

# 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=YUpja05YTXFCN0N4MGRiSFVIRlloZz09>

Meeting ID: [882 096 2366](https://adcg.zoom.us/j/8820962366?pwd=YUpja05YTXFCN0N4MGRiSFVIRlloZz09)

Password: 033643

Kid's church will be meeting in the Rainbow Centre.

## SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Seating limited to 50 people per service.

8am Holy Communion

No registration required (sign-in only)

10am Holy Communion

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

Celebrant and Preacher

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

5pm Twilight Conversation

## SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Seating limited to 50 people per service.

8am Holy Communion

No registration required (sign-in only)

10am Holy Communion

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

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

5pm Twilight Conversation

### COMING UP

6 December – Parish Council and Wardens elections

8 December – community lunch

### Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank

Branch: Jamison Centre, ACT

BSB: 062 907

A/C No: 802 588

Name: Holy Covenant Anglican Church

## SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2020 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### GETTING THROUGH – ZEPHANIAH 1.7-18

How do you get through to someone who won't listen?

This was the challenge that confronted the prophets in ancient times when national leaders believed their own spin while their supporters shared the cool-aid together.

Zephaniah saw that the nation was in trouble. The people were neglecting the One who had set the nation free from slavery. Their leaders put their hope in gods from the nations around them. Instead of remaining faithful, everyone had grown complacent believing that God didn't care about what was going on.

Yet the prophet could foresee a time when God would act. He outlined the problem (v.4-9) and the consequences that would surely follow (v.10-18). Zephaniah spoke to their deepest concerns about their darkest fears as the Day of the Lord was near. Without change, the nation would lose not only their land but their future. Ruin, devastation, darkness, gloom and distress would follow as military defeat and humiliation would consume the whole earth.

Would the kingdom heed the warning? How long would they have to change course? Zephaniah's warning fell on deaf ears.

The prophet told everyone that

God would take a big a stick to the nation. It didn't work. Destruction arrived as promised. It didn't work either. Then God tried something different. God sent his beloved to speak, reason and show a new way. They killed him too.

When reading Zephaniah today, it is tempting to believe that another dreadful day is coming. Leaders remain blind to anything but their own immediate interests. The people still shrug their shoulders believing that change is impossible. Problems are still foreseeable – whether it is climate change or banking regulations for responsible borrowing. Consequences remain inescapable while doom and gloom fall unevenly. Many believe that God is out to lunch.

We need to remember that God doesn't stand on the sidelines yelling at us. God has jumped into this messy world through Christ. God's kingdom grows in this world wherever the seeds of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control are planted in the hearts of people. Christ is building a people of faith, hope and love. Nothing can withstand people like that.

*Wayne Brighton*

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## When referrals bridge gaps

Many young people go through upward battles when it comes to renting in Canberra. Renting is expensive. How many young ones can afford to rent their own little flat? Imagine you are young; your job is only casual basis with barely enough hours to buy food for the week let alone pay rent.

A couple of weeks ago Kim (not her real name) called St John's Care asking for help. She is in her late 20s, working as a casual support worker and her pay the week before was negligible as her employer could only give her 8 hours work. Kim's initial arrangement with her employer was that she was given a minimum of 15 hours of work a week. However, the Covid domino effect had impacted support workers.

Kim was invited to come in for a case management meeting which she happily accepted and turned up 15 minutes early (talk about keen youth!).

It turned out Kim was also studying part time to complete her Diploma of Community Services. Guess what? She was not receiving any Centrelink support at all.

After a long session with Kim, Nailia, our Case Manager, found out that Kim was suffering from anxiety, depression and childhood related PTSD. On top of that, she finds it difficult to navigate the Centrelink system, particularly when it comes to reporting requirements. When she started working a few months ago, she registered with Centrelink but couldn't keep up with reporting her income calculations, so she gave up. Consequently, her support payments were stopped, and she felt she was getting nowhere with Centrelink.

When we offered to advocate on her behalf to help reinstate her Centrelink payments she refused. Her attitude was to keep working, get more hours and feel better with more income. She told us that she didn't want to have anything more to do with Centrelink because she couldn't navigate the system. SJC wanted to refer her to a very special Human Services team called Community Engagement.

SJC has a very good relationship with the Centrelink Community Engagement Officers who do a fantastic job to help people in various difficult situations.

After speaking further, Kim warmed up to the idea and a few days later she was connected with that team to look after her. Nailia also connected her with a different employment provider who is understanding of her circumstances as a part-time student, needing more hours and suffering from PTSD.

Even though Kim has now started to receive Centrelink support she is still not receiving the hours she needs from her new employer. However, she called SJC to say a huge thank you for referring her to people who care.

Kim is now more optimistic about her work and studies, and doesn't have that feeling of defeat about the future that brought her to SJC in the first place.

Hopefully, many people who have lost their jobs will find new opportunities. But there will be many left behind, struggling with unaffordable rent – some with significant rent arrears, and diminishing JobKeeper government support. Thankfully at St John's Care, we will continue to support people like Kim who are struggling for whatever reason.

**Items Required:** Shampoo, conditioner, men's deodorant, honey, vegemite

## A small cloud full of hope

*Look, a little cloud no bigger than a person's hand is rising out of the sea.*

*1 Kings 18:44*

Recently I heard a version of this which said 'a fist full of clouds' and it has been on my mind ever since. That small cloud was full of hope for the people who were desperate for rain. It held all their dreams and desires and prayers. They had watched a dry and 'cloud empty sky' for a long time and then this small cloud of hope rose from the sea and went onto produce great rain. Life is like that at the moment. We look about, we pray, we trust and we hope things will change, we seek the small signs that will tell us all will be well, we believe God will come to the rescue. I believe that. Why? because I love the world. I think of the green grass, the increasing blossoms of the trees, the spring flowers, the baby animals, the sunshine, the rain (and snow!) and more so, God's great love for us. So much of God's great love for us.

Grace and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Anne, servant of the Lord



A fist full of clouds

## WHAT A GREAT DAY WE HAD!

Last Saturday over 50 people attended our GARDEN DAY to pull out a weed or two, spread some mulch and enjoy the great coffee and goodies at the Café. It was also a good opportunity to catch up with each other. There is still plenty of mulch to be spread, so if you can spare an hour or so next Saturday 21 November we might see the job finished.

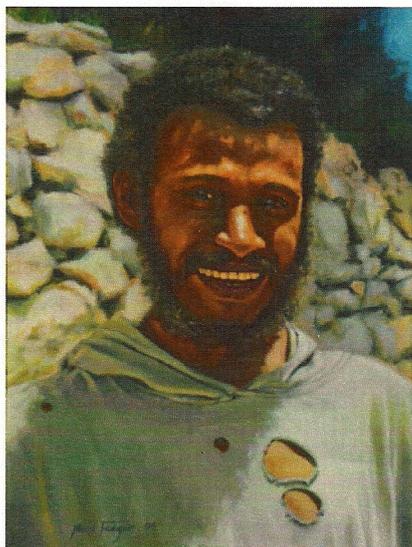


And a big thank you to all those who brought such a variety of delectable refreshments much enjoyed by all.

## Jesus Laughing and Loving Exhibition

*"This exhibition is a step towards liberating the person of Jesus from the traditional other-worldly image so that his power and relevance for modern living might be rediscovered and enjoyed."*

Reverend Tim Costello AO



Mairi Karl Feeger, *The Labourer*, acrylic on canvas

**12 November - 5 December 2020**  
**Sunday - Saturday 10.30am - 3.30pm**

The Chapel  
Australian Centre for Christianity and  
Culture  
15 Blackall Street, Barton

Parking available - P2 carpark

Volunteers are needed to assist with front-of-house during the exhibition. Please contact Sarah Stitt at the ACCC on [acc@csu.edu.au](mailto:acc@csu.edu.au) or 6272 6201 if you can help.

### WORKING BEE AND SPRING CLEANING NEXT SATURDAY



A working bee and spring clean is planned for Saturday 21 November from 9am until 12noon.

This month's focus is cleaning the windows.

Morning tea provided.

Enquiries: Paul Shelley; 0419 255 002;  
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### CRAFTY CREW

Crafty Crew will meet together for the second time this year in the Purple room of the Rainbow Center on our usual 3rd Monday of the month—16th November. In time for a Christmas Celebration!!!

Gillian Painter

## BUILDING RESILIENCE WORKSHOP

Wesley LifeForce will be conducting a Building Resilience Workshop via Zoom video conferencing on

**Tuesday 15 December and  
Wednesday 16 December 2020**

between **9.30 am and 11.30am AEDT (Sydney Time)** each day.

The training looks at how adjusting our lifestyle and introducing cognitive strategies can improve resilience and mental health. The participant is given the opportunity to reflect on their personal management of their mental health through relevant topics and group discussion.

The cost to complete the two x 2 hour sessions is \$125 plus GST. To register please click here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wesley-life-force-training-building-resilience-workshop-zoom-online-tickets-125404414981>

We would appreciate it if you could **please forward this information on to others who you feel may also be interested** in attending the workshop.

Each participant will receive a certificate of attendance as well as support materials.

**Maria Krohn** | Community Engagement Coordinator,  
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2115 | PO Box 2446 Carlingford NSW 2118

### 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.



**GARDEN HOE** found after our Great Garden Day, please contact the office if it is yours.

## HCNM News

Over the last six weeks, our programs have been returning to a new COVID normal. On Monday, 2 November we were able to have all our Covenant Care clients together as one group. It was wonderful to see everyone as we celebrated Millie's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday and enjoyed a pre-Melbourne Cup soiree!

On 6 October, Graham Bonnett organised our first outing since COVID descended. Six clients and four volunteers enjoyed morning tea at Armadillos Café in Gold Creek Village. Not only was it great for our clients and a celebration of Anne Ranse's birthday but the café really appreciated the patronage. On Melbourne Cup Day, 9 clients and three volunteers enjoyed afternoon tea at Canberra Southern Cross Club, Jamison. CSCC is a significant sponsor of our programs and our patronage helps them in return.

On 28 October, we recommenced our monthly morning teas in the Rainbow Centre. Eight clients attended, including two new clients who were friends of an existing client.

We will shortly be holding an evening get-together to thank our wonderful staff, volunteers and supporters who have gone above and beyond to support our clients and each other through a challenging year.

*Rhonda Thorpe, Program Manager*



Outing Armadillos Café

## What is PARISH COUNCIL?

In Anglican life, parishes are administered by **councils** who are responsible for the development of mission and ministry in their locality. This cooperative model distinguishes it from most other dioceses.

Our **Council** is comprised of the rector, wardens and councilors elected and appointed by the rector.

**Wardens** are responsible for the provision of all things necessary for public worship. They help the rector to think through opportunities and challenges to help our church grow.

**Councilors** play a leadership role by enabling everything to work well. This means listening to needs and watching for opportunities that can help those engaged in ministry.

Holy Covenant has a team-based approach which aims to help everyone be involved.

We are looking for new members to come on the team. Like to know more? Why not talk with a current team member?

**Nominations open 8 November**

Elections will be held on

**6 December 2020**

### UPDATE FROM PARISH COUNCIL – OCTOBER

Parish Council meets on the 4th Thursday each month. A summary of business discussed by Parish Council is provided below. A copy of draft minutes is available on the bulletin board. Items of note include:

- Each month, the Council evaluates an aspect of parish life with the relevant section from the Diocesan Code of Good Practice. In October the focus was on electronic communication.
- A stewardship campaign will be held in late November
- A strategic planning session was held on September 26. The vision for 2021 is likely to focus on 'creating communities for compassion, justice and peace.'
- Many groups have resumed in-person meeting. Youth Group reports up to 10 participants at their sessions.
- Parish elections will be held on December 6.

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.

The **Anglican News** for November is now out.  
<http://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/>  
To the pdf on the website (which is a larger size for printing):  
<https://anglicancg.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Anglican-News-November-2020.pdf>

## PRAYER POINTS

### IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ We pray for the leaders of all nations of the world, giving priority to peace and to all that makes for peace.
- ⇒ We pray for the success of a covid vaccine.

### IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ We pray for the hungry, the homeless, those who have no hope.

### IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Melbourne
- ⇒ St Alban the Martyr, Woden
- ⇒ Australian Federal Police Chaplain
- ⇒ Canberra Hospital, Garran
- ⇒ Pray for: Ministry to mentally ill and depressed people; the work of Lifeline Canberra.

### IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ The Resources group.
- ⇒ Crafty Crew: Give thanks for members who have crafted on in lockdown and while we were limited in numbers for meeting. Pray that members will be "on deck" for February 2021 meeting. New members welcome.
- ⇒ Community garden: Please pray for all members of the garden, for a growing sense of community and ownership.
- ⇒ We pray for our Young Adults group.
- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Anne Dudzinski; Georgina and Andrew Dudzinski; Sue Dunbar; Alan and Bea Duncan; Wendy and Jono Elkhuzen; and Pat Ewing.
- ⇒ 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, Belinda Moss and Lucia Horciu and anyone known to us personally.

### COMMEMORATIONS

**Wednesday:** Bruce Manning Pratt (d. 2010)

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Sunday: **Jenny Hall**
- Monday: **Valda Bromhead**
- Tuesday: **Tony Willis**
- Wednesday: **Oliver Feitz**
- Thursday: **Reg Holmes**
- Saturday: **Jemima Mordike**

## COLLECT FOR 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Everliving God,  
before the earth was formed,  
and even after it shall cease to be, you are God.  
Break into our short span of life  
and show us those things that are eternal,  
that we may serve your purpose in all we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in unity with the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

## READINGS

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18  
Psalm 123  
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11  
Matthew 25.14-30

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