

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 is in recess over the holidays

SUNDAY 17 JANUARY

Seating limited to 75 people per service.

9am Holy Communion

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

Celebrant

Rev Connie Gerrity

Preacher:

The Venerable (EM) Anne Ranse OAM

SUNDAY 24 JANUARY

Seating limited to 75 people per service.

9am Holy Communion

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 17 JANUARY 2021

John 1:35-51 -We have found the Messiah

I'm sure you all know how John's gospel starts: "*In the beginning....*" - that whole glorious passage, but what comes next?

Then we have an introduction to John the Baptist and what he did and said about himself and about Jesus. What comes next is that two of John's disciples follow Jesus because of John's testimony, then Peter follows Jesus because of Andrew's testimony, then: Jesus calls Philip and Nathaniel follows Jesus because of Philip's testimony.

Are we getting a theme here? Four of the first 5 disciples came to Jesus because someone told them what they needed to know about Jesus.

And each new disciple found something different, what they had been looking for or what they needed.

John called Jesus '*the Lamb of God*' and two disciples set out after Jesus and called him Rabbi or teacher. After a few hours with Jesus Andrew told Peter that they had found the Messiah.

The next day Philip told Nathaniel; '*We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets wrote*',

And then after meeting Jesus, Nathaniel declared: '*Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.*'

And at the end of the Passage Jesus describes himself as '*the Son of Man*'.

All those names and titles, apart from his given name and designation that is eight titles for Jesus. There is not time in this setting to go into what each of those titles meant but they each had different meanings and connotations, and each fulfilled a need in a person's life at that time, and yet that list comes nowhere close to describing everything that Jesus is and does. What do you need Jesus to be for you today? Ask him, he is everything you need.

Wendy Bloomfield

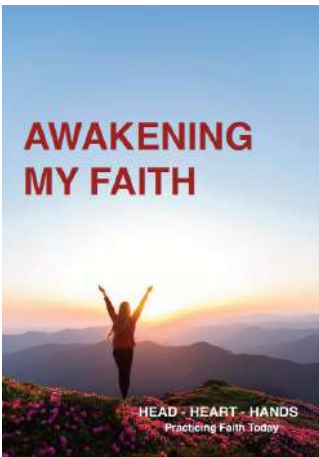
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Lenten Studies

Lent Study Book for 2021



Bishop Jeremy Greaves

This series of Lenten studies will lead participants in a journey through the Year 'B' Gospel.

In an interview the American poet and author Maya Angelou once said, "I'm always amazed when people walk up to me and say, 'I'm a Christian,' I think, 'Already? You already got it?' I'm working at it, which means that I try to be as kind and fair and generous and respectful and courteous to every human being."

Maya Angelou knew that being Christian is always a work in progress – something that requires practice.

When Jesus called the first disciples he did not have them learn great tomes of doctrine and dogma, he asked them to do something. From the very beginning Christians were known for what they did and how they lived more than for what they believed. The 'people of the Way' knew how to practice the faith.

For Christians, practices are things we do that shape our lives and "narrows the gap between who we are and who we are becoming."

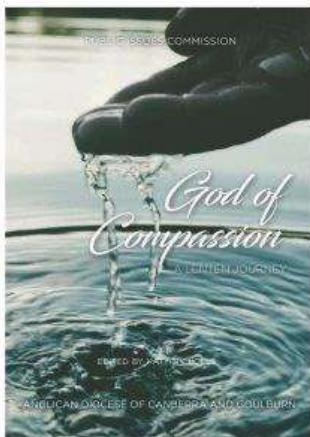
The journey of Lent invites us to explore what it might mean for us to practice faith in our time.

This study can be ordered from <http://www.grassroots.com.au/>

This website also includes information about Journey to the Holy Land in Feb/March 2022 and Oberammergau in July/August 2022

God of Compassion: A Lenten Journey

A new six-week study from the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, written by the Public Issues Commission, published with the support of Anglicare



Available in electronic (free) and printed (nominal cost) versions from <https://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/publications/>

Facing despair and fear, how can hope be found? Journey through Lent with this study, and explore this and other questions as our God of compassion inspires us to expand our horizons and build hope, joy and community.

Jesus shocked and scandalised his society through his radical willingness to sit with the outcast, eat with rich sinners, and denounce the most righteous for hypocrisy, reminding all of God's priorities of justice, compassion and mercy. His message inspired a community that recognised Jesus came for all the world.

Jesus' life, death and resurrection and the letters of the early church guide us in engaging with compassion in today's society: in our parish, in our Anglican communion, nationally, and intergenerationally.

"This publication addresses some of the pressing needs of this hour with compassion, insight and wisdom grounded in holy scripture.



Summer program will run Dec 27 - Jan 24 with only a single service at 9am and no evening conversation. As we have a combined service, registrations will help manage numbers.

Jan 24 - 9am <https://www.trybooking.com/BNEKR>

Jan 31 - 10am <https://www.trybooking.com/BNKAX>

Tai Chi	Resumes 03.02.21
Wednesday Midday Service	Resumes 03.02.21
Crafty Crew	Resumes Tuesday 16.02.21. NOTE change of day!
Book Club	Resumes Thursday 18.02.21
Tuesday 1pm meditation	Resumes 02.02.21.
Kid's Church	Resumes 07.02.21
A Darn Good Yarn	Resumes Tuesday 09.02 2021 at 10.30 to 12 noon

AGM Preparation

The AGM has been scheduled for Tuesday 16 February 2021. Could coordinators please ensure that their reports are in the office by the end of January.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR – 2020 IS NOW BEHIND US.

We here at St John's Care had an enjoyable break, and we hope you did too!

After a tough 2020, we are looking forward to facing the new challenges that this year will pose.

On Christmas Day we had a takeaway lunch, where we handed out 280 takeaway boxes, either by clients attending SJC or by volunteer's taking food to members of the community. The day comprised of amazing food, music and a visit from Santa who was giving out gifts and lollies to the children in attendance.

A very big thank you to everyone who helped make it such a wonderful lunch, either by donating food or money, by preparing food beforehand or by turning up on the day to help.

We supported 548 families in our present room in the lead up to Christmas in December 2020. Our amazing volunteers from Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment were run off their feet with the present room opening from the 24th of

November and running until the 18th of December. Without these amazing volunteers, it would not have been possible to see the number of clients that we did. They volunteered their time, food, funds, and toys. Over the few weeks that we had our gift room open, we provided 11,508 gifts to 1644 children.

Our Emergency Relief center was shut from the 24th of December until the 4th of January. The first week of 2021 has been very busy, and we expect this to be the case over the course of the year.

Thank you to all who allowed us to help our clients in 2020. It is because of your assistance and support that we can provide relief to so many Canberrans. We hope to have your continued support in 2021 as we continue our work in helping so many people to become the best they can.

For most of our clients, assistance comes in the form of food, medical scripts, and bus tickets, however some of our clients require additional support. Our donors allow us to provide additional support in the form of financial assistance with bills, health and wellbeing and school supplies.

Kind regards,

The team at SJC

Items required: School supplies eg: backpack, lunch boxes, drink bottles and pencil cases



WEDNESDAY MORNING TEAS IN JANUARY

Come and enjoy a cuppa and a chat in January. Often it is a time when not much happens, so come and join us on the following Wednesdays:

Wednesday 20 January 2021

27 January 2021

From 10am through to around 12noon.

COLLECT for 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Eternal God,
whose Son, Jesus Christ, is now exalted as Lord of all,
and pours out his gifts upon the Church:
grant it that unity which only your Spirit can give,
keep us in the bond of peace,
and bring all creation to worship before your throne;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ We give thanks that you reveal yourself to us in all the wonder of your creation: we pray for the preservation of the earth and for wise and just use of its resources

IN AUSTRALIA

⇒ We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. We praise God for the people who nurtured the land here in our parish that we call home

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of North Queensland
- ⇒ Queanbeyan and District Anglican Church
- ⇒ Community of Celebration and Mary's Place
- ⇒ Anglicare Retail Outlets
- ⇒ Alexander Maconochie Correctional Centre
- ⇒ The Anglican School Googong
- ⇒ Pray for: Work amongst needy, unemployed and homeless people of all ages

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Ian and Doreen Matters; Anne and Lindsay McDowell; Bryan McGuinness; and David and Margaret Meggs..
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button, Elizabeth Grant, Phil Bloomfield, Judith Ann, Bev Barnes, John Blue, Anne and Peter Bazeos, Violet Hart and Lucia Horciu and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Tuesday: Andre Ronald Eric D'Cruz

READINGS for 17 January

1 Samuel 3.1-10

Psalm 139.1-5, 139.12-18

1 Corinthians 6.12-20

John 1.43-51

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sunday: **Deranie Jackson**

Wednesday: **Peter Ward**

Thursday: **Mary David-Hoole**

Friday: **Meg Brighton**