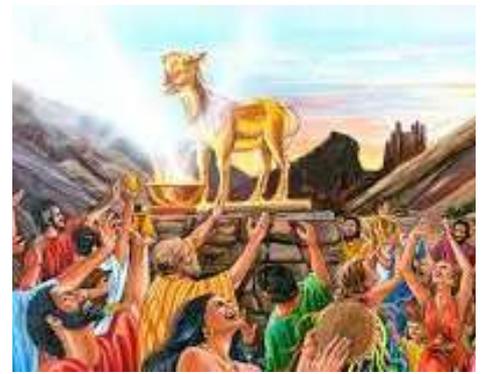


HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2020 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE GOLDEN CALF (Exodus 32.1-14)

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](https://adcg.zoom.us/j/8820962366)

Password: 033643

Kid's church is in recess over the holidays

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 returns next week

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER

Seating limited to 50 people per service.

8am Holy Communion

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

10am Holy Communion

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

Celebrant

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

Preacher: Rev Anne Dudzinski

5pm Twilight Conversation

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We all make mistakes. The one made by Aaron and the people of Israel when they made a golden calf claiming that it had set the people free was a real doozy.

Many of our biggest mistakes are born of fear. Fear warps what we see. It magnifies what we feel. It causes us to look backwards instead of forwards. It causes us to reach out not for what's right but for what's here now. We make poor decisions that cause relationships to break.

When Moses was shamefully late, fear filled the hearts of people. They grew afraid of abandonment. They lost sight of their future. They grew nostalgic about their past. They turned to a leader who promised something easy and fun like a golden calf and a party.

Two of the most remarkable things then followed. First, Moses stepped up and calmed God down. God responded to the pleas of a person who regularly got things wrong. Then the LORD repented so that mercy rather than judgement would prevail.

The eternal One changed their mind.

It's easy to want swift retribution believing that violence can put bad things right. It's easy to think that a decision made in anger will sort out the problem person. But as Moses pointed out, violence solves nothing. It's the response of someone weak and fearful. It's the result of failure rather than a pathway to success.

When we make mistakes, not just boo-boos but golden calf sized botches, foul-ups and predicaments, it is easy to feel alone, overwhelmed and ashamed. In that moment, we need to remember that the only things bigger than Aaron's mess was Moses' plea and God's graciousness.

Christ's love is always bigger than our worst mistakes. God is more interested in our future than our past. Don't give in to fear but explore God's love because it will always lead you into freedom.

Wayne

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HOLISTIC CARE NURSING MINISTRIES

Nursing people back into life

DECLUTTERING WORKSHOPS



Are you wanting to free up some space in your home or to help someone else to clear out some unwanted items?

Are you downsizing or assisting others to relocate?

Would you like to develop your understanding of how to approach the sometimes daunting task of decluttering?

Join our *Decluttering Workshops* running over

3 Thursday mornings

9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

At Holy Covenant Anglican Church, Dexter St, Cook:

5, 12 and 19 November 2020

Come and learn tips and techniques, gain insights, and have fun in a supportive environment. Feeling uncertain? Bring a friend!

The Workshop is being conducted by Jennifer Berrie, our Household Support Team Leader in the Holistic Care Nursing Ministries. Jennifer previously taught *Declutter Your Home* classes at community education evening classes and at the University of the Third Age and has helped many people to lighten up their homes.

Bookings: Email

nurse@holycovenant.org.au, or contact

Jennifer on 0491 086 242.



11 – 17 October 2020

anti-poverty week

act on poverty

Welcome to Anti-Poverty Week

In **2020**, Anti-Poverty Week will be held from the **11th to the 17th of October**. This year we are supporting affordable housing for all as the best solution to reducing poverty and partnering with the **Everybody's Home** campaign. We are also continuing to support the **Raise the Rate** campaign led by ACOSS to ensure that unemployment payments never go back to \$40 a day.

The **COVID-19** crisis means more than 2 million people now need these payments and are likely to for some time as we go through this recession. We welcome the Government's decision to pay an additional \$550 per fortnight Coronavirus Supplement but are deeply concerned this increase is due to end on 24 September.

JobSeeker at around \$40 a day traps people in extreme poverty, unable to eat properly or pay their housing, medical and other basic expenses. Employers say it also acts as a brake on job search.

<https://antipovertyweek.org.au/>

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

FAREWELL

Richard, Mel, Sam, Zac and Matt
are leaving for Brisvegas
and we will miss them greatly.
You have encouraged us to play and wonder

THANK YOU

Charles Williams' "Apologue on the Parable of the Wedding Garment"

Charles was a member of the Oxford Inklings, along with other writers like C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien.

*The Prince Immanuel¹ gave a ball:
Cards, adequately sent to all
Who by the smallest kind of claim
Were known to royalty by name,
Held, red on white, the neat express
Instruction printed: Fancy Dress.
Within Earth's town there chanced to be
A gentleman of quality,
Whose table, delicately decked,
Centred at times the Court's elect;
There Under-Secretaries dined,
Gold Sticks in Waiting spoke their mind,
Or through the smoke of their cigars
Discussed the taxes and the wars,
And ran administrations down,
But always blessed the Triune Crown².
The ball drew near; the evening came.
Our lordling, conscious of his name,
Retained particular distaste
For dressing-up, and half-effaced,
By a subjective sleight of eye
Objectionable objectivity
The card's direction. "I long since
Have been familiar with the Prince
At public meetings and bazaars,
And even ridden in his cars,"
He thought; "his Highness will excuse
A freedom, knowing that I use
Always my motto to obey
Egommet semper³ : I always."
Neatly and shiningly achieved⁴
In evening dress, his car received
His figure, masked but otherwise
Completely in his usual guise.
Behold, the Palace; and the guest
Approached the Door among the rest.
The Great Hall opened: at his side
A voice breathed: "Pardon, sir." He spied,
Half turned, a footman. "Sir, your card
Dare I request? This Door is barred
To all if not in fancy dress."
"Nonsense." "Your card, sir!" "I confess
I have not strictly . . . an old friend . . .
His Highness . . . come, let me ascend.
My family has always been
In its own exquisite habit seen.*

*What, argue?" Dropping rays of light
The footman uttered: "Sir, tonight
Is strictly kept as strictly given;
The fair equivalents of heaven
Exhibit at our lord's desire
Their other selves, and all require
Virtues and beauties not their own
Ere genuflecting at the Throne.
Sir, by your leave.!" "But - " "Look and see."
The footman's blazing livery
In half-withdrawal⁵ left the throng
Clear to his eyes. He saw along
The Great Hall and the Heavenly Stair
One blaze of glorious changes there.
Cloaks, brooches, decorations, swords,
Jewels - every virtue that affords
(By dispensation of the Throne)
Beauty to wearers not their own.
This guest his brother's courage wore
That, his wife's zeal, while, just before,
She in his steady patience shone;
There a young lover had put on
The fine integrity of sense
His mistress used; magnificence
A father borrowed of his son,
Who was not there ashamed to don
His father's wise economy.
No he or she was he or she
Merely: no single being dared,
Except the Angels of the Guard,
Come without other kind of dress
Than his poor life had to profess,
And yet those very robes were shown,
When from preserval as his own
Into another's glory given,
Bright ambiguities of heaven.
Below, each change was manifest;
Above, the Prince received each guest,
Smiling. Our lordling gazed; in vain
He at the footman glanced again.
He had his own; his own was all
But that permitted at the Ball.
The darkness creeping down the street
Received his virtuous shining feet;
And, courteous as such beings are,
The Angels bowed him to his car.*

NOTES

1. Prince Immanuel: Jesus Christ. See Matthew 1:23
2. blessed the Triune Crown: worshipped the Trinity
3. "Egommet semper" : (approx.) "I always strive to

be just myself"

4. achieved: attired
5. half-withdrawal: i.e. he stood to one side



A Poem for our St John's Care Workers

This week we are sharing a poem written by a long time supporter of St John's Care.

Betsy is a young 98 year old, who comes to the Centre every week to make a donation. She has written a poem for us and she hopes you enjoy it.

Once again, it's Monday and I am rising with the sun, even though it's very cold – the Spring has just begun. And once again I am off to meet a very friendly group and yes, they really are a very caring troupe.

They are always there to meet me as I trundle down the road with my walker filled with groceries, a very welcome load. I am always very happy when I meet this friendly group and yes, they are a very caring troupe.

These workers smile at everyone, for them the only pay is just to know they are helping in a most unusual way. It isn't only me who likes to meet this friendly group, and yes, they really are a very caring troupe.

Besides the other donors who like me, will help the larder there's many more who, unlike me are finding life much harder. But they have come with hope of ease, to meet the friendly group, and yes, they really are a very caring troupe.

So, helping with some food is not the only thing done here. They listen to the stories, most of which are wracked with fear. Then fear is gently dealt with by this very friendly group, and yes, they really are a caring troupe.

Most visitors who seek for help are anything but cheery, their worldly problems wear them down, so they are often weary, but ease they find when meeting with this very friendly group. It's the same ones, and I'm telling you – you are a caring troupe.

And so, my weekly visit isn't just to bring some food, your cheerfulness will tell me there's no need for me to brood.

So many thanks you have from me – you're such a friendly group!

Betsy Boundy

We give thanks for Betsy and our many supporters who support us in helping others.

Jason Haines
A/Executive Officer

Items Required: Weet-Bix, Sweet Biscuits and Vegemite.

Christmas items required: 2 ltr juice and 1 ltr pouring custard

THE SUN IS SHINING THROUGH

*Sing to the Lord a new song:
sing to the Lord, all the earth. Psalm 96:1*

Mildred Bell wrote:

*The mornings here, another day,
The sun is shining through.
I left my worries all behind,
Today I start anew.*

And I think how could you not leave your worries behind as it is so beautiful outside and the spring is so much wanting to make you smile and as the Syrian Clementine Liturgy would put it: it's the abyss of peace. There is a small but O so colourful butterfly on the lavender pods of perfume and its tiny wings are folded as if in prayer – and the birds are singing with the gift of song.

Our world is full of so many life-giving symbols of God's greatness may we not let the worries of yesterday or today take away the joy of God in his creation, his presence is so visible there.

Pause like the little butterfly, sing like the little bird and chose to love this day because it is love that heals. May the God of peace be with us all.

Anne, servant of the Lord.

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



The morning is here, another day, the sun is shining through



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

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, whichever 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



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/BLTQD>

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ We pray for those whose lives are made wretched by poverty or disease; for all who know little dignity, freedom or joy. Lead us in your ways of justice, that we may learn to live together in peace and share the abundance of your bounty

IN AUSTRALIA

⇒ In your kindness watch over refugees and asylum seekers, those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost, and those who have been exiled from their homes. Bring them safely to the place where they long to be, and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need

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

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Gippsland
- ⇒ Gungahlin Anglican Church
- ⇒ Burgmann Anglican School, Gungahlin
- ⇒ St Simon's, Kaleen-Giralang- Lawson
- ⇒ St Paul's, Ginninderra
- ⇒ St Barnabas Charnwood
- ⇒ South Sudanese Anglican Ministry; the Sudanese community at this difficult time in their country; and our wide range of exploratory ministries in this Diocese.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ Congregations – 10am Sundays
- ⇒ Young adults ministry
- ⇒ Shovel Community Garden for guidance as we seek to involve others in the gardens
- ⇒ Resources group for a successful working bee on 17th
- ⇒ Tai Chi Give thanks that the 2 new Sitting Tat Chi ers for CC have been feeling positive about their contributions and the continued good health of our old and new members
- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Rika and Roger Amos; Bob and Kath Arthur; Merri Bacon; and Bruce and Beverley Barnes.
- ⇒ 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, John Blue, Anne and Peter Bazeos, Violet Hart and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Thursday: Daphne Watts (d. 2000);
Francis Thomas Freeman (d. 2003)

COLLECT FOR 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Almighty and everlasting God,
in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations:
grant that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith
in proclaiming the cross to be the way that leads to life eternal;
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 32.1-14
- Psalm 106.1-6, 106.20-24
- Philippians 4
- Matthew 22.1-14

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- ★ **Monday:** Dylan Mordike
- ★ **Tuesday:** Denis Golubeff
- ★ **Wednesday:** Helen Boulton
- ★ **Thursday:** Phyl Holmes
- ★ **Friday:** Kath Arthur, David Meggs
- ★ **Saturday:** Bob Arthur, Brian Cox