

# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



**SUNDAY 18 APRIL 2021**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**THE GIFT OF EASTER**

## COMING UP

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

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## SUNDAY 18 APRIL

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

## SUNDAY 25 APRIL

Kids church resumes

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

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Its not enough that the tomb is empty. Its not enough to proclaim, 'Christ is risen!' Its not enough to believe in the resurrection. At some point we have to move from the event of the resurrection to experiencing the resurrection.

Experiencing resurrected life begins with recognizing the risen Christ among us. *That's the gift of Easter* and it is also the difficulty and challenge described in today's gospel.

Cleophas and his companions are telling the other disciples how Jesus appeared to them on the road to Emmaus when Jesus, again, shows up out of nowhere, interrupting their conversation. How often have you had that experience of Jesus turning up in your day, totally unexpected and interrupting what you are doing? Sometimes we don't recognize it is him and other times we suddenly do.

The disciples knew that Jesus was crucified, died, and was buried. They also knew dead men don't come back to life. The tomb is open but their minds are closed. They didn't recognize the holiness that was

stands among them. They are still thinking in human ways. They have separated spirit and matter, divinity and humanity, heaven and earth. When we make these separations, we close our minds, we deny ourselves the resurrected life for which Christ died, and we lose our sense of and ability to recognize the holiness in the world, in one another and in ourselves.

Let us not lose this Easter moment. It's much too easy to come here each Sunday, listen to the gospel, hear from the word and then return to life as usual. Don't let that happen. Your life is too important, to let that happen. Carry the gospel of this morning with you through the week. Let it open your eyes, your heart, and your mind to the life Christ is offering you. Let it be the voice of Christ that speaks to you in all these things.

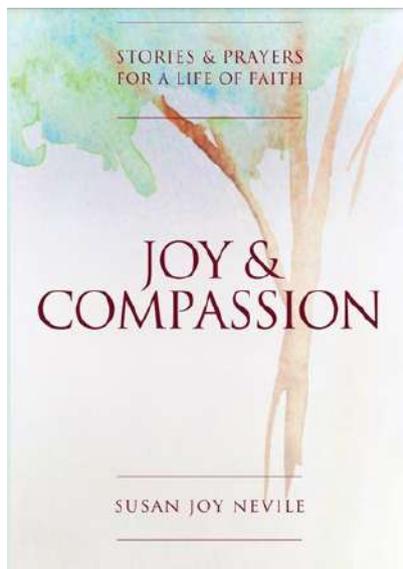
Sit with it. Pray with it. Wrestle with it. Trust it, and believe the risen Christ is not just about an empty tomb but its about the gift you have been given because of it.

*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/>.

## CERTAINTY BRINGS PEACE

*In the Lord I take refuge. Psalm 11:1*

It is so still and quiet at daybreak. Its like all the birds are still tucked up in their nests, asleep except for one lone song across the morning light. It is melodious, and beautiful and I believe it is the Rufus Whistler. I read a quote by J.H. Jowett which said: 'I heard a bird at daybreak sing from the autumn trees. A song so musical and calm, so full of certainties. No person could listen long except upon their knees, yet this was but a simple bird, alone among the trees.' That gave me such a sense of God's presence that I knew I was standing on Holy ground and the space between God, the bird and me was paper thin. It also gave me a sense that we are never alone even if we think we are, because where we are God is there also.

Grace and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ

Anne, servant of the Lord

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



And he sang and he sang in the dawn light ....

## CHILDREN'S EASTER SERVICE



The participants of the Children's Easter Service had a great time on Easter Saturday. We remembered and celebrated Holy Week in an interactive service. Kids from our kid's church and the community helped act out the last movements of Jesus leading up to (and after) the cross. Many thanks to those who provided the Easter eggs for the hunt. Much fun was had by all!

Jesus on the cross



Searching high and low



The loot!



# 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

## SMALL GROUPS FOR 2021

A wide range of groups operate in the parish. Some have a spiritual focus while others emphasize social connections. From May, we're looking to get some groups going but we need leaders and participants! In general, three types of groups operate:

1. *Spirituality* groups where the focus is explicitly about growing as disciples through prayer and study. We have groups that do meditation, Education for Ministry, reading groups like Lenten studies, Monastery of the Heart and Grow Groups.
2. *Social* groups where the focus is a social activity that is fun and which provides opportunities to meet new people and have different experiences. Such groups include our Yarn group, Scrabble, Tai Chi and Playgroup.
3. *Missional* groups where the focus is a shared activity where participants engage in God's mission through acts of loving service. Such groups include the Holistic Care Nursing Ministries, the Community Garden, Kids Church and the young adults' Fruitful Fridays.

See the sign up board or talk to Wayne about your ideas and interests.



Could anyone seeking to be confirmed please speak to



## helping children to thrive

with Angie Hazlehurst

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 **helping children to thrive**. 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.

## CRAFTY CREW

Recycling cards to give away. Recipients are Holistic Care Nursing Ministry, St John's Care and Anglicare amongst others.

Meeting 19 April 2021 9:30 to midday in the Purple Room

Everything to recycle the cards is provided—including morning tea.

All Welcome!

For more information please contact

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## CEO SLEEPOUT

The CEO Sleepout fundraiser for the homeless was launched last Wednesday. It raises desperately needed funds to support homeless people and the most vulnerable in our local community. COVID has resulted in more homeless people in Canberra needing these services, but also greater challenges in raising funds. If you would like to sponsor Neville Tomkins OAM JP, who is participating in the annual Sleepout for his 10th year, on 17 June, you can go to:

<https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/ceos/act-ceos/neville-tomkins-scouts-australia/>

### PRAYER POINTS

#### IN THE WORLD

⇒ We remember all who are caught up in strife and warfare, all areas of great poverty, all areas of decadence and evil, all places where we have spoiled the environment. We pray that we may find ways that lead to joy and life in all its fullness

#### 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 West Australia  
⇒ Yass Valley  
⇒ Parish of Boorowa  
⇒ Parish of Murrumburrah-Harden  
⇒ Pray for: Christian unity at local, national and world levels, National Council of Churches in Australia, Churches Together NSW, ACT, ACT Churches Council

#### IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

⇒ Congregations—5pm Sunday  
⇒ Belonging and Caring team  
⇒ Monastery of the Heart—that in exploring our book “On the brink of everything” we learn to live more deeply and become more fully human, fully alive  
⇒ Work Health and Safety  
⇒ Curate and Community Worker—that the mental wellness program helps people who need hope and strategies for a thriving life  
⇒ For all members of our parish family including Barry and Sandra Button; John and Marg Christensen; David and Mel Clark; and Penny and Emma Tindal-Clark.  
⇒ 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

**Saturday:** Iris Gould (d, 1991)  
Linda Sharpe (d. 2002)

#### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**Thursday:** Ethan Gumbrell

## COLLECT for Third Sunday of Easter

Lord of life,  
by submitting to death, you conquered the grave;  
by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you;  
by being raised from the dead,  
you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin:  
be with us in your risen power,  
that in word and deed we may proclaim  
the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection.  
For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity  
**Amen**

### READINGS

Acts 3.12-20

Psalm 4

1 John 2.15-17; 3.1-6

Luke 24.36b-48

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