

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 28 MARCH 2021

PALM SUNDAY

Mark 14 and 15

COMING UP

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

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Password: 033643

SUNDAY 28 MARCH

Seating limited to 75 people per service.

Sign in using Check In CBR App required

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

5pm Twilight Conversation—cancelled

HOLY WEEK

Monday 29 March 6.30pm

Tuesday 30 March 6.30pm

Wednesday 31 March 6.30pm

Maundy Thursday (1 April) 6.30pm

Good Friday (2 April) 8am

10 am

Easter Saturday (3 April) 4pm

Easter day (4 April) 6am

8am

10 am

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A sense of urgency pervades the whole of Mark's Gospel. The adverb *immediately* is used many times. The conclusion of Mark's story is the focus of today's Gospel reading for Passion Sunday. This is not the story of heroic struggle. Rather the amazing, messianic figure described by Mark in the early chapters ends tragically. The hero of Mark's story is betrayed, abandoned, arrested, tried, condemned and appallingly executed. He dies in anguish with a cry of being forsaken by God. How could this story create the world's most significant religion?

The passion story is the reason Mark has written his account of Jesus' life. His account of the last three days of Jesus' life is powerful, bleak and framed by images of the Suffering Servant from Isaiah. He makes clear that Jesus was **not** executed for the crime of political sedition under the authority of the Roman regional Governor, Pontius Pilate. However Jesus was a revolutionary of a different character. He was not a political insurrectionist. Jesus challenges the whole system and privileges a different way of seeing and understanding the world and living. His allegiance and the obedience is to God, his Father. He exemplifies this in his obedience unto death in the most humiliating and gruesome way. True power is

not shown with military might or violence. God's power is shown in redemptive suffering and God's power shines most radiantly in the cross. To see God's power and presence in the world do not look to military might, but to Golgotha.

Throughout Mark's story of Jesus' crucifixion Jesus acts with dignity, not as a pathetic victim. He is the obedient Son who has come to offer his life for us all. His character is not perceived by looking at the raging Priests, Pilate, the angry bloodthirsty crowds nor the mocking soldiers. No. As Thomas Long points out the act of deep discernment, of truly understanding what is happening, belongs to a woman with an alabaster jar who anoints Jesus with costly perfume for burial. She sees who Jesus is and what he has come to do. She will be remembered as Jesus promises.

On this final Passion Sunday in Lent (previously known as Palm Sunday), may we ponder priorities and the grandeur of God's plan of salvation that undergirds the terrible suffering and injustices endured by Jesus. Persevering in faithfulness is never easy. With God's help we look to Jesus, accompanied by the Spirit.

Clive Rodger

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

This year, the theme of our reflective services will be 'what would I have done?'

Connie Gerrity has prepared this series which explores Jesus' passion from the perspective of eyewitnesses like Judas and Peter. So if you want to see Holy Week with fresh eyes be sure to come along:

- 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!

MARCH ANGLICAN NEWS

The March Anglican News is now out and is available on our website for any printing required.

To the page:

<http://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/>

Straight to the pdf on the website (larger size for printing):

<https://anglicancg.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Anglican-News-March-2021.pdf>

PALM SUNDAY REFUGEE RALLY

The Canberra Refugee Action Campaign has received approval to hold its annual Palm Sunday rally in support of more compassionate policies towards refugees.

The rally will be on Sunday 28th March, beginning at 1 pm in Garema Place in Civic. Speakers will include Roberta Hamilton (Anglican priest from Goulburn) and Jack Waterford (columnist and former editor of *The Canberra Times*).

HOME GROUPS

small groups are a great way for us to get to know others and to grow in faith by having fun together.

A variety of groups will start in May Including our GROW GROUPs for better discipleship.

Let the office know if you would like to lead or participate



HOLIDAY PROGRAM

An all-inclusive Christian holiday program for Primary School children of all abilities including those with special needs.

EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

6th-8th April 2021 | 9:30am - 2:30pm
ELC Radford College, 1 College St, Bruce
Cost | \$15 / day

Families can meet Leaders & Mentors
5th April 1:00pm – 2:00pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL ANDREA 0404 256 714
OR EMAIL info@embracingministries.org



Registration forms available on the notice board or from the office

"DUSK TILL DAWN" GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL

There is power in united prayer and worship! You are invited to join with others from the Combined Canberra Churches - 'Dusk till Dawn' Prayer Vigil online zoom met up **on Good Friday evening** to worship and pray together, lift up the name of the Lord and intercede for our city and nation. 1 hour time slots between **6pm Friday 2nd April - 6am Saturday 3rd April, 2021.** (*Enquire through your church to find out more.*)

Feel free to contact *Harvest* on **6293 9139** (*Tues.–Fri. 11am–5 pm*) or email, if you would like to be part of this or require further information.

Blessings,
Lynnette

DINNER GROUP AT SOUTHERN CROSS CLUB

The "First Tuesday of the Month" dinner is meeting on Tuesday 6 April at 6 pm.

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

Thank you Hilary 6251 8166

CAR BOOT SALE

Kippax Uniting Church (Luke St, Holt) will hold the first in a series of CarBootSales on Saturday April 10th, 8am-12 midday. It will be accompanied by a sale of clothing and manchester (linen, etc.) in our hall. Enquiries to carbootsale@kippax.org.au

Spiritual Growth for Frail Elderly People: Institutional and Community Challenges from 2020 and Beyond

Seminar for older people facing frailty, and for those interested in being with, caring and supporting older people.

Included in the seminar:

Findings of Practical and Contextual Theology (PaCT) project – Finding meaning in the lived experience of frailty

To inform care practices of frail older people in aged care and the community:

What are the Institutional and community challenges eg. fires and climate change?

Infection control in a pandemic:

Resources for pastoral care and frailty

Current and changing perspectives pastoral care:

Speakers: Elizabeth MacKinlay AM, Ann Harrington, Ilsa Hampton and Sally Mordike

Monday 19th April, 2021. Full day seminar, 9am-5pm.

Venue: The Pavillion, ACC&C 15 Blackall Street, Barton, ACT and by Zoom.

Cost: Corporate & Ageing Industry Workers: \$150

Workers self-funding: \$100

Carers and Concession: \$80

If you are having any difficulty with funding this please call on 6272 6201.

Registration to open soon.





BREAKING THE CYCLE OF DISADVANTAGE FOR THE FAMILY

TJ came to the St John's Centre last month and asked me for a hot coffee before he could tell me why he was here. We sat on the bench outside and TJ took a long pause before he said: "I don't know where else to go or who else to ask for help".

TJ told me that he, his partner and their three children have been struggling with getting enough work and haven't been able to keep up with rent. Consequently, they were given an official notice to vacate and only had two weeks left.

They had nowhere to go and tried all possible avenues they could think of. The complicating factor was that their third child is their voluntary foster care daughter B who they love dearly.

B has been in their care almost since birth and has a cognitive condition that makes it difficult for her to stay still. TJ or his partner get regular phone calls from B's primary school asking them to collect their foster daughter due to her behaviour. This situation puts stress on the family and makes it difficult for TJ to work full time or even permanent part time.

Another stress the family were facing was that if they couldn't find a place to stay, their foster daughter would have to go somewhere else. For her, this would be a very traumatic separation experience.

TJ mentioned that it usually takes a lot before he would cry. But he was sobbing as he told me their story. They were prepared to do whatever they could to keep their daughter in a stable situation. But it was tough.

SJC immediately supported TJ with food for the family and gave them food vouchers. I also referred him to Onelink homelessness crisis support. Two days later TJ was able to secure a place at a caravan park as a temporary solution. All they needed now was to put their most valuable belongings like children's books, toys and photos into storage.

St John's Care paid for the family's storage hire for a month.

TJ couldn't believe how generous people could be and was immensely thankful to SJC's donors, volunteers and staff.

He first came to SJC feeling totally overwhelmed and hopeless. But after SJC's assistance, the cycle of disadvantage was broken for his family. They walked away with something tangible and with hope in their hearts.

Kind regards,

Nailia, SJC Case Manager

Items required: tinned meat, tinned veg, tinned tuna, packeted Cup-a-Soup, olive oil, dry pulses, dishwashing liquid, honey.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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

COMMUNITY LUNCH—THURSDAY 15 APRIL 2021

11:30 start

Come to Jerusalem with me -

Anne Ranse talks about her trip to the Holy land.

Sign-up lists on the board to attend, make slices and help on the day please.

AV PLATFORM

Our AV team do a fantastic job ensuring that we can hear the service and following it via overhead or Zoom. To help them keep providing this great service and to meet Work Health and safety requirements, Parish Council has approved the construction of an AV platform.

Mark Cooper-Stanbury has agreed to project manager this, but we need help. There are tasks for all abilities, on the following dates, including:

10 April - Temporarily constructing at Mark's 1 person for a whole day or 2 people for half a day.

17 April - Installing the boxes in the worship centre, which comprises the following tasks:

- Unpacking cupboard and bookcases, moving them, etc.—2 to 3 people for 45 minutes,
 - Testing the box sizes in situ—1 person for 30 minutes
 - Permanently constructing the boxes (gluing, re-screwing)—3 people for 1 hour
 - Placing the boxes in situ and clipping together—3 people for 30 minutes
 - Cutting and laying carpet, applying carpet trim—2 people for 1 hour
 - Reinstalling AV equipment and testing—1 person familiar with AV, for 1 hour
- Reinstating cupboard and bookcases—2 people for 30 minutes.

If you can help, please speak with Wayne or Joh after the service, or email Mark mark@cooperstanbury.com

WOMEN'S AFTERNOON TEA

Thirty women and one man had a very enjoyable time at the Women's Afternoon Tea last Saturday.

It was great to get together after a year's absence and to catch up with each other across the congregations. We look forward to another one later in the year.

Day light saving ends on Easter Day

(4 April 2021)

**Please be sure to put your clocks BACK
an hour!**



OUR LENTEN JOURNEY - WEEK 6 - RESTING

We are called to walk the way of love but we never do it alone. We walk the way only because Jesus walked it first. Yet we often walk the way of love filled with our own desires, hopes, fears and failures that are coloured by our experience of work than by grace. This is why the final step is REST.

Work shapes our life. Productivity, busyness and efficiency are the priorities that shape our lives even when we don't or can't work. These priorities are favoured because they're all about creating value, particularly doing more with less.

The ability to create value shapes not only our sense of self but also how we value the worth of others. It also colours our relationship to God in significant but often unconscious ways. When we strive to do things for God or the church we often feel useful. When we can no longer do those things feelings of guilt and shame often follow. We can get so focussed on what should be doing that we can believe God looks at us the same way.

RESTING is the last step on the way of love and it is arguably the most important. We try our best to TURN and LEARN the rhythms of faith, hope and love. We strive to practice PRAYER and WORSHIP at church. We receive God's BLESSING and then we GO out into the world putting all we've learnt into practice. When we've done all that we can, we find ourselves feeling tired, worn out and even disheartened.



Resting has its roots in the concept of Sabbath which was God's great gift to a people fashioned by slavery. The concept of Sabbath is different to leisure. Where leisure is about renewing our energy through non-work activity, Sabbath is about resting in God by remembering who we are and who God is.

Remembering puts our life into a broader perspective. We come to see that the natural world does not depend on what we do or fail to do. The flowers grow and the rain falls whether we're involved or not. Neither does God's love for us depend on our capacity to create value because it is simply the overflow of God's character.

Rest enables us to pause on the way of love and ask ourselves three important questions. What have I learnt about God as I travel on this path through all the success, failure and obstacles that come my way? What have I learnt about myself as I work through these things with God's help? What would I do differently should similar circumstances arise?

Rest is good for our souls, minds and bodies. God goes with us. God loves us more than we can imagine. When we start to understand that love a surprising thing happens. The way of love begins to be renewed. We find ourselves turning a little more towards God. We start to learn in a fresh way. Prayer and worship go a little bit deeper. As we receive more of God's blessing we start to venture out into new places.

So as the Lenten journey comes to an end, may you find your rest in the deep love of God and the way of love renewed.

Wayne

A POOL OF HEAVENLY PEACE

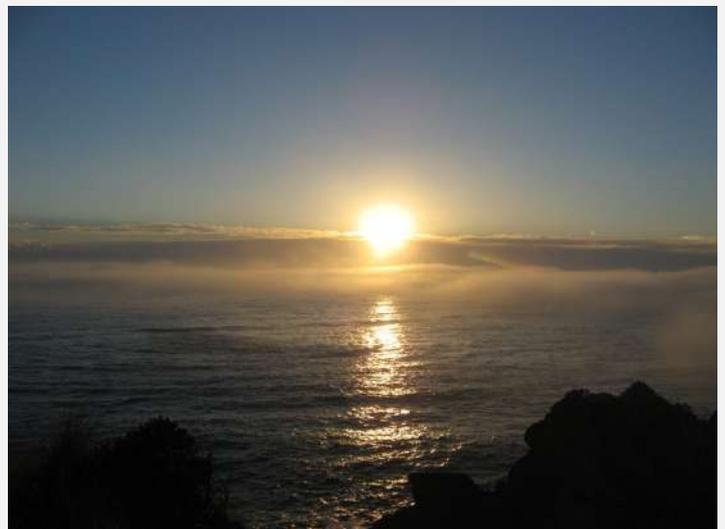
Be filled with the glory of the Lord. Numbers 14:21

We have a prayer line in the prayer book which says that we 'give thanks for the gift of this new day' but to me I like an older version which says: 'O thou to whom I owe the gift of this day's life – give me the spirit to use it as I ought.'

And I think, even in tough times like those we can experience in daily life we can always give thanks for the new day and I want to add to that a little prayer thought which says – 'create a little pool of heavenly peace within my heart – regardless.'

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

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



And the new day dawned

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ For peace that brings an end to violence, oppression and war
- ⇒ For peace that enables all people to live with dignity and justice
- ⇒ For world leaders and for all who commit their lives to the work of peace

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ for all those living in abusive relationships that they may be know God's care and experience health and healing, wholeness and strength, calmness and peace

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Primates and Archbishops of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- ⇒ Anglicare Australia
- ⇒ Synergy Youth; Synergy Camping Coordinator
- ⇒ Specialist youth ministry teams as they speak with parishes and more generally for Peace in the world, for interreligious engagement and for the challenge of the management of climate change and energy sources.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ Congregations – 12pm Wednesday
- ⇒ Rainbow Fellowship/Colours of God— For the service on Easter Day afternoon
- ⇒ Meditation Tuesday lunchtime— Give thanks for the growing interest in the group and pray for our leaders Sybilla and Merri and all who attend
- ⇒ Meditation Wednesday evening — Give thanks for all members past, present and future and for those leading: Heather, Marg, John, Anne, Rob and Ruth
- ⇒ Exploring Faith Matters—Give thanks for the interest from new parishes joining us this year and pray for all participants and our mentors, Merri and Nich
- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Sarah Ackland; Rika and Roger Amos; Bob and Kath Arthur; Merri Bacon; and Bruce and Beverley Barnes.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button, Elizabeth Grant, Judith Ann, Bev Barnes, Anne and Peter Bazeos, Violet Hart and Lucia Horciu and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Monday: Normal Kennett (d. 2005)

Tuesday: Yvonne Greening (d. 2005)

Thursday: Jessie Henderson (d. 2001);
Bob Rose (d. 2005)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Monday: **James Collier, Merri Bacon**
- Thursday: **Sandra Ross, Elaine Gifford,
Emma Tindal-Clarke**
- Friday: **Karen Ferguson**

COLLECT for Palm Sunday

Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross:
in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to
your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

READINGS

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Psalm 31.9-18

Philippians 2.5-11

Mark 11:1-11

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