

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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COMING UP

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SUNDAY 13 JUNE

Seating limited to 75 people per service.

Sign in using Check In CBR App required

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Celebrant :

The Rev'd Dr Wayne Brighton

Preacher: Reverend Anne Dudzinski

5pm Twilight Conversations

SUNDAY 20 JUNE

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8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Celebrant : Rev'd Connie Gerrity

Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Wayne

Brighton

5pm Youth Alpha

Coming up

Sun 20 June—11:30am Diving Deeper—
Why Sing?

Fri 25 June—Family Trivia Night

Thurs 1 July—Community Lunch

Sun 24 July - 6.00pm Parish Dinner

Fri 13—Sun 15 August—Parish Retreat

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SUNDAY 13 JUNE 2021 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE MORAL COMPASS

Life is complex, unlike what you may be told by those who preach a Simplistic Gospel of rules to please God: the rules don't cover the gamut of life.

In Jesus' time, the Pharisees thought that if you could fulfil all of the commandments in the Torah (not just the ten on the tablets!), God would consider you righteous and you would have everlasting life.

The Sadducees didn't believe in life after death, but believed that God would punish the Nation of Israel if the Law wasn't followed.

Both were interested in the letter of the law, as opposed to the spirit of the law — and, realising that the letter was difficult (impossible?) to keep — devised elaborate ways to find excuses to break the spirit of the law without breaking the letter of the law.

We understand this: lawyers and the law today go through all kinds of contortions to make some behaviour legal, even though it is evil and reprehensible. We only need to study methods dreamed up by well-paid corporate lawyers to evade the payment of income tax (a civic duty) to see this.

On the other hand, the Pagan Christian Proselytes had little or no moral law to inform them: if their gods were capricious, then how could anybody expect that any behaviours — other than bribing the gods — would have any effect on outcomes. Moreover, death for all mortals was the same — banishment of souls into a dreary underworld.

The problem is one of Moral Compass. The Jews had one — the Ten Commandments of Moses — that pointed to right living, which was summarised by the Prophets, by the Psalms, by the lives of righteous men

and women of all ages and creeds, and by Jesus himself in two Great Commandments:

and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:

"You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Matt 22: 35–40 (NRSV)

This is the Law of Love, as taught by Jesus and preached by Paul. This is the Ministry of reconciliation of which Paul speaks, in our reading today of part of his second letter to the Church at Corinth. This is the message of Salvation, because Christ died for all, " ... so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them."

Those who emulate Jesus' life and teaching are part of the Kingdom of God described by Jesus in our Gospel for today. The Life and Sacrificial Death of Jesus because of God's Eternal Love for Mankind is our Moral Compass and those who emulate it will always know True Moral and Ethical North.

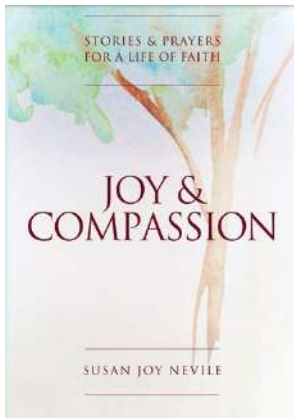
Of course, such persons will confess Jesus Christ as Lord, will confess and disavow their sins, and will trust in His Salvation. But the witness of their membership in the Kingdom is not the open confession, nor of the receiving of the laying on of hands, nor of the ability to speak in tongues, but rather that their actions and deeds in all walks of life are consistent with this profession, with this moral compass.

George Gerrity

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STORIES FROM THE HEART

Susan Joy's book was launched at an event held at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. Reflections about Susan Joy's life and work were shared by colleagues, friends and family. This week, Anne Ranse reflects on Susan Joy as a deacon. Reflections from the day will feature over the next few weeks.



At her ordination in St Saviours Cathedral in Goulburn on 28 November 2009 Susan Joy was read the exhortation and examination for the ordination of deacons by the Bishop. It stated.

Christ has called you to the office of deacon. *You are to be an ambassador of Christ, serving God as you serve others in Jesus' name, proclaim the good news of God's love, so that many may be moved to faith and repentance, and hearts be opened to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly in the presence of God. And it goes on to say...*

Let the transforming love of Jesus be known to all among whom you live and work. Strengthen the faithful, teach the young, search out the careless and indifferent. Encourage the members of Christ's body by word and example, ministering among the sick, the needy and all who are oppressed or in trouble and together with your bishop, priest and people you are to take your place in public worship, assist in the administration of the sacraments, play your part in the life and councils of the church. You are to preach the word of God in the place to which you are licensed and to pray and work for peace and justice in the world.

As I read these words, I cannot see anything that is not of Susan Joy's ministry..... She well knew she had a job to do for God and she did it as an ambassador for Christ.

She taught the young, comforted the sick and held the hand of the dying. She brought the love of Jesus into their lives. She advocated for families and saw that justice was in place. She ministered on the fringes of our community and spoke of God in words and actions. She preached to us in the gathered church. She nurtured and loved her family. She modeled diaconal ministry – the servant ministry of Christ and she lived out those two things mentioned in her book, the wings of love and compassion.

Susan Joy was called by God and affirmed by the members of the parish of Holy Covenant, where she was exercising a lay ministry to families and children - teaching the children all about God and the love of Jesus through the program of Godly Play.

She also offered pastoral care to the patients and staff at the hospice, Claire Holland House, comforting and

sustaining the very ill and dying, and their families through her faith, compassion and pastoral care. When you look back on Susan Joy's life you can see how God was equipping her for a future of ordained ministry as a deacon where her acquired life skills fitted so well into those required in her ordained ministry as a deacon. God has such a way of doing that with our lives, taking our gifts and life time skills and transforms them for his purpose.

Following ordination Susan Joy continued with Family and children's ministry at Holy Covenant and also, in response to God's call became a chaplain in the hospital setting at Calvary Bruce.

Her many creative gifts were a great asset to her church community as she crafted many a beautiful banner and liturgical dressings for the seasons of the church year.

Susan Joy was much loved in her faith community of Holy Covenant where people saw in her something different, something Godly and they encouraged her on her journey. This something different and something Godly was also seen by those in all the areas of her ministry, Claire Holland House, the community and the Hospital where she brought love and hope and she will always remain with us in our faith journey and through her touch on so many lives as she taught and encouraged and journeyed with people.

She will always be remembered as a valued member of the household of deacons.

To have such words, such stories, such prayers as we read in her book can only come from a heart that is deeply connected and in communion with God - generated by the power of the Holy Spirit - as she takes every day experiences and transforms them into something where we can see ourselves and God working in our lives and the lives of others.

The words in her book will resound around us all and reach many more yet to read these life-giving, life changing words.

How blessed are we to have had Susan Joy, the deacon, among us all in our various connections with her.

Anne Ranse

YOUR OFFERTORIES

Generosity is what allows churches to move and grow. In 2020, regulars were encouraged to make their offertory through direct credit facilities with their banks. It made a big difference for us as giving often falls behind expenses when people go away over winter for weeks at a time. We'd encourage regulars to keep using direct credit so that we can avoid the stress of falling behind.

While many things are back to normal, COVID restrictions mean that we are still unable to pass the offertory plate around the congregation during the service. The plate is still available on the table at the rear of the church. Any who wishes to use offertory envelopes is welcome to do so. New boxes of envelopes are available if you wish to use this method of giving. Don't worry as they have last year's dates printed on them. We figured it was better to reuse and recycle!

DIVING DEEPER

Why do we sing?
a conversation about
music and church

20 June, 11.30am

Our second conversation in our series about worship will explore the question, why do we sing at church? Join us for a conversation that will explore the differences between traditional and contemporary music and how we can enrich the experience here at Holy Covenant, after the 10am service from 11.30am - 12.30pm.



Friday 25th June

TRIVIA NIGHT

A night of fun,
laughter and challenge
for everyone aged 8yrs
and up.

VENUE: HOLY COVENANT CHURCH

TIMES: 7PM FOR A 7.15PM START
FINISHING AT 9PM

Extra details:

- * Please sign up on the notice board.
- * BYO table nibbles and drinks
- * Bring a plate for a shared supper at the end of the night.

Put the FUN into FUNdraising by contributing to Our Famous SILENT AUCTION

- Donate that special something which you are loathe to part with, but would like to see going to a good home
- Is there a service you could provide – window or gutter cleaning, babysitting, ironing, advice to the lovelorn, bake a cake – which would attract eager bidders?
- Offer services as chauffeur for a winery tour? Or a car and trailer for that trip to the dump. Use of a holiday house.
- Raid your cellar for that special vintage
- Do you have a favourite coffee shop, hairdresser or fortune-teller who would donate a voucher in return for great publicity? Or donate one yourself.

Let us have your ideas.

Talk with Bob Arthur (0413 389 897,
rharthur@gmail.com),

Please notify Bob of your intentions and leave
the items in the Parish Office before
Wednesday 21 July



WELL WORTH THE WAIT

I noticed a woman who I will call T and her teenage son embracing one another in the carpark of St John's Care. As I approached the pair, I quickly became aware that they were quite emotional. Unsure whether they were clients of ours, I introduced myself and asked whether I might be able to assist them.

"We are moving into our new place today, and we have almost nothing" she said through teary eyes. Her son (much taller than her) wrapped his arm around her and pulled her in closer. We walked through St John's Care and into our courtyard – a more suitable place to have a private and meaningful conversation.

As we sipped our warm drinks, T began to explain the circumstances that had led them to SJC. T gave birth to her son when she was 20 and split with her partner shortly after. Although they were no longer romantically involved, T and her ex-partner maintained a good relationship for the benefit of their son - K. As time went on, the pair had joint custody of K, and arranged to see him on a weekly basis.

In 2019, T met a man on an online dating app, and they soon began talking regularly. Over the next 6 months, their relationship developed, and they began living together. Soon after moving in together, T's partner began acting strangely and exhibiting signs of paranoia. He began abusing alcohol and substances and would often direct violent outbursts towards T. She began to avoid attending family and social gatherings and was let go from her job due to her lack of attendance.

One weekend, K went to visit his mum and witnessed one of the violent outbursts. He sat in silence as he watched his mum being physically abused, horrified at what he was witnessing. K was terrified to visit his mother and return to the violence but was also scared of what may happen to her going forward - a heartbreaking situation for any 13-year-old to face.

K began spending more time at his father's house and although this was a great environment to grow up in, he missed his mother's presence. K and T spoke regularly on the phone and through social media but had no face-to-face contact with one another. After a violent outburst which resulted in T spending two nights in hospital, she began the process of trying to leave her abuser.

T had spent the last 2 years going through the court system, before finally getting the appropriate protection order out against her ex-partner. "In 2 years, today is the first day that we get to live together" T said, with a soft smile across her face.

I gathered some groceries, fresh fruit and vegetables, and some meat for T and K. We provided them with some warm winter clothes, cooking utensils, and bedding. SJC also provided them with some gift cards so that they could purchase a couple of heaters for their home.

Thankfully, T has been referred to the relevant agencies and is in the process of returning to work.

T broke down and hugged me as we loaded the last of

her belongings into her car and her emotions spilled out. It is quite raw to hear people recount their adversity, and incredibly moving to be able to make a genuine difference in someone's life.

A big thank you to all the volunteers, supporters and donors who allow us to do the compelling work that we do within the community.

Robbie Speldewinde,
Programs Coordinator

Items Required: Oats, 1 Litre Full Cream Long-Life Milk, 1 Litre Lactose Free Long-Life Milk, Tomato Sauce, Pasta Meal

A SPLENDOR ALL AROUND

There was a splendor all around like the bow in the cloud on a rainy day. Ezekiel 1:27-28

The carpet of leaves on the ground were thick and colourful and full of moisture from the recent rain and silently some fading leaves were still falling without any ceremony but there was a look of dance about them and looking at them was like a sudden gift. I read this quote from T.C.Clark which says: Lord, give me joy in the common things.

May you find joy today in the ordinary, the common things.

May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways

Anne, servant of the Lord

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



A carpet of leaves

community lunch

the future of food:
healthier, safer
sustainable

Thursday 1 July, 11:30am

with Professor Barry Pogson
ANU Research School of Biology

Canberra Women's Christian Convention

Running from a Gracious God

Saturday 18 September 2021

Helen Bell will be preaching from the book of Jonah

Early bird Registration is now open

Tickets are available at <https://canberrachristianconventions.org.au/womens/>

PARISH DINNER

Saturday 24 July, 6pm

with Dr Andrew Leigh MP

How can churches help a city to flourish?

a signup sheet is available for table seating
volunteers to help
set up and packdown needed

book tickets:

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



HOLY COVENANT FETE

Is a fete on this year? **YES**

Save this date. **Saturday 6 November**
here at Holy Covenant.

A day of fun, fellowship and welcoming
the surrounding community into our grounds and church
space.

Start preparation now to contribute to the plant stall, book
stall, trash and treasure, Aladdin's cave, café, BBQ sausage
sizzle and whatever else pops up!

Think about how you might be able to help for the day or an
hour or two. Sign up sheets will begin to appear soon.

All enquiries to Archdeacon Anne 0406379599 or
anne.ranse@gmail.com or in person.

becoming well

TOWARDS HOPEFULNESS

*A monthly conversation about mental health
to help us care for others better*

1 July – men and depression

with Alistair Jones from Everyman

5 August – digital life for families

with Toni Hassan, journalist and Associate Fellow at
the Australia Institute for Responsible Technology

2 September – what's new with eating disorders

with Dr Denise Riordan, Centre for Mental Health Research

CEO SLEEPOUT

The St Vincent de Paul CEO Sleepout fundraiser for the
homeless, on 17 June, raises funds to support the most
vulnerable in our local communities. 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, please go to:

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

**ARANDA MEN'S GROUP MEETING
THURSDAY 24 JUNE 2021**

The Aranda Men's Group will meet at the Parish Centre up at St Vincent's, at 6:15 PM on Thursday 24 June 2021
We will need to sign in using the **Check In CBR App**. If you have problems, someone else can assist.
Cost is \$15 with any excess funds being donated to Vinnies at the end of the year.
If you could please respond by COB Tue 22 June to Paul Pearson (paul.pearson@bigpond.com)

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ We give thanks for the written and spoken word. We pray for publishers and broadcasters, for politicians and leaders of nations. We pray for those who through meetings influence our lives, for all who make decisions about our world and our future

IN AUSTRALIA

⇒ In your kindness watch over refugees and asylum seekers, those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost, and those who have been exiled from their homes. Bring them safely to the place where they long to be, and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

⇒ Ministry with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island People of Australia: Aboriginal Clergy & People
⇒ St Paul's, Manuka & St David's Red Hill
⇒ St David's Close Self Care Units, Red Hill
⇒ Aged Care Chaplaincy: Baptist Care; Jindalee Nursing Home; Carey Gardens Aged Hostel Red Hill; Mountain View Aged Care Facility
⇒ Calvary John James Hospital
⇒ Parliamentary Christian Fellowship
⇒ Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Leader of the Opposition Anthony Albanese, all members and senators, and reconciliation of First Peoples of Australia.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

⇒ Congregations—10am Sunday
⇒ Young Adults Ministry
⇒ Shovel Community Garden
⇒ Resources Group
⇒ Tai Chi—Give thanks for a wonderful building in which we do Tai Chi. The open ambience adds to our exercise enjoyment. Also we are attracting more members to our group
⇒ For all members of our parish family including Douglas Guilfoyle, Zoe and Jamie Rose; Patrick Guinness; Clayton Gumbrell, Karen Bisley and Ethan, Jamie and Samuel; Jenny Hall and Gwen Hallows.
⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button, Elizabeth Grant, Judith Ann, Bev Barnes, Anne and Peter Bazeos, Violet Hart, Brianna Smith and Lucia Horciu and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Thursday: Nicholas Scott Winders (d. 2015)

COLLECT for Third Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty God,
without you we are unable to please you:
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS

1 Samuel 15.34-16.13
Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5.6-17
Mark 4.26-34

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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Saturday: Estelle Robertson