

# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



## SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2020 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### A NEW KIND OF PEOPLE – Exodus 20.1-20

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=YUpja05YTXFCN0N4MGRiSFVIRll0Zz09>

Meeting ID: [882 096 2366](https://adcg.zoom.us/j/8820962366?pwd=YUpja05YTXFCN0N4MGRiSFVIRll0Zz09)

Password: 033643

Kid's church is in recess over the holidays

### SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

Seating limited to 50 people per service.

8am Holy Communion

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

10am Holy Communion

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

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

11.45am Pet Blessing

3.30pm Rainbow Fellowship

5pm Twilight Conversation in recess

### SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER

Seating limited to 50 people per service.

8am Holy Communion

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

10am Holy Communion

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

Celebrant:

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

Preacher: The Revd Richard Browning

5pm Twilight Conversation in recess

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How do you read the 10 commandments? Many are inclined to read the commandments as archaic relics of a bygone age written for individuals with self-control issues because they are most often encountered in near empty cathedrals and written in ornate but difficult to read gothic script. Such a reading misses their deeper significance.

The 10 words of God were given to a slave people on the cusp of their independence. They were designed to not only reset the heart of individuals but to also redirect the people so that they could break free from entrenched patterns of abuse experienced under pharaoh.

Viewed this way, the commandments speak not just to the way people lived in the past but how they should live together into the future. They speak out against every pharaoh with pretensions to power whether in the Kremlin, the White House or forest camps in the Congo.

The commandments begin by redirecting the people's loyalty, allegiance and relationships. Life springs from staying in tune with the One who brings freedom from slavery. Ascribing ultimate value to anyone or anything else – whether it is efficiency, patriotism, wealth or even religious devotion – is a recipe for servitude.

Rest is to be the centre of their week

with Sabbath the cornerstone. It is a living reminder of God's compassion nature, unlike human masters who never give their slaves a day off.

Parents are to be honoured, valued or cherished. This is more about identity than rote obedience. Slavery works by tearing children from parents so that their heritage, past and country would be lost.

Masters could kill slaves with impunity, rape their wives and daughters without punishment, steal the fruit of their labour, lie shamelessly about slavery's value, and encourage more greed so that the cycle never ends. The commandments tell Israel that they should and must live differently.

Sadly, it is possible to observe the commandments fully and yet misunderstand God completely. Far too many hear them only as a warning borne of anger or a requirement to be enforced. The commandments mark the way to the promised land because they are an invitation spoken in love to a people yearning to be free.

Maybe the commandments are not so dry and irrelevant after all. For as light emphasises shade, Christ complements the commandments by showing how everyone flourishes when identity, rest, respect, relationships, honesty, truth and contentment are valued.

*Wayne Brighton*

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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?

### WOMEN'S AFTERNOON TEA

Thank you to all who organised the women's afternoon tea yesterday, and those who helped make it a great occasion. We all enjoyed being together again, a record number attended!

### GROUPS IN RECESS OVER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The following groups are in recess over the School Holidays (26 September to 11 October):

- Children's church
- Tuesday Meditation group
- 5pm Twilight conversations

### DINNER GROUP AT SOUTHERN CROSS CLUB

The "First Tuesday of the Month" dinner is meeting this month on Tuesday 6 October 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

### 'Have a Good Yarn'

Have a Good Yarn group is a chat and knitting group.

Normally meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month between 10.30am to 12 noon in the worship centre. The next is on 13th October

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

### A GARDEN SURPRISE



When the shovel team arrived last week, a surprise awaited them all. Someone placed a garden setting in the space! It certainly adds to the ambience... and the Kale, which is growing madly. Thanks so much!

### THE BROWNING'S ARE MOVING!

**Sunday 11 October** is our opportunity to say goodbye to the Brownings. The family is moving to Brisbane at the end of October as COVID border restrictions and disruptions have eased.

Richard, Mel, Sam, Zac and Matt have been a large part of our community for yonks.

We have enjoyed growing with them as they contributed greatly to the life of our parish. Richard's enthusiastic barefoot sermons will be long remembered. Many are grateful for Mel's help to ensure that our buildings are safe space to work and worship in.

Richard will preach at both services and there will be cake after the 10am service.

### NOAH'S ARK PET MINISTRY

Pets are wonderfully created by God and their affection and company make a great difference in our lives. For many their pets are their family and they mean a great deal to them. The Noah's Ark Pet Ministry will commence following the Blessing of Pets on October 4. It will offer pastoral support to pet owners in time of joy and sadness, in celebration and memorials. This ministry will be by a prayer chain, phone or email or in person. I would like have a small leadership group of 2 or 3 people to assist in the running of this ministry. Is this something for you? For inclusion of yourself and your pet in the Noah's Ark Pet Ministry and for enquiries contact Archdeacon Anne [anne.ranse@gmail.com](mailto:anne.ranse@gmail.com) or 0406 379 599.



Franklin and Charlotte



## INTRODUCING NAILIA

This week we welcomed Nailia who started her new role as a Case Manager at St John's Care. She writes:

"In the past I have worked for various community organisations and have truly enjoyed the journey, but St John's Care is special – it's a place where everyone matters."

Nailia grew up in Eastern Europe and came to Australia 20 years ago. For the past two years she worked as an Assessment and Support Coordinator for Woden Community Service, their mental health NDIS and Onelink program. Prior to that she lived in Sydney and worked as a family counsellor, case manager and group workshop facilitator.

She has always had a passion for helping individuals to build resilience. " Building resilience can't happen overnight and resilience is especially difficult to focus on if one is in an emergency situation. Resilience starts with a stable foundation and if there is no food to eat or a pile of unpaid bills on a person's table, taking care of these things becomes a priority.

We must meet our clients at their point of need. This is when Emergency Relief from organisations like St John's Care becomes paramount, " she said.

Developing strong and vibrant communities is another passion Nailia talks about. An important part of her role as a Case Manager will be to help break the cycle of trauma and disadvantage that our clients face. As a trained counsellor she hopes to continue working with individuals and families who are struggling in one way or another.

"I very much look forward to our journey together with my colleagues, volunteers and the many supporters of St John's Care".

Stay tuned as Nailia settles into the position. No doubt she will have many stories to tell as she works with clients.

If you have any questions about how or what you can donate, please feel free to call us on 6248 7771 and one of our staff or volunteers will be able to assist you.

Jason Haines

SJC A/Executive Officer

**Items Required:** Honey, Jam, Sweet Biscuits, Flour, Weet-Bix

## Created love kissed with blessings

*For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth.....to him be glory for ever and ever. Colossians 1:16 Paraphrased.*

I saw a burst of love when I saw the Crab apple tree in full bloom: I saw a burst of love when I saw the golden wattle: I saw a burst of love when I smelt the perfume of the sweet peas: I saw a burst of love when I was given a bunch of violets that filled the moment with a life time of memories. And (as Paula D'Arcy wrote) 'My heart whispered 'thank you' but it seemed shallow compared to the gift.' It's in these things, created by God for us to enjoy, that give me strength for the day. To see his created love that's kissed with blessings for us.

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>



## 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](mailto:rector@holycovenant.org.au) for more info

## COVID-19 CHANGES FOR TERM 4

Parish Council is continuing to monitor changing restrictions as the response to COVID-19 evolves.

On Friday 18 September, the ACT government relaxed its restrictions for smaller sized venues and facilities. This allows groups of up to 25 people to meet in a venue with up to 100 people per space or the 4 square meter rule, which ever is less. As a result, we have reviewed the spacing requirements for the worship and rainbow centres.

In the worship space, seating can increase to **50** participants spaced 1.5m apart. Previously we had opted for a more conservative calculation by excluding from floor space areas occupied by stacked chairs, the musicians and which cannot see the AV screen. Capacity in the chapel and the kitchen can also increase to **6** people.

Council considers the Rainbow Centre to be distinct space where groups up to 25 people can now meet because it is a separate building, noting that the limit of 100 people across both buildings remains in place. This change will allow the children's and youth ministries to resume in-person activities in term 4.

Front office	4
Red room	12
Kitchen	3
Blue room (next to kitchen)	3
Purple room	8
Yellow room	6
Back office	3
Mushroom	12

Consequently, the youth ministry will recommence in the Mushroom in October. The children's ministry will resume in-person activity in early November.

Wayne Brighton



### WORKING BEE AND SPRING CLEANING



Vote early and come to the working bee!

A major working bee and spring clean is planned for Saturday 17 October from 9 am until 12 noon.

Lots of things to be done.

Morning tea provided.

However, you are welcome to visit the church grounds any-time you feel the urge to pull out a weed or three!

Enquiries: Paul 0419255002 [epshms@grapevine.com.au](mailto:epshms@grapevine.com.au)



# GREAT BIG GARDEN DAY

**Saturday 7 November  
from 10am – 3pm**

Bring your shovel, rake and enthusiasm  
for a day in the parish garden!  
There will be a sausage sizzle  
while Phyl and Reg's amazing café  
will be serving coffee and cake throughout.  
We look to replant the embankment  
and revitalize the plantings across the parish site.  
Make sure you sign up now!  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BLTOD>

## PRAYER POINTS

### IN THE WORLD

⇒ That we might hear God's call to live with love so that people are free of fear and no one is counted as an enemy or outsider.

### IN AUSTRALIA

⇒ That governments might respond with generosity to those whose lives have been disrupted by COVID-19

⇒ For wisdom as the people vote in the ACT election on 17 October

### IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

⇒ Diocese of Ballarat

⇒ North Goulburn

⇒ Wollondilly Gardens Self Care Units

⇒ NSW Police Chaplaincy: Goulburn Police Academy

⇒ West Goulburn

⇒ F5 Refresh Ministries Chaplaincy Unit, West Goulburn

⇒ Marulan

⇒ Goulburn Correctional Centre

⇒ Spouses and families of clergy and lay ministers and stipendiary lay ministers (SLM).

### IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

⇒ Congregations – 12noon Wednesday

⇒ Rainbow Fellowship

⇒ Meditation Tuesday lunchtime – refreshment and growth for the meditation group as they take a break over the school holidays

⇒ Meditation – Wednesday evening meditation group and our meditation leaders, Heather, Anne, Ruth, Rob, Marg and John, giving thanks for the opportunity to continue to meet via Zoom

⇒ EfM as they meet in person to host a two week interlude with Manuka EFM over the school holidays and for leaders Nich Hills and Merri Bacon

⇒ Grow Groups – that people will discover their spiritual gifts and affirm the gifting of others

⇒ For all members of our parish family including Tony Willis; Lexie Winders; Raphael, Belinda, Katie, Lucy and William Wood;

⇒ 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, Violet Hart and anyone known to us personally.

### COMMEMORATIONS

**Tuesday:** Lewis Berian James (d. 2002)

**Saturday:** Ross Hughan (d.1995).

## COLLECT FOR 18th SUNDAY AFTER

### PENTECOST

Almighty God,  
your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders,  
and, by your doing,  
he has been made the chief cornerstone:  
grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us,  
we may become living stones  
built up into your dwelling place,  
a temple holy and acceptable to you;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## READINGS

Exodus 20.1-4, 20.7-9, 20.12-20

Psalms 19

Philippians 3

Matthew 21.33-46

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## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

★ Sunday: Carol Kubanek, Barry Pogson

★ Monday: Wayne Brighton

★ Tuesday: Anne Ranse

★ Wednesday: Doreen Matters, Colin Lyons