

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2020 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WHAT'S IN A COIN?

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 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

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER

Seating limited to 50 people per service.

8am Holy Communion

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

10am Holy Communion

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

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

5pm Twilight Conversation

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I have two ancient coins at home. One bears the head of Caesar and the other the head of Constantine. The difference is that the coin of Caesar declares him as the son of god but the coin of Constantine, the first emperor to make Christianity legal, is inscribed with a Christian cross on either side of his head and a cross on the back. That's just a bit of information aside as I reflect on portions of the gospel.

It's interesting to note in the Thessalonians reading that while they *knew* God, they didn't *know* God! They did not know him as a 'living God' one you imitate in your life. It was through Paul's message to them that the light of revelation shone on them and became obvious that they should be living this Christian ethic not just retaining the knowledge of God. That would be a bit like having God as an idol where you worshiped him only.

Paul modeled to the Thessalonians what it meant to be a true follower of God not just by faith, not just by word, but by living and modeling the Christian life.

As Tom Wright says; 'Eager as we are to affirm God's presence within the whole world, we shouldn't forget the call to distinctive and sometimes shocking behaviour.'

The Thessalonians had a revelation, they had been touched by the Spirit and filled with the knowledge to live out faith, hope and love.

There is a clash here in the readings between the things of Caesar and the things of God. The Roman coins 'added insult to injury' they bore a human image, offensive in itself. Doubly so when the inscription declared him to be the son of god. These claims of Caesar are a nothing compared to the embracing live giving claims of the one true God.

Jesus himself the divine image not only gives life, but gives a living life, not on a coin but on our hearts demanding no more of us than to live in self-giving love in the name of Jesus.

Archdeacon Anne

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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.

BROWNING'S FAREWELL

**From the Brownings' farewell on Sunday 11th
October**



From left to right—Zac, Mel, Matt and Sam

The Brownings are moving to Brisbane at the end of October where Richard will work with Anglican Schools Commission as the Director of Mission. We wish them well in this new season of life.



Father Richard Browning



CHANGE OF SETTINGS

When you join the parish Zoom room on Sunday you might notice one small change.

Your camera will be off. This means if you want people to see you, be sure to switch the camera on from the controls at the bottom of your screen.

This change has been made to ensure everyone's privacy.



COFFEE POD RECYCLING

Do you have a coffee pod machine and wonder what to do with them afterwards? The parish now has a brown box where the aluminum is recycled in Nowra and the coffee used for compost.

To find out more visit:

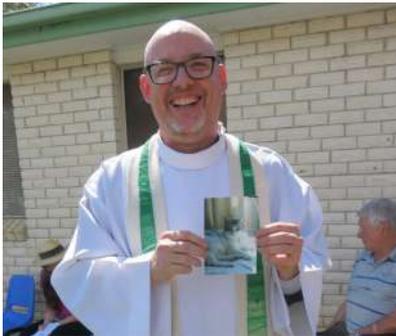
<https://www.nespresso.com/au/en/how-to-recycle-coffee-capsules>

PET BLESSING AND THE LAUNCH OF NOAH'S ARK PET MINISTRY

All creatures great and small came to the *pet blessing* in the community garden on St Francis Day. Hamsters and dogs and photos of cats along with photos of animals whose owners were unable to attend. It was a glorious spring day and the garden was looking its best. The animals were all bathed and beautifully groomed and seemed to shine even more after their blessing! And, they were all so well behaved around each other. It was a lovely occasion and there was excitement, sharing and joy.

Noah's Ark ministry was launched. This ministry aims at supporting pet owners in the joys and sadness's of owning a pet, a furry family member. It will operate through a prayer vine and in person and pet birthdays will be celebrated and memorial services will be available. If you would like to be involved in this ministry you are very welcome to have a chat with me or email me on anne.ranse@gmail.com.

Archdeacon Anne



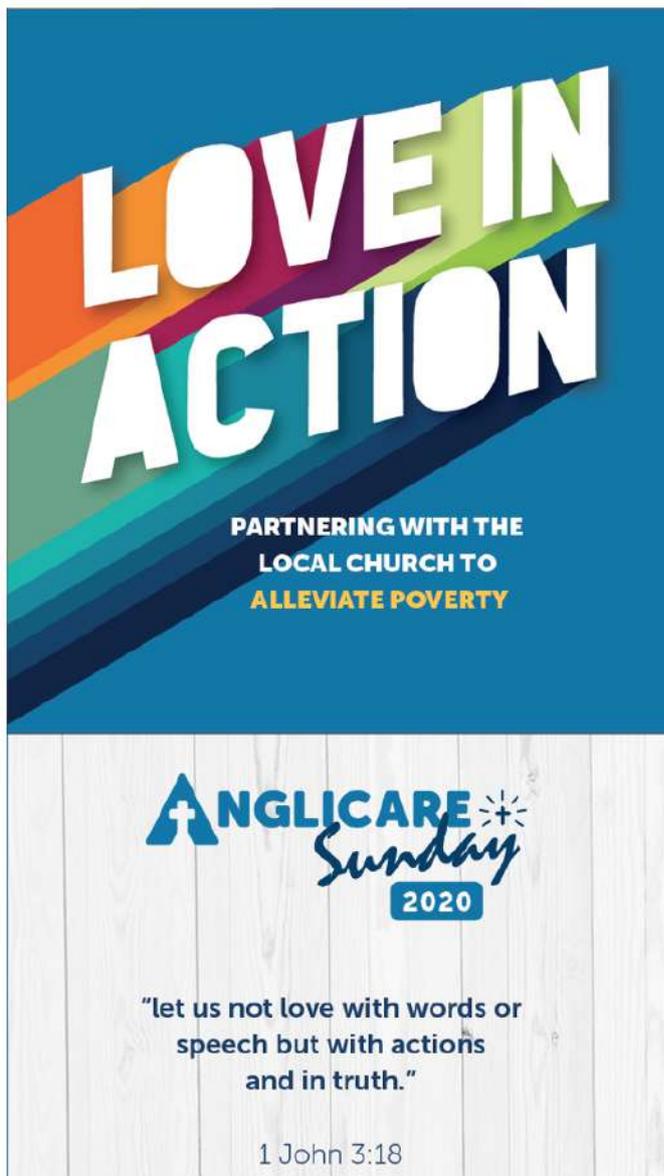
Wayne with Puss Cat



Andrew, Jodie, Oliver and their pet family



Gathering for the Pet blessing



LOVE IN ACTION

PARTNERING WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY

ANGLICARE Sunday 2020

"let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

1 John 3:18

ANGLICARE SUNDAY

This Sunday is an opportunity to consider the work of Anglicare and how we as a parish participate in God's mission by alleviating poverty.

Holy Covenant supports several projects that are central to Anglicare's work:

- St John's Care which provides emergency assistance to those experiencing crisis;
- Embracing Ministries which supports families with disability;
- Disaster Recovery volunteers and chaplains who stand alongside those who are at risk of losing everything.

When congregations work with these professional groups the church reveals God's care and support.

Thank you to all who help as volunteers, donors and prayer supporters.



INTRODUCING ROBBIE



This week we welcomed Robbie who starts his new role as a Program Coordinator at St John's Care.

Robbie was born in Canberra and accompanied his parents on a diplomatic posting to the Middle East, where he spent 5 years at an international school in Beirut.

After returning to Australia, Robbie attended Burgmann Anglican School, before completing a Bachelor of Science in Psychology at the University of Canberra.

He began his professional career with LJ Hooker before joining Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) as a Coordinator on their Department of Home Affairs' account. Robbie was responsible for facilitating one of the largest office relocations in the department's recent history.

He writes, "I have been fortunate enough to grow up around, and interact with, people from a diverse range of backgrounds and social settings while living overseas and within our community.

I look forward to drawing on these experiences, as well as my Psychology qualifications, to provide care and support to those most in need within our community.

I am energized by empowering individuals and providing them with tailored support to become self-sufficient and valued voices within our community.

I enjoy playing team sports and am an avid sports fan.

I am looking forward to working with the

St John's Care team to support vulnerable members of the community along the pathway to achieving economic and personal well-being, social participation, independence and community connectedness."

If you have any questions about how you can donate money or items to assist those doing it tough in our community, 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: Sweet Biscuits, Jam, Honey, Weet- Bix, 500ml Olive Oil

Christmas items required: Family packs of Lollies, Blocks of Chocolate

WHAT IS YOUR MANTRA?

This is my story, this is my song, praising my saviour all the day long. (Blessed Assurance) Although born blind Fanny Crosby could still write beautiful hymns.

Do not let anything steal your joy! That's almost a mantra for me. There is so much good around us; there is so much beauty around us; there is so much love around us and yes, there is so much pain and suffering yet, with God our joy can be complete.

I mean, look about you – have you ever seen the earth so alive as in this spring? I look at the gardens, beautiful flowers all dressed in their best, each one a meditation in itself, and the green paddocks and those yellow with canola and I just want to sing: 'Glorious things of thee are spoken,' and the birds are singing too, 'throwing into the air praises.' (Mary Oliver)

I like what St Benedict says: Am I fully alive – alive in my senses? Am I living with open ears and eyes?

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>



Green paddocks and yellow canola and the Lord is our shepherd



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

CHECK INTO HOLY COVENANT



Canberrans now have access to a contactless, secure and convenient way for customers to sign into Canberra venues – the Check In CBR app.

The new Check In CBR app is now available for download and is available for use at Holy Covenant as it is a registered site.

The app will enable individuals to check in to venues and have this data stored securely with ACT Health in the event contact tracing is needed due to a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the community.

Use of the app will help the ACT Health contact tracing team quickly identify and assist anyone who may have been exposed to COVID-19.

Follow these simple steps:

1. Download the Check-In CBR App from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.
2. Register your details (required for the first time only).
3. Open the app, select 'Check In Now' and hover your smartphone over the displayed QR code.
4. Add in any additional people – those who are with you and without their own device or app.
5. When the check-in is complete, show the sides people the successful check in app screen.
6. Enjoy your time out and about in your community knowing you are helping to stop the spread.

If you use this app you do not need to sign in.

FROM THE TREASURER

There was an increase in both income and expenditure in September compared with August. Several community groups have resumed activities in the Worship and Rainbow Centres and this has meant we are now getting some income from hiring charges.

We are expecting that the JobKeeper subsidy will continue (at a lower rate) for the next three months, but this has not yet been confirmed by Anglican Diocesan Services.

We have purchased a new computer for the parish office as the old one decided to behave in an unpredictable way! We are in the process of replacing the photocopier as the current one is over six years old and has reached the end of its useful life.

Paul Shelley

LEXIE WINDERS' FUNERAL

Lexie was a long time member of the parish who will be greatly missed by many. Those attending are invited to bring a flower or small posy in memory of Lexie's passion for gardening. They are also invited to bring a plate of refreshments to share for afternoon tea that will immediately follow.

Lexie's funeral will be held in the Worship Centre on Friday 23 October at 2pm. In order to help the family with numbers, please register your attendance <https://www.trybooking.com/BMCVY>

For those unable to attend, the service will be accessible by Zoom

<https://adcg.zoom.us/j/8820962366?pwd=YUpja05YTxFcN0N4MGRiSFVIRlI0Zz09>

Meeting ID: [882 096 2366](https://adcg.zoom.us/j/8820962366?pwd=YUpja05YTxFcN0N4MGRiSFVIRlI0Zz09)

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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>

CRAFTY CREW

There will be no Crafty Crew on Monday 19th October (this coming Monday). Look forward to seeing you in November.

Gillian Painter

SURVEY ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Help us to build a safer and more supportive Anglican Church for people who have experienced domestic violence. Join a research project aimed to help improve church practices. If you have had an experience of domestic violence and a current or previous link with the Anglican Church, please share your perspective.

The online survey is anonymous and anyone can take part. Go to surveys.ncls.org.au/NAFVP/experience to find out more

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ We pray for your people who suffer starvation or disease; for those who suffer the terrors of tyranny or war. Holy God, help us to live in harmony with each other and with all your created world, that we who bear your image may give you the praise that is your due.

IN AUSTRALIA

⇒ We pray for the member organisations of Anglicare Australia working across this vast and ancient land. God grant us the compassion to care deeply for others; the wisdom to discern how best to help; the energy to transform emotion into action, and the joy of wholehearted, loving service. For Christ's sake. Amen.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of North West Australia
- ⇒ Yass Valley
- ⇒ Boorowa
- ⇒ Murrumburrah-Harden
- ⇒ Christian unity at local, national and world levels, National Council of Churches in Australia, and the ACT Churches Council
- ⇒ St John's Care

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ Congregations – 5pm Sunday
- ⇒ Belonging and caring team
- ⇒ MOTH
- ⇒ Great Big Garden Day—pray for suitable weather and an enjoyable time for all participating
- ⇒ Work Health and Safety
- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Trish Barnes, Graham Bonnett; Harris, Helen and Tanya Boulton; and Heather Boyd.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button, Elizabeth Grant, Andrew Hill, Phil Bloomfield, Judith Ann, Jenny Hall, Bev Barnes, John Blue, Anne and Peter Bazeos, Violet Hart and anyone known to us personally.

COLLECT FOR 20th 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 33.12-23
- Psalms 99
- 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10
- Matthew 22.15-33

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- ★ Friday: Mary Lynn Mather
- ★ Saturday: Wendy Ward