

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 11 APRIL 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
A TALE OF TWO COMMUNITIES

COMING UP

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8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Celebrant :

The Venerable Dr Wayne Brighton

Precher:

Rev Consuela Gerrity

5pm Twilight Conversation in recess

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Charles Dickens gave us the classic work, *A Tale of Two Cities*, which begins with the famous lines. 'It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.' In the readings today we might call them a 'Tale of Two Communities.' They are about two faith communities that existed in the first century, and shed light on our own community.

The community of faith in the book of Acts still basks in the glow of the resurrection. The memory of Christ is fresh; he seems almost present. The apostles are alive and brimming over with faith. It's an ideal Christian community, whose numbers are increasing daily.

John's Gospel was written for a much different community. Forty to fifty years have passed since the resurrection. The memory of Christ is fading. Many of the eye witnesses have died. John's community is in reality two communities – those who knew the Lord first hand and those who came to believe through the testimony of others.

John tells the story of the skeptic Thomas for this second community of how Jesus invited him to put out

his hand and touch him and doing so Thomas believed.

If we think about it, we are like John's community. We have people whose faith is alive and need no physical proof to believe. But we have to admit there is a second community. Those whose faith is not as strong, those who are challenged by doubt. Perhaps we saw some of these people at the Easter Service, perhaps they are still with us today.

When we come together in worship we do so as one people enhanced by those around us, we know. But what of the one standing by you who you don't know? After the final blessing turn to them and introduce yourself, invite them to coffee. Go on, invite them and let's make us one community, not two. It's amazing how Christ's presence comes in the drinking of coffee and the eating of food.

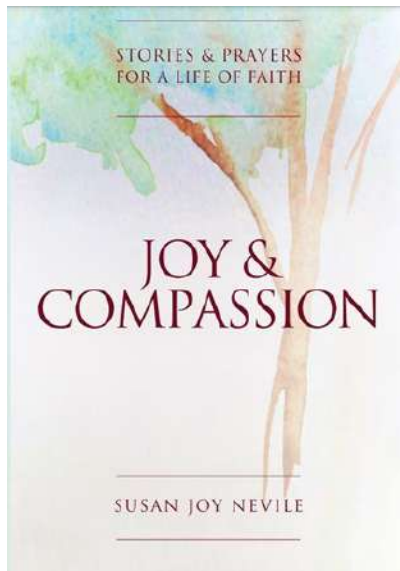
A little kindness can change a 'Tale of Two Communities,' into a sacred story of one community in Christ.

Archdeacon Anne.

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Susan Joy Nevile's book is now published. If you'd like to buy a copy with an author-discount (\$30) please see Tobias.

The book is '*Joy and Compassion: Stories and Prayers for a Life of Faith*' (Coventry Press, Melb. 384 pages).

Rev. Susan Joy was a deacon and writes from her extensive experience as a hospice/hospital pastoral carer, school chaplain, and family minister. In her words, the book is "my voice, on faith and how to live as a person of faith in this world". It is a collection of 86 story-oriented reflections, each focussed on a specific aspect of faith life (e.g. 'Called', 'Hope', 'Peace', 'Searching', 'Scarred').

Each reflection is accompanied by a directly-related prayer, and ends with a question or comment for thought or action. Stories are from the Bible, but also from life, literature, movies, and beyond.

After Susan Joy passed away in August 2018, her husband Maurice discovered the extent of her writings and compiled, edited, organised, and prepared them as a coherent text.

You can see details about the book and Susan Joy at her website <https://susanjoyneville.net/>.

'Have a Good Yarn'

Have a Good Yarn group is a chat and knitting group .

Meeting on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month 10.30am to 12 pm in the worship centre. The next one is 13th April 2021

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EASTER

Dance then wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the dance said he. TIS 242

Holy week is such a journey. All the different feelings and emotions are like going up and down mountains and valleys. Christ's journey into Jerusalem; going down the road on the Mount of Olives strewn with cloaks and palm branches; his last supper with his friends; his trial and humiliation; his walk to the place of his death where he was crucified; then his burial; and the totally unexpected and joyous mystery of his resurrection that has given us life, a life in Christ and the way to eternal life. What a ride.

Did you journey with Christ? Did you experience it? Did you picture it? For me the journey was engaging and meaningful but the highlight came in the 10am service on Easter day when we sang the final hymn: 'Lord of the Dance.' Was it my imagination or did the roof nearly lift of the church? The way that hymn was sung said to me we had all been on the journey and were celebrating the absolute reality of it.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.

Anne, servant of the Lord

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



Dance, dance wherever you may be....



FOOD ASSISTANCE MADE A TANGIBLE POSITIVE IMPACT

Recently I was making some follow up phone calls to enquire about some of our clients and check their progress.

Unfortunately, one of the clients told me she was in the hospital. I remembered DY from a few weeks ago when she came to the St John's Care Centre to ask for assistance with some bills.

She has five children under 15 years of age. She told me that she had been admitted to Canberra Hospital with severe pain caused by an abscess a week prior. She was recovering well but had no income for that week and all five children were staying at her friend's house. DY is a single mother who, prior to that incident, was working part-time as a coffee shop food and beverage attendant.

I asked her if she needed any assistance and what kind. She indicated that it would be of great help if we could provide food for her children as it was a bit of a strain on her friend. We organised for her friend S to come to SJC to collect a food package including fresh fruit, veggies, and snacks for the children for school lunches.

When we met S, we came to realise that she also needed some support with food, toiletries, and household cleaning items. S told me that her own two children loved honey on toast and honey was too expensive for them to buy in the shops. They would usually have a home brand syrup on toast as a substitute. When we gave S a couple of jars of honey (one for her kids and one for DY's children) she beamed and couldn't thank us enough!

Later that afternoon we received a phone call from Canberra Hospital. It was DY calling to say a huge thank you to SJC donors. Her voice was trembling..."I couldn't have imagined a more positive impact than this, you guys have made a world of difference to me, my family and my friend's family. You saved us from struggling for the next few weeks".

The good news is that DY is scheduled to be discharged early next week. She said she is feeling optimistic about life, however, she and her children still need support until she is fully recovered and can return to work. SJC will continue to provide this family with food and basic necessities for the interim.

That is where SJC's and our donors' generous help counts. We can focus on the specific help a person/family require at any one a time.

Thank you so very much!

Kind regards,

Nailia, SJC Case Manager

Items required: Cup of Soup, Tinned Meat, Honey, 500ml Olive Oil, Womens Deodorant

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.



ISCAST is a group organising events around "Science. Christianity. In conversation".

On Saturday (April 10) there is an online meeting for a "Tribute to John Polkinghorne with Alister McGrath and others"

John Polkinghorne was a noted physicist who went on to become an Anglican priest.

They are also organizing other online meetings.

Registrations to their meetings can be made from their website: <http://iscast.org/>



Anxiety, depression, addiction and violence are just some of the things that get in the way of being well. When they happen to ourselves or our loved ones we can feel helpless and stuck.

On the first Thursday night of each month, our church aims to help anyone wanting to take one step towards hopefulness by hosting a topical conversation with mental health practitioners.

These conversations are for anyone experiencing, supporting or just interested to know more about being well – whether they go to church or not.

Each conversation will feature some take away resources for those experiencing distress. Those that support others will have space to talk about and reflect on their experiences. By doing this together, we hope that participants will discover that they are not alone and that a community of love and support exists for them.

The first conversation on Thursday 6 May will be about **the difference between stress and anxiety**. It will be led by Angie Hazlehurst, a registered counsellor and family therapist. To register <https://www.trybooking.com/BQKMQ>

The next conversation will be on Thursday 3 June will be about **recognising the signs of family violence** with Lifeline.

TAI CHI

Tai Chi will be having a break over the school holidays.

We resume Wednesday 21st April at 9.30am. New folk welcome.

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ For all who are seekers after justice, freedom and peace
- ⇒ Bless the work of the United Nations and all peace-keeping forces
- ⇒ Protect all who seek to bring new life and peace to troubled communities

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ For those who struggle day to day whether due to homelessness, unemployment, under employment or over work
- ⇒ For the successful distribution of the Covid-19 vaccinations

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Gippsland
- ⇒ Parish of Gungahlin
- ⇒ Burgmann Anglican School, Gungahlin
- ⇒ St Simon's, Kaleen-Giralang- Lawson
- ⇒ St Paul's, Ginninderra
- ⇒ South Sudanese Anglican Ministry (SSAM) Chaplaincy Unit (located at Ginninderra)
- ⇒ Parish of Charnwood
- ⇒ Pray for: the Sudanese community at this difficult time in their country; and our wide range of exploratory ministries in this Diocese.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ Congregations – 10am Sunday
- ⇒ Young Adults ministry
- ⇒ Shovel Community Garden
- ⇒ Resources Group
- ⇒ Tai Chi— a good and safe break for members
- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Harris, Helen and Tanya Boulton; Heather Boyd; Wayne, Meg and Iona Brighton; and Valda Bromhead.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button, Elizabeth Grant, Judith Ann, Bev Barnes, Anne and Peter Bazeos, Brian Cox, Violet Hart and Lucia Horciu and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

- Tuesday:** Ross McGregor Mitchell (d. 2018)
Thursday: Beatrice Alice Woodwell (d. 1987)

COLLECT for Second Sunday or Easter

Risen Christ,
whose absence leaves us in despair
but whose presence is overwhelming:
breathe on us with your abundant life,
that where we cannot see
we may have courage to believe
that we may be raised with you. **Amen**

READINGS

Acts 4.32-37
Psalm 133
1 John 1.1-2.2
John 20.19-31

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

None that we know of!