

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 7 MARCH 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE (JOHN 2:13-22)

COMING UP

To join us on Zoom, please use the link below.

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SUNDAY 7 MARCH

Seating limited to 75 people per service.

Sign in using Check In CBR App required

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Celebrant : Reverend Connie Gerrity

Preacher: The Venerable Dr Wayne

Brighton

3pm Rainbow Fellowship

5pm Twilight Conversations

SUNDAY 14 MARCH

Seating limited to 75 people per service.

Sign in using Check In CBR App required

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Celebrant : The Venerable Dr Wayne

Brighton

Preacher: Reverend Anne Dudzinski

5pm Twilight Conversations

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Lent is a time for renewal through reflection, sacrifice, restraint, spiritual penance and discipline. It is a time for reestablishing priorities, jettisoning those things deleterious to our spiritual well being. It is a time for devotional reading and prayer. Its 40 days coincides with Jesus 40 days in the wilderness.

Today's Gospel reading from John is the account of the cleansing of the Temple. This account is uniquely placed in John's account at the beginning of Jesus' ministry for good reason. For John chronology was secondary to purpose. Jesus' mission was about purification from sin, seeking true spiritual worship and honouring the Father. He forcefully demonstrates to His disciples that he will not truck with desecration of His Father's house. Jesus is inflamed into action as He exposes the spiritual corruption of the Temple when worship is supplanted by commerce. Jesus' zeal is seen as echoing Psalm 69:9.

I have been reading John's gospel this year. Every time you revisit such a profound writing new insights emerge, new spiritual understanding occurs. I am overwhelmed how confronting and in many ways enigmatic the person of Jesus is. Often he can be obscure, stern, mysterious, disturbing, confronting, unbalancing, arresting, perplexing and discombobulating. His statements often have eschatological and anticipatory purport. Jesus in in conflict with the Temple authorities

and Jerusalem and what it stands for. He is falsely accused of blasphemy, demon possession, being a sinner and, even worse, a Samaritan. His challenges are responded to by death threats. Jesus is prescient of what is to come. *Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.* They are incredulous and scoff. But Jesus was speaking of himself and His forthcoming crucifixion and resurrection. In those events the tables are turned, His enemies defeated and God glorified. The glorification of God is the consistent image in all three Lectionary readings for this third Sunday of Lent.

The last few decades have highlighted another form of desecration of the church in the form of sexual abuse. The Royal Commission Report highlighted the way in which those in leadership of the Church sought to protect the institution and hide the abuse that occurred. Loyalty tends to ascend rather than descend. However the voice of the voiceless has been heard. Jesus would equally take His whip to this form of abuse of his Father's house.

Lent is an appropriate time for self reflection and the jettisoning of those aspects of our personal and corporate life which dishonour God. It is time to get out of our ruts. We need to use our time and resources to honour God.

Clive Rodger

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CHANGES TO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

The ACT Government recently changed the requirements for churches to record details of attenders of activities held on their premises. Paper records and online registration processes like Trybooking will no longer be acceptable from Saturday 6 March 2021.

Attenders over the age of 16 of *any meeting or event* held in either Worship Centre, Rainbow Centre or garden will need to register using the Check-in CBR app on their phones. This includes people attending groups who use our facility. So if you go to any group, please register and encourage your companions to do so too.

Those who don't have a phone or access to the app can be signed in by another person. Copies of the QR code will be placed in each room of the Worship and Rainbow Centres and on the name tag board.

From next Sunday 7 March 2021, sidespeople will be requesting all attenders aged over 16 to register using the app. If you do not have access to the app you may request help from a sidesperson or anybody else in the congregation.

To register by using the app



1. Make sure you have a compatible phone or tablet device and your internet connection is switched on.
2. Download the Check In CBR App from [Google Play Store](#) or the [Apple App Store](#).
3. Register your details (required for the first time only).
4. Open the app, select 'Check In Now' and hover your smartphone over the displayed QR code.
5. Add in any additional people - those who are with you without their own device or app.
6. When the check-in is complete, show sides person the app successful check in screen.

To register a guest

There are two ways to register another person.

First, you may add them as a frequent guest by simply checking in additional people. This is great for family members and friends.

Second, you may add them using *the business profile*. It's easy to switch between the *personal* and *business profiles*. Registering someone requires their first and last name, along with their phone number and email address (if they don't have one put down the church's).

To add someone using the *business profile*, simply

1. Open the app
2. Select the menu in the top left-hand corner of the

screen (it looks like 3 horizontal lines)

3. Select 'Profile'
4. Select 'Change to Business Profile' at the bottom of the screen
5. Select yes then the 'are you sure?' pop-up appears (this only happens the first time)
6. Scan your venue's QR code to get started. You will then need to add their first and last name along with a phone number and email address.

Why do I have to register this way?

Registering is important for rapid contact tracing purposes should a COVID outbreak occur. As it is a health direction we are obligated to comply as with any other law. Failure to follow this direction can result in the individual being fined \$1,000 and the venue fined \$1,000 also. Health Officers are doing spot checks on churches. So if 20 people failed to register one Sunday, this could result in those individuals being fined \$1,000 each and the church being fined \$20,000 or a total of \$40,000 so it pays to be responsible.

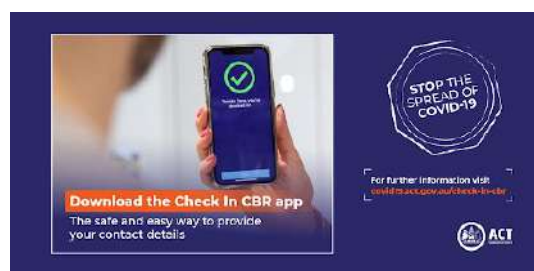
For more information about the app - visit

<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/business-and-work/check-in-cbr/information-for-customers>

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[Check In CBR - Apps on Google Play](#)

Quickly and securely check in to a business in Canberra, Australia to support COVID-19 contact tracing. Simply scan the QR code displayed at the business, and you're done! Your personal details are saved securely with ACT Government Health Directorate for the sole purpose of contact tracing. (105 kB)



 [App Store](#)

[Check In CBR](#)

Quickly and securely check in to a Canberra business to support COVID-19 contact tracing. Simply scan the QR code displayed at the business, and you're done! Your personal details are securely saved directly with ACT Health for the sole purpose of contact tracing. (168 kB)



COVID-19

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SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING

Churches that thrive are places that take the safety of everyone seriously. Safe places treat people with respect. They strive to ensure that harassment, vilification and other forms of unwanted behaviour are not part of their life together.

You can help by participating in Safe Ministry training. Volunteers for Children and Youth ministries are required to attend this training. Others are encouraged to. First Face to Face Safe Ministry Training will be held at the following locations:

Saturday 20 March – Induction/Awareness Workshop at Holy Cross Anglican Church, Cnr Antill St & Phillip Ave, Hackett, ACT 9.30am – 3.30pm

Sunday 21 March – Refresher Workshop at Holy Cross Anglican Church, Cnr Antill St & Phillip Ave, Hackett, ACT 1.00pm – 3.00pm

If you want to/need to attend one of the workshops, please let Phil in the office know at least 5 days before the workshop and I will register you. To register I will need First Name, Surname, Email address and Phone Number.

Online Safe Ministry Training can still be completed at any time:

The **Induction** course can be accessed at [Safe Ministry Online Induction](#)

The **Refresher** course can be accessed at [Safe Ministry Online Refresher](#)

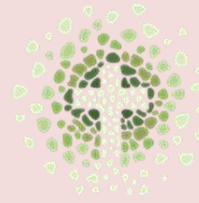
Or by accessing the web page by using <https://anglicancg.org.au/safe-ministries/safe-ministry-unit/safe-ministries-training-and-workshops/>

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

At its first meeting for the year, Parish Council:

- Elected office bearers as follows:
 - ◇ Chair – Joh Sheehan
 - ◇ Secretary – Tobias Nevile
 - ◇ Treasurer – Paul Shelley
- Discussed the updated Covid-19 Plan noting:
 - ◇ The ACT Government's requirement that signing-in, using the Check-in CBR app, is mandatory from 6 March.
- Heard about the exciting discussions Wendy (our Curate and new Community Chaplain) is having with members of the community: asking "how can Holy Covenant be a good neighbour?" A common theme to emerge is the need for information about mental well-being.
- A mental well-being program will roll out in the parish throughout the year. Watch this space for more information.
- Identified a small group to explore ways of increasing the utility of the Rainbow Centre.

Joh Sheehan
Parish Council Chair



Christians for an
Ethical Society

Christians for an Ethical Society (CES) Forum on 'Neglect or Ageing with Dignity' will be held on **Tuesday 23 March, 7 for 7.30pm** at the **Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture**.
Speakers: Lin Hatfield-Dodds and Gordon Ramsay.

More information and registration through **Eventbrite** (<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ces-forum-neglect-or-ageing-with-dignity-tickets-142996543511>)

Christians for an Ethical Society is an autonomous mainstream Christian organization (refer www.ces.org.au)

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

During Holy week there will be a series of Reflective Meditations. These will be held on:

- Monday 29 March 6.30pm
- Tuesday 30 March 6.30pm
- Wednesday 31 March 6.30pm

Maundy Thursday (1 April) there will be a Footwashing Service at 6.30pm

Good Friday (2 April) there will be services held at 8am and 10am.

Easter Saturday (3 April) there will be Kid's Easter Service at 4pm, with an Easter Egg hunt.

Easter day (4 April) there will be services held at 6am, 8am and 10am, with champagne and croissants for the hardy souls that start the day early!

**WOMEN'S AFTERNOON TEA
SATURDAY 20 MARCH 2021
3PM IN THE WORSHIP CENTRE**

Come and join us for tea, coffee and cake and an enjoyable Saturday afternoon.

The cost will be \$5 per person.



There is a sign up sheet on the board at the back of the church or let Libby know on 0419 603 228
Look forward to seeing you!

PARISH DIRECTORY

A new Parish Directory is available. Please contact Phil in the Office to get one.

FAMILY PIZZA NIGHT



Come along on Friday March 12 to the worship centre from 6pm to get together and share some pizza.
All welcome.

KID'S EASTER SERVICE



The kid's Easter service will be held on Easter Saturday at 4pm.

As part of the interactive service, we will be having an Easter egg hunt. We are looking for donations of chocolate eggs for the hunt.

There is a collection box at the back of the church. If you know of any children that would like to be involved in the service please let Wendy know: warobertson4@gmail.com

MAN'S BEST FRIENDS



TK had lived in his van for over 5 years and had recently found himself in Canberra with the intention of avoiding COVID. Just before moving to Canberra, he had purchased two small kelpy puppies from a friend who was a breeder in Sydney.

TK's van was well equipped with electronics that he had purchased and set up over the course of many years. He had found a little spot at the lake where he decided he would sleep for a few nights before re-assessing his situation.

One afternoon, a supporter of St John's Care was walking around the lake when she noticed a van which had been parked there for a few days. She approached the van and was met by TK and his friendly, energetic puppies.

As she spoke with TK, he explained that he had been on the road ever since his marriage had broken down almost 9 years ago. He was unemployed, but was coping by using his Centrelink payments.

She mentioned St John's Care and gave him some information on the services we provide to members of the community. He was enthused by the idea of receiving food for both he and his dogs, but was reluctant to reach out for it. Two days later, we received a phone call from TK. He said, "I do not have enough food for my dogs".

After work, Jason and I drove down to the lake with a food pack for TK, and enough pet food to last a few weeks. As we arrived, we saw TK taking the last scraps of food from his van and feeding it to his dogs. It was clear that his priority remains the health and wellbeing of his pets. We referred

him to Rainbow Paws, a program that would help pay for his dogs to be desexed.

After building up a rapport with TK, he has come to visit us at SJC. He comes to the Centre on Friday's to have a shower, and to have his clothes washed by our wonderful friends from Orange Sky Laundry. With the money that TK has saved on food and vet bills, he has been able to conduct some well needed repairs to his van.

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In last weeks' pew sheet we heard about CM. Following on from this story, CM asked us to pass on the following feedback:

"Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for covering the cost of their uniforms and school pack! It was a huge stress for me. All children are very excited they will be able to attend school and not feel out of place amongst their classmates.

Thank you for your continuous support and help".

These stories are two great examples of the collective efforts of St John's Care donors, volunteers and staff in providing support and enabling our clients to move forward.

Items required: small fruits for school lunches, 1 litre full cream milk, pasta sauce, Weet-Bix

Our current food stock levels are significantly lower than this time last year. As Job seeker and Job Keeper payments taper off in the coming weeks, the demand for our service will increase drastically.

All non-perishable food donations are currently welcome.

Robbie Speldewinde, Programs Coordinator

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY - WEEK 3

Learning the way of love is the theme of our journey through Lent. At the half way mark, we should pause and ask, what is the way of love and what difference does it make? The way of love is our intentional commitment to follow Jesus in the world. It involves deepening our understanding of God's Kingdom and broadening our engagement with it. Love is a word that covers a lot these days. When it comes to God, love is about acting for the good and wellbeing of another. Love is central to God's work of salvation. Love is expressed and encountered through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus that the power of evil and death is broken.

Love is therefore our guide for living. It is the foundation for our relationships. It is the basis of leadership. It is what enables individuals, groups and society to flourish because love looks outwards and draws people near. Love simply makes life worth living.

As much as we love the idea of love, people find it hard to do in practice. Love gets lost and bent out of shape when people pursue their own advantage or privilege. The opposite of love isn't hate but selfish inaction. You know, the kind which thinks the whole world revolves around our own desires and expects someone else to do the work and pick up the bill.

The way of love is about discovering love's beauty, capacity, strength and ability to change everything from the inside out and the outside in.

The first step is to TURN towards love because we're often trapped in ruts going elsewhere. We then need to LEARN the ways of God's Kingdom by listening to Jesus, especially the song of love.

Of course, there are highs and lows in life. Some times everything works. Other times everything just turns brown. This is why we need to PRAY so that God's song can fill our hearts, minds and spirits. Prayer is not passively waiting for God's will to be done. It's how we put on boots and helmets to make it darn well happen because, "as the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20.21).

Which brings us to the next step - WORSHIP. If prayer changes our focus then worship changes the way we connect with each other by centring ourselves.

Through worship we are immersed in the story of God's great love and we find our part. We get to see ourselves as a people that can create something wonderful together and not just solitary individuals doing hard yards by ourselves. Worship enables us to respond positively to God's dangerous question, which side are you on?

Worship is vital. When we see start to see the world with God's love, we can find ourselves filled with anger at how things are trashed by others. We can experience fear when we find ourselves on the wrong side of power. We can grow disheartened as the obstacles to change can be as huge as mountains (Jesus told us what to do with those too). If prayer helps us to step out on the way of love, worship helps us to keep going.

So how might worship help you this Lent? In what ways do you need to be reconnected through worship? Where might you make a contribution to our worship together?

Wayne



AND IT ALL SPEAKS OF GOD

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of your glory. Isaiah 6:4

Our world is full of such exciting things that speak of God. The tiny bird with its metallic call like a tinkering bell. The beautiful single flower that ambushes us in the most unexpected places. The honey eater drinking honey in the bottle brush oblivious of his surroundings as he delights in the nectar. Tiny busy ants and a scurrying lizard around the garden rocks and the perfume in flowers of every kind.....an endless feast of things that speak of God and I haven't even left the garden as yet.

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>



Ambushed by love.

ACCOMODATION REQUIRED

Local family requiring housing in the Belconnen area for under \$400 per week. If you have any suggestions, please let Wendy Robertson know: warobertson4@gmail.com

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ For all legislators, for those who set standards for us to live by, guide all those who influence the minds of others; for broadcasters, the press, for political leaders, for all dealing in world trade, in commerce or industry. Give to each the wisdom and will to use properly what you have given them

IN AUSTRALIA

⇒ We give thanks for the rain, and for the start of vaccination for the corona virus

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

⇒ Diocese of Brisbane
⇒ Parish of Braidwood
⇒ Parish of Bungendore
⇒ Mulwaree Ministry District; Cartwright Mission District
⇒ St Edmund's Gunning
⇒ St Mark's Gundaroo
⇒ Collector; Crookwell; Taralga
⇒ Tri-parish group: Crookwell, Binda and Taralga
⇒ Small country churches and their ministry; co-operating parishes; Diocesan Centre for Lay Ministry & Mission.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

⇒ Congregations – 8am Sunday
⇒ Children's ministry—that incoming children feel welcomed and encouraged in Kid's Church
⇒ Parish Council/Wardens
⇒ Holistic Care Nursing Ministries—give thanks for Martin's life and work with HCNM and pray for Margaret, his wife and his family. Also pray for our 3 new community clients and for Jennifer as she works with them
⇒ Rainbow Playgroup
⇒ For all members of our parish family including Michaellee Thornton; Rhonda Thorpe; Marilyn Tolano; Jenny Tomkins; and Anthony, Susan, Elizabeth and Michael Troy.
⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button, Elizabeth Grant, Judith Ann, Bev Barnes, John Blue, Anne and Peter Bazeos, Violet Hart and Lucia Horciu and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Tuesday: **Barbara Ruth Mugford (d. 1997)**
Thursday: **Nell Pain (d. 2014)**

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sunday: **Marg Christensen**
Wednesday: **Barry Button**
Friday: **Trish Barnes, Pat Ewing**
Saturday: **Mandy Squair**

COLLECT for Third Sunday in Lent

Lord our God,
by your Holy Spirit
write your commandments upon our hearts
and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross,
so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness,
we may become a living temple of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS

Exodus 20.1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1.18-25
John 2.13-22

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