

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 27 JUNE 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST REACHING GOD, FINDING HEALING

COMING UP

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SUNDAY 27 JUNE

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 Rev'd Dr Wayne Brighton

5pm Twilight Conversations

SUNDAY 4 JULY

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8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:

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3pm Rainbow Fellowship/Colours of God

No 5pm meeting—school holidays

Coming up

Thurs 1 July—11:30am Community

Lunch

7pm Leaving Depression

Behind

Sat 24 July — 6.00pm Parish Dinner

Fri 13—Sun 15 August—Parish Retreat

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The stories of the healing of the two women as told by Mark need to be seen in juxtaposition, maybe even as a double whammy. First, there are the parallels: both are ritually unclean — the young girl because she is possibly ill with an unclean disease, or dead. To touch a corpse is to render a person unclean and unable to go to the temple, to touch another person, to touch food prepared for another: that is one reason why both the Priest and the Levi pass by the stricken man in the story of the Good Samaritan. If he were dead and they touched him, they could not carry out their temple duties for a fortnight while they performed ritual cleansing, and for the priest especially, he would miss his turn and maybe not get another one.

The woman was also unclean: during menstruation a Jewish woman is considered unclean. She must isolate herself until the bleeding has ceased and she has bathed ritually in the Mikveh, the special pool next to every Synagogue provided for ritual cleansing.

Second, the plight of both the young girl and the woman is desperate: the young girl is but 12 and dying (or dead). The woman has endured 12 years of continuous menstruation, 12 years of not being able to touch or be touched by anyone.

The contrasts are also insightful: the woman is mature, perhaps even past menopause; the girl is on the brink of womanhood, awaiting menarche and the formal ritual (Bath Mitzvah — Daughter of the Commandment) that enrolls her into the Womanhood of

Israel. Then, there is the contrast of Urgency: Jairus hurries through the crowd, disregarding the possibility of touching a pagan or other unclean person, falls down in front of Jesus and begs him to come quickly, or his daughter will die. By contrast, a few minutes, a few hours, a few days won't make much difference to a woman ill for 12 years. Imagine Jairus' surprise when Jesus stops to deal with the ailing woman: imagine his consternation that Jesus will now be unclean or too late, unable to help his daughter.

The third contrast is in Social Status: Jairus is the President of the Local Synagogue, a person noted for piety, for good deeds, and wealth to give to support the synagogue. The woman — whatever her status before her illness began — is an outcast, probably even divorced by her husband, poverty stricken because all her money is spent on a cure. For Jesus, need is important, not social status.

For Jesus, the woman's need is more urgent than the damsel: she needs to be assured that she has done no wrong. She needs to know and remember the touch of love that cured her: she needs assurance, closure and a blessing. She needs those precious gifts *now* before she can disappear in the crowd. The crowd needs to know that healing is more important than ritual cleanliness and that God cares nothing for rituals, but everything for the cleanliness of the heart.

George Gerrity

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ESCAPE FROM TRAGEDY

I met a young lady yesterday who stood aloof from our Centre. I introduced myself and asked how I could help. Whilst on our way to a warm place to have a private conversation, G began to tell me about her life.

G had just turned 21 and had moved to Canberra from South Australia two months earlier. She had grown up in Adelaide with her parents and brother and had lived an uneventful life until her father was killed in a motor vehicle accident when she was 16.

Following the accident, G and her family struggled to overcome their grief, and never fully recovered. G's brother was accepted to study at the Australian National University, so he packed his belongings and moved to Canberra.

Their mother who never recovered from the loss of her husband, fell into a deep depression. This was especially hard for G to experience; she had lost one parent and she was determined to avoid losing a second. Concerned about her mother's health, G booked her mother in for a general check-up at the local GP. After several visits to the doctor, and multiple blood tests, she was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer and given approximately 12 months to live.

Unexpectedly, G assumed the role of her mother's carer, spending most of her time at home providing support for her. As her mother's condition deteriorated further, the time and costs associated with supporting her grew significantly. The family began using the small inheritance their father had left them to pay for the medical costs.

After battling cancer for almost 13 months, G and her brother laid their mother to rest in the same cemetery that their father was buried in only 2 years earlier.

With little left in Adelaide, G packed her things and accompanied her brother to Canberra where they found a small 1 bedroom + study apartment. Although G was not working, the siblings were getting by on his basic income, and their combined savings.

G was eager to begin nursing and contribute towards the household bills but was unable to afford the registration fee. She reached out to a support agency who suggested she visit us at St John's Care.

We gave G some groceries, complete with fresh meat, dairy, fruit, and vegetables. St John's Care was also able to contribute towards her energy and phone bills – putting her in the credit for next quarter's bills. I sat down with G and led her through the registration process, before paying the registration fee.

G was in disbelief as she stared at me with tears rolling down her cheeks. She is now in the process of applying for full time nursing positions in the ACT, with hopes of gaining employment in the coming weeks.

St John's Care has truly changed the trajectory of this young lady's life and empowered her to continue striving to reach her goals. We would like to send a big thank you to our supporters and donors for allowing us to make a real difference in the lives of our clients.

In late April I wrote about a heavily pregnant young mother (H), her husband, and their 3-year-old son who suffers from delayed speech and language development.

We have been working close with the young family since their initial visit to St John's Care and have eagerly awaited the birth of their second child.

H and her husband welcomed their baby daughter into the

world late last week and asked me to share these images and some words with our donors and supporters.

"Hi Robbie

Thank you so much for your all your help, both mum and baby are in good health. We are currently in hospital and recovering well. Thank you once again to you and everyone at St John's Care for the generosity and kindness shown towards our family, you have truly made a difference in our lives."



Robbie Speldewinde, Programs Coordinator

Items required: 1 Litre Full Cream Long life Milk, Pasta Meals, 1 Litre Lactose Free Long life Milk

GOD UNCHANGING

Wind, wind blow on me, wind, wind set me free, wind, wind the Father sent, the blessed Holy Spirit. (New harvest 226)

I was watching people flying kites on the hills of the arboretum and there was great delight and joy as the kites rose high and dipped low, dancing on the wind, until the wind stopped and the kites plummeted to the ground only to be picked up again and tossed skywards. As I watched it reminded me so much of life. The soaring and dancing, the dipping and falling and then I thought of God how he is there for us all in whatever life throws at us be it joy, dancing, feeling low or in crisis. His love is unending, unchanging and always present, never dependent on which way the wind is blowing. Ever present, ever loving, ever unchanging God. May the wind of the Holy Spirit blow on you today.

Grace and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Anne, servant of the Lord

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



Blowing in the wind

community lunch

the future of food:
healthier, safer
sustainable

Thursday 1 July, 11:30am

with Professor Barry Pogson
ANU Research School of Biology

PARISH RETREAT: 13-15 AUGUST

Hearing from God can be hard when our lives are filled with noise, jobs to do, besides having kids and parents to care for. A quiet time with friends in a peaceful setting can be just the thing to recharge or gain some perspective.

This year's retreat will be held in Mittagong at the Hermitage. It will be led by The Rev'd Gill Varcoe. We need 15 participants to ensure the retreat can proceed. Please advise the office of your interest as soon as possible.

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

LEAVING DEPRESSION BEHIND

a conversation with
Alistair Jones from Everyman

Thursday 1 July
7pm

Holy Covenant Anglican Church
89 Dexter Street, Cook



to register:

www.trybooking.com/BSDXW

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>

Below is a table of prices for tickets. Tickets can be booked through TryBooking as noted above. Otherwise contact the office to arrange for payment.

As a parish we want everyone to come. Please speak to Wayne if cost is going to be an obstacle to you and your family.

For those employed in full-time work	\$60.00
For those who are not in full-time work because of age, study or disability, including children aged 13-18	\$40.00
For children aged 10-13	\$25.00
For children aged between 5-10	\$18.00
Those aged under 5 years old	Free

PARISH DINNER VOLUNTEERS

Calling for volunteers for helping with the setup and cleanup for the Parish Dinner on 24 July!

There is a sign up sheet on the board, contact the office or speak to Rhonda Thorpe 0412 203 679

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ Lord of peace, be with all suffering from war, all divided peoples, all separated from loved ones, families and friends. We pray for refugees and displaced persons, for those living in slums and those living on the streets, for all living in places that are not wholesome or life-giving

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
⇒ Continue to pray for those affected by the corona virus in Victoria and NSW

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

⇒ Diocese of Willochra
⇒ Cobargo; Bodalla-Narooma
⇒ Open Sanctuary @ Tilba Tilba
⇒ Moruya; Batemans Bay; Meeting Place, Mogo (part of Batemans Bay)
⇒ St Peter's Anglican College
⇒ Pray for: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministry, Bimbadeen Training College, Cootamundra

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

⇒ Congregations—12 noon Wednesday
⇒ Rainbow fellowship/Colours of God—for the outing on Sunday
⇒ Meditation Tuesday Lunchtime—give thanks for Tuesday meditation and leader Sybilla
⇒ Medication Wednesday evening - give thanks for all our leaders and members, pray for improved wifi in the Rainbow Centre to assist with zoom for those who can't attend in person
⇒ Exploring faith Matters Give thanks for EFM, National Director Greg Davies, ACT mentors, Merri Bacon at Holy Covenant and Rev Kay Pendelbury at Manuka
⇒ For all members of our parish family including Dal and Christine Hyde; Deranie and Phoebe Jackson; Gareth, Jo, Elanor, Hannah and Isobel James; Russell Judd and Jayne Murray and Emma; and David and Rosemary Kennemore.
⇒ 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: Margaret Jean Winders (d. 1989)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Friday: Jono Elkhuzen

COLLECT for Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

O Christ for whom we search,
our help when help has failed:
give us courage to expose our need
and ask to be made whole,
that, being touched by you,
we may be raised to new life in the power of your
name. **Amen**

READINGS

2 Samuel 1.1, 1.17-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8.7-15
Mark 5.21-43

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