

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 11 JULY 2021 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST VISION SUNDAY (Mark 6.14-29)

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 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

SUNDAY 18 JULY

VALUES SUNDAY

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8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev'd Dr Wayne Brighton

5pm—Youth Alpha

Coming up

Sat 24 July — 6.00pm Parish Dinner

Sun 25 July—MISSION SUNDAY

Fri 30 July — 6.00pm Film and Pizza night

Fri 13—Sun 15 August—Parish Retreat

Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank

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A/C No: 802588

Name: Holy Covenant Anglican Church

At the heart of many stories is the hero's journey. This template is ubiquitous in contemporary storytelling – whether in books, movies, TV or even advertising. The journey consists of four parts. It begins with a call to adventure. The hero has an encounter that propels them to break from their ordinary life and to take a road less travelled. The hero then crosses a threshold which involves experiencing some testing or difficulty. Overcoming that difficulty is transformative either, physically, emotionally or spiritually. Finally, the hero returns a different person having grown, developed or changed in some way.

John the Baptist's journey follows most of this course. John's story begins with a call as he is conceived in the womb as prophet who will turn the hearts of people back to God (Luke 1.13-20). Next, he is seen calling out to Israel as a voice in the wilderness, urging people to take a different path by leaving their patterns of wrong belief, thinking and action behind (Mark 1.1-8). John is tested by imprisonment as doubts grow about his cousin, Jesus (Matt 11.2-6).

John's final act finishes with a twist for there will be no triumphant home coming. His execution emerges from a frivolous boast that grants an opportunity to a leader bearing a deep grudge. Israel's leadership is shown to be as far from the Lord as they've ever been. A nation that once danced before the Lord (2 Sam 6.1-19) are now spectators to a young woman's dance. John's incomplete journey causes a question to hang in their air, what will happen to the nation now?

The death of John the Baptist may not be the warmest or the fuzziest story to begin our conversation about the parish's longer-term direction during July. Nevertheless, it highlights the nature of our journey, both personally and corporately as a parish.

Each of us are on a spiritual journey. God calls us to follow. The pathway is narrow and challenging. It will test our character and we will be challenged by people and circumstances along the way. Most people journey alone. In fact, their life often feels like standing on a train platform without Wi-Fi watching others speed by. We yearn for something different but struggle to know how it might grow or develop. As a parish, we believe that everybody gets further when they share their journey's together.

Holy Covenant vision *is to be a place for everyone*. As a church in Canberra's north, we believe that everyone needs a place where they can be encouraged to become the person God made them to be. We aim to enable everyone to exercise their God-given gifts through their age, ability, gender, orientation, or ethnicity.

This vision is a call for us to be disciples who are open, generous, daring and encouraging. It comes at a time when Christians everywhere seem to be increasingly closed minded, inward looking, tired and downcast.

This vision invites us to take a journey, where we are all invited to step off the platform to discover a different future together. Will you come with us?

Wayne

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SJC providing support for growing family

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 closely with the young family since their initial visit to St John's Care. With our support, the family have been able to enrol their son in a pre-school which specialises in speech development.

The couple welcomed their baby daughter into the world a few weeks ago and asked me to share these 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."

St John's Care is continuing to support this family by ensuring they are well equipped with a pram, highchair, change table and bouncer. Our staff and volunteers feel privileged to have been able to have a positive impact on this family's life.

Following their release from hospital, I was invited to the family's house to meet the newborn.

I opened the front door and was met by three smiling faces - who led me inside to a small cot where the tiny baby lay. H picked up the sleepy newborn, and softly placed her in my arms. We stared at one another in awe, and I was genuinely lost for words – believe it or not, she was too!

St John's Care has provided life changing support to



this young family and has allowed them to progress to the next chapter in their lives. We look forward to working closely with the family ensuring that the children receive the support they need.

I would like to thank our volunteers and donors who have played a vital role in supporting this family through some of their most challenging times.

We have helped to equip them with the best tools to help them thrive moving forward.

Robbie Speldewinde
Programs Coordinator

Items required: 1 litre full cream long life milk, pasta meals, 1 litre lactose free long life milk

TOUCHING LIVES WITH LOVE

There is no one like you to help. 2 Chronicles 14:11

One way we are known as Christians is by our actions and how we live our lives and that brings to mind the saying that actions speak louder than words. I read of this conversation after a person, a passerby' helped an older man pick up his split bag of groceries from the pavement. He said, 'you must have been a cub scout.' And laughingly came the reply. 'No, just a Christian.'

Well, we could pray daily: Heavenly Father, help me this day to use what you have given me to touch another life with love.

Grace and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Anne, servant of the Lord

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



Let me help you – volunteering at Covenant Care

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GROWING OUR CHURCH IN JULY

Throughout July, the church will be exploring its future and discussing how we might grow as a parish. Our discussion will be inspired by reading Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Today is **Vision Sunday**. We will explore God's call to us as parish to take the road less travelled.

Next week (18 July) will be **Values Sunday**. This will be an opportunity for us to explore some of the values that are central to our identity as Holy Covenant.

The month will conclude (25 July) with **Mission Sunday**. As we celebrate the parish's birthday we will have a chance to consider how we might engage more deeply with our neighbourhood.

Our parish plan for 2021-2024 will be available for questions, conversation and engagement. If you'd like to know more, why not talk to the team or a parish council member?

FROM THE TREASURER

Offerings in June (direct credit and plate) were \$17,000 – 4% below budget, but total income was well above budget mainly owing to a grant of \$4500 received for our Wellbeing Program. Expenses in May were a little below budget.

A review of the finances for the first half of the year shows that offerings were 2% below budget, but total income was very close to budget owing to an unexpected JobKeeper adjustment of +\$3000 and the grant of \$4500 received for our Wellbeing Program. These amounts helped to offset the lower income from facilities hiring.

Expenses in the first half of the year were well below budget, mainly owing to lower- than-expected expenditure in several parish ministry programs.

Paul Shelley
Treasurer

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

At the June meeting, Parish Council:

- approved funding for the development of plans to explore renovations to the Rainbow Centre. The purpose of the renovation is to ensure that there is suitable space for activities such as children's church, given the ongoing Covid restrictions. Having larger gathering spaces will also make the Rainbow Centre more useful for other activities and potential renters, and
- requested that the Resources Committee prepare an asset management plan of our site so that we have a good understanding of maintenance and replacement requirements coming up in the next few years

Joh Sheehan

Parish Council Chair

JULY ANGLICAN NEWS

The July Anglican News is now out and is available on our website for any printing required.

To the page:

<http://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/>

Straight to the pdf on the website (larger size for printing):

<https://anglicancg.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Anglican-News-July-2021.pdf>

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
 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

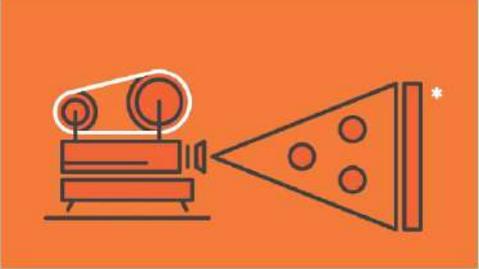
Have you thought about contributing an item?

- 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, rbarthur@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>

SEATING IS NOW FULL. Those who have signed up should now purchase tickets through Trybooking by 16 JULY.

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.

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ Support all who seek to support others, all who care for the homeless and poverty stricken, all who work with prisoners or outcasts. Give courage to all who seek to live in simplicity, to all who sacrifice themselves that others may live.

IN AUSTRALIA

⇒ We pray for those working to contain the coronavirus in NSW.
⇒ For those who struggle day to day whether due to homelessness, unemployment, under employment or over work

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

⇒ Diocese of Gippsland
⇒ 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)
⇒ Charnwood
⇒ Pray for: the South 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
⇒ For all members of our parish family including Ted and Penny Lilley; Theodore and Gwilynm Lucas; Colin Lyons; Frances Mackay; and Megan Mackay.
⇒ 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

Sunday: Doris Dudley (d. 2008); John Singh (d. 2014)
Monday: Gerard Bacon (d. 2015)
Tuesday: Laurie G Alexander (d. 2001)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sunday: Carol Pogson
Tuesday: Elizabeth Troy
Wednesday: Quentin Grafton
Thursday: Jayne Murray, Neville Hurst
Friday: Frances Mackay

COLLECT for Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Eternal God,
open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendour of creation
and in the beauty of human life.
Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us,
to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers,
and to experience the joy of life in your presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

READINGS

2 Samuel 6.1-5, 6.12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1.1-14
Mark 6.14-29

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