

5pm Twilight Conversation

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Parables are designed to challenge the way we see the world, to confound our expectations. The parable of the labourers in the vineyard challenges our sense of justice. We probably think those who have laboured all day in the heat of the sun have a point when they complain that those who have worked for only one hour receive the same wage as they do. And to add insult to injury, the latecomers are paid first!

Obviously this is not about labour relations and fair work practice. So what is it about? In the previous chapter we hear about the rich young ruler who came to Jesus asking what he needed to do to inherit eternal life. A bit later Peter said (a little self-righteously?), 'Look we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' In both cases there is a sense of *quid pro quo*, of entitlement, the expectation of reward or earning brownie points. But God doesn't play it like this.

What God offers can't be earned – it can only be received as gift. The economy of this world runs on a sense of scarcity so that we have to

compete for what is there. God's economy, based on the principle of abundance, operates on a different currency – that of grace, forgiveness and love. It's as if God is saying to us:

Haven't you got it yet? You can't earn a special place in my favour because you already have it. Trust me. There's a special place reserved for you – and for everybody else. It's just that your envy, competitiveness, sense of inadequacy or entitlement is preventing you from seeing this, and is blocking the blessing that can flow out through you to others, or from others to you.

Sadly the mother of James and John still doesn't get it. She asks Jesus to promise that her sons will sit beside him when he comes into his kingdom (v.21). It takes time for deeply entrenched attitudes to be transformed. But practices like gratitude and compassionate mindfulness – catching ourselves out in our sense of entitlement, competitiveness and envy – can help. As can spring's witness to divine abundance!

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?

FROM THE TREASURER

Dear friends

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

We also had some capital expenses: a new heating system for the Rainbow Centre (as the previous one expired after 18 years service), and various items for the upgraded audiovisual system. Much of the latter were covered by generous donations from parishioners.

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

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(See Matthew 7:24-27) 08-29-2014

THE FOOLISH MAN HAD TROUBLES LATER IN LIFE, BUT HE HAD HIS WINS AS A CHILD

'Have a Good Yarn'

Have a Good Yarn group is a chat and knitting group

Normally meeting fortnightly between 10.30am to 12 noon in the worship centre. The next is on 22th 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>



COLLABORATION IS THE KEY

A pivotal component of the various roles of St John's Care workers, whether it is volunteers or staff, is advocacy.

During the month of August, there has been a lot of collaborative work with other organisations such as Telstra, ActewAGL, One Link and Centrelink.

We have found that a few clients have needed support with these organisations and because of the collaborative relationship SJC has with them, the outcomes were very successful and beneficial for the client.

One client in particular named Joe (not his real name) asked if he could get some help with his current Telstra bill. As he had received help previously with a Telstra bill, we investigated why the new one so large.

It transpired that Telstra was charging Joe for an appliance he did not own and insurance that would not cover much in the event of an accident with the phone. Joe also had not been receiving a discount that he was entitled to. At the end of the conversation with Telstra \$40 a month had been saved on his bill.

For Joe on a single person pension this discount will mean that Joe can repay some of the debts he has run up over the past 6 months. Once Joe has repaid these debts he would like to be able to buy his own food like most of us do. Joe was really pleased with this saving and left the Centre a lot happier than when he arrived.

On a different note it is with a heavy heart that I am to inform you that I'm moving on from SJC. Over the past few years, I have met the most exceptional volunteers and supporters of SJC and it truly has warmed my heart. I have learnt unbelievable things during my time with SJC and will be taking with me many fond memories.

I am not going far though, I will commence a role with Anglicare as the Manager of Youth and Family Services, and I will remain in touch with SJC. I am looking forward to the future and joining in and supporting SJC events and dinners (once we are in a situation to run these again).

Thank you one and all for your support, assistance, care and grace over the years, I have felt truly blessed to be a part of SJC.

As some of you may know, Jason Haines, our Programs and Fundraising Manager, will be working as the Acting Executive Officer for the next 6 months. I am sure that Jason will do an amazing job and he will be contactable via my email address from this Friday.

Sarah Murdoch
Executive Officer

Items Required: Honey, tinned fruit, full cream milk, dishwashing liquid

GIVEN WITH LOVE

Therefore, I say unto you. Be not anxious for your life, behold the birds of the air and the lilies of the field

. Matthew 6:25 (paraphrased)

William Wordsworth wrote: I wandered lonely as a cloud that floats on high o'er vales and hills when all at once I saw a crowd, a host of golden daffodils.

That's a poem I remember from my school days and when I read that line, I get a sense that the poet was wandering deep in his own thoughts and his spirit was lightened at the sight of the crowd of daffodils.

Flowers and gardens do that for us, they can lift our spirit. It's like the plaque I have in my garden.....' The kiss of the sun for pardon, the song of the bird for mirth, you are nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth' How true and be it daffodils, a garden of flowers or a single blossom on a flowering crab apple tree, all God made and all God blessed they have a way of drawing us to reflection.

Times are hard, times are difficult but to lift our gaze from our room to our window, to glance a flower, a bird, the sunshine, our spirit can be lifted.

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>



You can't help but smile.



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



IT'S TIME FOR A SPRING CLEAN!

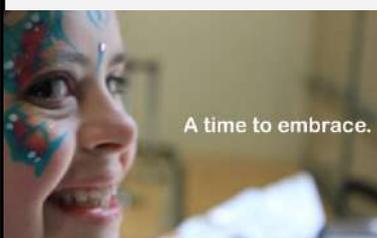
Spring has arrived and it's time to declutter. Does your linen cupboard need attention or maybe the garage is bulging at the seams? Do you have too many books or DVDs bought during lockdown?

HCNM is here to help you get those pesky decluttering jobs done. Jennifer Berrie is offering another series of 3 decluttering workshops on Thursday mornings, 5, 12 and 19 November. They will run from 9.30am-12.30pm in the church. Numbers will be limited and COVID safe practices will be adhered to. HCNM will meet all costs but we ask you to commit to all three sessions.

The sessions will help you approach the often daunting task of decluttering whether you are downsizing, letting go of unwanted items or simply wanting to make better use of space in your home.

Jennifer is our Household Support team leader and has run a number of these courses previously for us as well as teaching *Declutter your Home* community education evening classes. She is currently working with several HCNM clients to assist them to declutter. Jennifer has lots of tips, insights and techniques to help you get the job done and you will have some fun at the same time.

Please email Jennifer at nurse@holycovenant.org.au as soon as possible to register your interest and book your place.



WIDER WORKS FEATURED PROJECT - EMBRACING MINISTRIES

Who We Are

Established in 2016, Embracing Ministries is a Canberra-based organisation which supports the spiritual growth and discipleship of people with disabilities, and their families. We offer a range of programs including school holiday programs for children with physical and intellectual disabilities; retreats where parents can hear God amid family life; as well as support, advice and assistance to congregations seeking to care for families with disability.

What we do

Embracing Ministries also offers pastoral care and spiritual support to all its families. The ministry currently supports 70+ families, 25 mentors and a growing number of schools and churches in the Canberra region and is based on values that uphold compassion, integrity, inclusiveness and dignity

Our Vision

Our vision is to enhance inclusive ministry in the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, and to run programs that support young people with disabilities and their families.

Our Mission

Embracing Ministries aims to support and nurture the spiritual life of all people, regardless of their abilities.

<https://embracingministries.org/>

Our church supports this organisation on an annual basis.

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the profligate generosity of your creation, for its beauty to delight us and its bounty to sustain us. We pray for the peace and prosperity of the world; for those who have no daily bread, no shelter or medical care; for those whose livelihood is destroyed or labour exploited

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

⇒ Pray for wisdom as we prepare for a local election

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 – 5pm Sunday

⇒ Belonging and caring team We pray for the work being done by the Belonging and Caring committee, may we all join with them in using the fruits of the spirit to care for our Holy Covenant congregations. - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

⇒ The Monastery Of The Heart (MOTH) members give thanks for a growing sense of community and support even during the COVID crisis. We pray for an ongoing sense of God's call in our daily lives to reach out to others.

⇒ Work Health and Safety thankfulness that we have not had any WH&S incidents with injury for a long time. And that that continues.

⇒ For all members of our parish family including Michaelee Thornton; Rhonda Thorpe; Marilyn Tolano; Jenny Tomkins; and Anthony, Susan, Elizabeth and Michael Troy .

⇒ 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.

COMMEMORATIONS

Sunday: Thomas Gould (d.1997)

COLLECT FOR 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Loving and righteous God,
your boundless generosity exceeds all that we
can desire or deserve,
and you give to the last worker all you promised
to the first:

liberate us from all jealousy and greed,
that we may be free to love and serve others,
and in your service may find our true reward;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS

Exodus 16.2-15

Psalm 105.1-6, 105.37-45

Philippians 1

Matthew 20.1-16

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sunday: **Belinda Wood**

Tuesday: **John Painter**