

# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 4 JULY 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HEALING COUNTRY – NAIDOC WEEK – MARK 6.1-13

## COMING UP

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

<https://adcg.zoom.us/j/8820962366?pwd=YUpja05YTXFCN0N4MGRiSFVIRlI0Zz09>

Meeting ID: [882 096 2366](https://adcg.zoom.us/j/8820962366)

Password: 033643

No Kid's Church during the holidays. Kid's Church and Sunday Youth activities resume on 18th July.

## SUNDAY 4 JULY

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

Rainbow Fellowship/Colours of God

cancelled

No 5pm meeting—school holidays

## SUNDAY 11 JULY

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

No 5pm meeting—school holidays

## Coming up

Sat 24 July — 6.00pm Parish Dinner

Fri 13—Sun 15 August—Parish Retreat

### Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank

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Name: Holy Covenant Anglican Church

Change. Justice. Healing. These themes figured prominently in the first journey taken by those disciples who followed Jesus. These themes figure in NAIDOC week, which runs from 4-11 July, which is to *Heal Country*.

NAIDOC week has been celebrated since the 1990s with roots stretching back to the 1920s. It is a time to recognise and celebrate the rich and diverse cultural history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, many of whom share our Christian heritage.

Australia's First and Second Peoples engage with Australia differently. First Peoples live in country that is filled with memory and identity. It's a visceral connection to the land, water, animals and plants that is enlivens First People's cultural, social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. For Second Peoples, the land is filled with much ignorance about how we damaged country by exploiting the land and water while desecrating and destroying countless sacred sites.

NAIDOC week is an important opportunity for Christians from First and Second Peoples to share the journey taken by Jesus' first disciples. Jesus empowered them to deal with evil. He sent them out in pairs. He told them to travel light as they would be going through someone else's country. He encouraged them to be open to whatever hospitality was offered and only move on if they were turned away.

So the disciples preached about the need for repentance or a change of heart, mind and spirit. They spoke openly about how life could be radically different for everyone not just

the wealthy. They sent evil spirits packing and anointed the bodies of sick people, bringing new life to many. Although some refused the new world that was offered to them such intransigence never stopped Jesus for a minute.

Instead of bringing wellness, Second Peoples harmed this ancient land's First Peoples in ways that are barely imaginable or comprehensible today. Instead of fairness, injustices were magnified as the responsibility for making good on what was destroyed and taken was avoided. Instead of being prepared to change, many closed their eyes and minds, preferring to dwell in the darkness of ignorance than the light of truth.

Australia's Second Peoples have a lot to learn from its First Peoples about participating in God's mission as Jesus' disciples. We can start by changing the way we see our connection to country by recognising that they are the original custodians of this ancient land. They can help us to take responsibility for making past wrongs right especially by making space for dreaming in our traditions and institutions. We can heal country together by valuing the ancient wisdom. We can step out in the hope that tomorrow can be different by listening to the story of our shared past. We can plant love by letting go of our comfort and recentering the conversation around what needs to be done together.

God's new world is just around the corner. It's time to shake the dust off and join in.

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## FAMILY MISSING OUT ON WARM CLOTHES

Recently I heard from a family who came to Canberra from an African country on a bridging visa five years ago. Gene and Mori (not their real names) are a young couple with two children who settled here as students. Luckily, their visa allowed them both to work.

Life was reasonably comfortable whilst they could both earn income from two part-time jobs. When their twins came along, Gene had to stay at home and look after the sweet pair.

This is when the family started to experience hardship as Mori could only work part time. One difficulty came after another and things began to get tougher and tougher. The rent was increased by the landlord, their old car broke down and they couldn't afford to pay for it to be fixed.

They both explained that they were trying to do everything they could to keep afloat. Gene eventually found a part-time job in the disability sector as a Carer. However, paying the childcare fee to work part time didn't make much financial sense, as the fees were nearly as much as what she earned per day.

A sense of despair started to set in. As it was the middle of June, and with winter in full swing, all four family members needed warm clothes. Unfortunately, they couldn't afford to buy even one jacket, let alone clothes and shoes for all four!

That's when they heard about SJC and came to visit the Centre. We provided them with winter clothes that someone had donated a week earlier and filled 4 bags with food (that day we had a particularly great variety of fresh fruit and vegetables that we purchased). Gene and Mori's twins were given warm socks, gloves and fleecy pants. As there was no right size jacket for Mori, we gave him a store voucher to purchase somewhere else. Mori and Gene could not contain their joy!

As they had arrived on the bus, we gave them a few bus tickets to enable them to get home with their groceries and newly given clothes. I connected with a mechanic who gave them a quote to fix the car and had a chat about the family's circumstance (Mori gave me a permission to do so). The mechanic came onboard, dropped the cost of repair by 30% and agreed to receive installments from the family over six months to pay off the repair cost.

Mori and Gene posted a letter with their sincere thanks to that owner mechanic and to St John's Care for the support given.

I also referred the family to Supportive Tenancy Services for assistance with sustaining their current tenancy. The family told me they now feel more optimistic about getting through this winter.

We would like to sincerely thank our donors who financially or by donating their time support clients of St John's Care.

Kind regards,

Nailia, SJC Case Manager

**Items required:** tinned meat, powdered milk, biscuits, Vegemite, peanut butter

## DINNER CLUB

1st Tuesday of the Month

Will be meeting on 6th July at 6pm

Good Food! Good Company! Good Vibrations!

Come to the Southern Cross Club in Jamison

Confirm attendance with Hilary 62518166

## THEIR TRILL LIFTS MY HEART

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. (TIS 454)*

At times we only need a thought for it to be a prayer. Sometimes we only need a thought for it to be a meditation or a reflection. Sometimes words don't come but the trying is all of the above.

Stopping momentarily as if caught by surprise is one of the beautiful images, I have of connecting with God.

Deliberately I have grown native plants to try and encourage small birds into my garden and as they grow and flower, I am more and more rewarded.

Just working from my office and glancing out the window and there in the flowering Grevilia is a tiny honey eater and he has brought along his family. The sight catches my breath, their trill lifts my heart. It's a prayer. It's a meditation. It's a reflection.

The smallest of gifts in the running of life can be the greatest blessings.

Grace and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Anne, servant of the Lord

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



*A surprise – a blessing when out walking*

**THAT SPECIAL GIFT WITH A DIFFERENCE**

Are you looking for that special gift for someone and in doing so support a wonderful Christian family? Abraham's family shop across the road from St George's Cathedral and college in Jerusalem might be just the place for your online shopping. I know Abraham well and he and his family are struggling in Jerusalem, a place that depends on tourists and pilgrims to survive. A place hit hard like many with the corona virus and recent conflict. Enjoy browsing through his shop using the links below and offer your support. Perhaps you would like to send a prayer of encouragement to him and his family. You can tell him Anne (Ranse) sent you!

Abraham  
 Website: [www.stgeorgestore.com](http://www.stgeorgestore.com)  
 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StGeorgheshop/>

**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.

The Parish Dinner is on 24 July  
**DON'T FORGET THE SILENT AUCTION**

Have you thought about contributing an item?

- Something of value which you would like to go to a good home?
- Offers of catered functions – dinner parties, high teas – are popular
- Chauffeur for a winery tour? Trailer service for a trip to the dump?
- Household services. Window/gutter cleaning. Making a special cake.
- Use of a holiday house.
- A voucher from your favourite shop in return for local publicity.

If you have an idea, talk about it with Bob Arthur (0413 389 897, [rbharthur@gmail.com](mailto:rbharthur@gmail.com)) as soon as possible so that he can include it in the auction catalogue.

Items should be left at the Parish Office before Wednesday 21 July.

**Pizza and Movie Night**  
 30/7/21  
 Holy Covenant

6-9pm  
 all welcome  
 RSVP to Wendy  
 warobertson4@gmail.com

**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>

Tickets can be booked through TryBooking as noted above. Otherwise contact the office to arrange for payment. Numbers are limited. Please book by 16 July.

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

Plus Trybooking fee.



## 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

⇒ We pray for the peoples of the world, for all who suffer from persecution and oppression because of others' cruelty, greed or indifference

### IN AUSTRALIA

⇒ Lord, we acknowledge our responsibility to care for and bring healing to Country and our nation. Forgive us for the times when we have failed to do so. Increase our capacity this NAIDOC Week to humble ourselves and listen afresh to truly hear the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

### IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

⇒ Diocese of Ballarat  
⇒ North Goulburn  
⇒ Wollondilly Gardens Self Care Units  
⇒ NSW Police Chaplaincy  
⇒ West Goulburn  
⇒ F5 Refresh Ministries Chaplaincy Unit, West Goulburn  
⇒ Marulan  
⇒ Goulburn Correctional Centre  
⇒ Pray for: Spouses and families of clergy and lay ministers and stipendiary lay ministers (SLM).

### IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

⇒ Congregations—8am Sunday  
⇒ Children's ministry  
⇒ Parish Council and Wardens for wisdom and guidance as we explore options to expand our usable spaces  
⇒ Holistic Care and Nursing Ministries— that our staff, clients and volunteers will stay safe and well during this time of uncertainty and not be too unsettled. Pray for wisdom in managing our programs and in caring for our clients safely and effectively  
⇒ Rainbow Playgroup -gratitude for the opportunity for us to build community and show love in this way to children and parents who might be others more isolated. Pray that that community will be strengthened when we return after the holiday break  
⇒ Lids4Kids  
⇒ For all members of our parish family including Stephanie Kizimchuk; Pam Lane; Anne, Martin and Jenny Lange; Clare Lawlor; Resa Le; and Chris Lee.  
⇒ 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, Lucia Horciu and Kerin Cox and anyone known to us personally.

### COMMEMORATIONS

**Monday:** Arthur William Ryan (d. 1997)  
**Thursday:** Iris Hall (d. 1996)  
**Saturday:** Grace Watson (d. 2014)

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**Wednesday:** Tahli Robertson  
**Friday:** Elaine Dennis

## COLLECT for Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord our God,  
you are always more ready to bestow  
your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them;  
and more willing to give  
than we desire or deserve:  
in our every need,  
grant us the first and best of all your gifts,  
the Spirit who makes us your children.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever. **Amen**

## READINGS

2 Samuel 5.1-5, 5.9-10  
Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12.2-10  
Mark 6.1-13

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