

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



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

Password: 033643

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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/417454216?pwd=NlFwSkMtMWUNBS0Y2NHVxemd5MlW0wZz09>

Meeting ID: 417 454 216

Password: Kidschurch

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER

Seating limited to 50 people per service.

8am Holy Communion

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

10am Holy Communion

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

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

3.30pm Rainbow Fellowship

5pm Twilight Conversation

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER

Seating limited to 50 people per service.

8am Holy Communion

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

10am Holy Communion

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SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2020

ALL SAINTS DAY

We always curate our history. Australians have made much of the Anzac tradition and celebrated its heroes. The government has spent huge sums over the last 30 years establishing it as part of our consciousness and identity. Anzac has become part of our spirituality as a nation.

Today we celebrate a different kind of hero and heroine: saints. They present a more profound vision of spirituality. Saints are models of excellence whose lives have been deeply touched by the life of Christ and communion with the Spirit. Their lives validate purity, heroic sanctity, extraordinary wisdom, exceptional faith and outstanding holiness. Saints consistently point us to the horizon of love which leads to the fulfilment of all true human desire through eternal communion with the triune God.

Often saints have been martyred, undergone great suffering and displayed exceptional faith. Popular saints are: St Patrick, St Francis of Assisi, St Therese of Lisieux, St Christopher, Joan of Arc, St Jerome, St Augustine, St John of the Cross. This is naming just a few. They are special people who are honoured and celebrated in our church. They form an important part of our history and identity.

Today's reading from Revelation is encouraging for "ordinary" saints. The opening verse is "a great multitude that no one could count". It refers to saints. The Feast of *All Saints Day* celebrates *all* saints. This includes the great biblical figures, the heroes and

heroines of the early church and the Capital Letter saints. But it *also* includes those who we celebrate each Sunday in our church who have been part of our community. We celebrate and honour them as we worship together.

Death is something our society finds difficult to discuss. The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety has brought to the fore our appalling treatment of the aged. The Interim Report tabled 12 months ago was entitled "Neglect". It states "As a nation, Australia has drifted into an ageist mindset that undervalues older people and limits their possibilities". We don't value our aged. Our indigenous sisters and brothers respect their elders.

All Saints Day should be an opportunity to honour not just our departed Saints and saints but to appreciate and value those in our church who have wisdom, judgement, maturity and, particularly, time to pray. We should respect and honour them. They are, as the reading from 1 John reminds us, children of God.

As a culture we tend to locate failings, evil and sin *out there*. However our saints speak of the unifying word of Eden wonderfully summarised by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn that "the line separating good and evil runs right through every human heart". Our saints know the power of love, the power of God who liberates and they testify to the power of the Holy Spirit to bring goodness, light, healing far beyond our capacities or imagination. Let us honour our saints.

Clive Rodger

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We can make a difference

Last week, a young single father named Samuel (not his real name) came to the St John's Care Centre for the first time in a couple of years.

Samuel lives with an intellectual disability that makes employment challenging and is currently receiving the disability pension.

He had been struggling in the weeks leading up to his visit and was finding it hard to provide food for his daughter whilst tackling increasingly large bills.

His gas usage had risen significantly over the colder months. COVID restrictions meant that he and his daughter spent almost all their time at home. His bill was overdue and increasing steadily. Samuel was worried that he would be unable to pay back his bill and that the added stress would be detrimental to his mental and physical health.

He was visibly upset, and he informed us that the situation had begun to impact his young daughter who had become aware of the financial issues that her father was facing.

Firstly, we provided Samuel with fresh fruit and vegetables and enough food to last him and his young daughter a couple of weeks.

Next we sat down with him to review his circumstances and to come up with a plan to tackle his increasing debt. With his permission, we contacted ActewAGL and advocated on his behalf.

Through our investigation, we discovered that Samuel had set up a direct payment from his disability pension to pay off his electricity bill.

Over the space of 6 months, these direct payments had accrued a credit of almost \$200. We communicated with ActewAGL to re-negotiate the situation and were able to use his electricity credit to pay off a large sum of his gas bill.

We provided Samuel with an ActewAGL voucher to cover most of his remaining bill. We also gave him some advice on how to best address his larger gas bills during the winter months, as well as providing some tips on reducing his gas consumption.

Samuel was over-joyed with this outcome and was thrilled that SJC was able to help him in a difficult situation.

There are few things that are more rewarding than seeing a sigh of relief and a smile on the face of someone who needs it.

We would like to dearly thank all our supporters heading into the busy festive period. Your support is instrumental in enabling us to assist families within the ACT.

We would not be able to do the work we do without you.

Kind regards

Robbie, Programs Coordinator

Items Required: Weet-Bix, 500ml Olive Oil, Vegemite, Honey

Christmas items required: Fruit Mince Pies, Chocolate/ Shortbread Biscuits

JOYFUL IN BELIEVING

How shall I sing to God when life is full of gladness. (TIS 667)

I was watching a playful wind pick up the dry leaves from the carpeted ground and toss them into the air in a spiral and off they went in a twister that carried them high into the sky, well above the tree tops where the birds fly. As I looked up I had a sense of the grandeur of God that reminded me of a verse I had read:

The woods are God's own cathedral with pillars that reach to the sky and a faraway ceiling of fluttering leaves where songbirds and angels fly. (anon)

Grace and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ.
Anne, servant of the Lord.

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



God's own cathedral



**READING SCRIPTURE
FINDING FREEDOM**

**Thursday evenings
beginning 5 November
From 7pm**

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

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.

DINNER GROUP AT SOUTHERN CROSS CLUB

The "First Tuesday of the Month" dinner is meeting this month on Tuesday 3 November at 6 pm.

As this is Melbourne Cup Day please wear a hat!

Please confirm that you are coming so I can let the Southern Cross Club Jamison know our numbers.

Thank you

Hilary 6251 8166



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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who brought such delicious food for lunch after Lexie's funeral, and to everyone who helped make it an occasion Lexie would have enjoyed.

CHRISTMAS GIFT TAGS

These are available on the book case to purchase, made by the Crafty Crew working from home for most of this year.



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>

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.

PARISH COUNCIL 2021

Parishes grow when people plant, nurture and realize their vision together.

God always goes to work when people use their gifts to help others.

The parish will need new wardens and council members for next year.

So if you want to see the parish go from good to great, become a better place for everyone, why not think about helping out?

Nominations open 8 November

Elections will be held on
6 December 2020

GREAT BIG GARDEN DAY IS ALMOST HERE

**Saturday 7 November
from 10am**

Bring your big garden tools like shovels, rakes, mattocks, pitchforks (no burning torches)

trailers and baskets for weeding and mulching!

Bring a plate to share

cakes, slices & salads for our sausage sizzle lunch.

Kids are welcome to help as we revitalize the embankment and Dexter Street entrance.

Gardeners can bring plants to swap.

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

LAWN MOWING

Love the smell of freshly cut grass?

Join the lawn mowing team! We've

had a few recent retirements and

could use a few extra people. A

couple more and we could spread the

roster to once every 2 or 3 months. Open to everyone and

training available if you've never used a mower before or

feeling a bit rusty. Please contact Andrew

andrew.feitz@gmail.com



ST MARK'S
OPEN DAY
2020
9AM-12PM



JOIN US at our annual Open Day on campus in Canberra and online on **21 November 2020**.

Chat to our lecturers about your study goals and learn more about studying with St Mark's.

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ We pray for the peoples of the USA and their presidential election. May justice flow like a river and righteousness as a never ending stream.

IN AUSTRALIA

⇒ We pray for those affected by the COVID crisis but who haven't received any assistance or help – those in the arts and music, insecure work, international students.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ The Anglican Church of Australia
- ⇒ The Primate
- ⇒ The General Synod, Standing Committee, Boards, Committees and Commissions
- ⇒ The Bishops' Office
- ⇒ Diocesan Registrar/General Manager
- ⇒ Anglican Investment Development Fund
- ⇒ Pray for: The people affected by the 2019/ 2020 bushfires, the family and friends of those who died, those who fought the fires, and all involved in the recovery efforts; for the Bushfire Recovery Chaplain, Eurobodalla Shire Council Area, Mrs Janice Ackland; for wisdom, strength and perseverance for all in dealing with Covid-19; for the strengthening of relationships between the twenty-three Dioceses of the Australian Anglican Church, the development of our life and witness as a National Church, and for our ecumenical relationships.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ Young Adults Ministry would appreciate prayer for guidance, health and wisdom, to best lead and serve the youth and young adult communities.
- ⇒ Give thanks for a regular group of keen Tai Chi folk. Continue to pray for their safety and health.
- ⇒ 10am congregation: For new families and young adults to visit, stay and belong.
- ⇒ Shovel Community Garden: For renewal of energy and new members of the core team.
- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including James Collier; Ursula Conan-Davies; Mark and Allison Cooper-Stanbury; Kerin and Brian Cox; Catherine and Barnaby D'Cruz; and Judith Ann Daniells.
- ⇒ 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.

COMMEMORATIONS

- ⇒ **Sunday:** Arthur Olsen (d. 2005)
- ⇒ **Thursday:** Paul Bruce Free (d. 2010)

COLLECT FOR ALL SAINTS

Eternal God,
neither death nor life can separate us from your love:
grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth,
and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen

READINGS

Revelation 7.9-17
Psalm 34.1-10, 34.22
1 John 3.1-3
Matthew 5.1-12

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday: Raphael Wood
Wednesday: Tobias Nevile
Saturday: Gareth James