

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 29 AUGUST 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLINESS – IT MAY NOT MEAN WHAT WE THINK IT MEANS (MARK 7.1-23)

COMING UP

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

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Kids church at 9:30am Sundays:

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 417 454 216

Passcode: Kidschurch

Young Adults at 10:30am Sundays

Meeting ID: 851 1798 8397

Passcode: Y4wsCZ

SUNDAY 29 AUGUST

Due to COVID lockdown, worship will be provided online only.

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev'd Dr Wayne Brighton

5pm—Youth Alpha

SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

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8am and 10am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev'd Dr Wayne Brighton

5pm—Twilight Conversations

Coming up

Sun 10 October—Confirmations and Pet Blessing

Fri 29—Sun 31 October Parish Retreat

Sat 6 November - Fete

Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank

Branch: Jamison Centre, ACT

BSB: 062 907

A/C No: 802588

Name: Holy Covenant Anglican Church

What makes a person unholy enough for God to turn away? Jesus' answer might surprise us.

Looking through Mark's gospel, we see God -in-the-flesh cast out an evil spirit from someone in a synagogue when no one had noticed it was there all along (Mark 1.21-28). Jesus felt pity for a leper, touched and restored him to life (1.40-45), then forgave a paralytic their sins so that he could walk home in celebration (2.1-12). He called a tax collector to follow him, right when Levi was gouging others (2.13-14). Jesus had dinner with sinners (2.15-17), told his disciples to eat rather than fast and even gather food on the Sabbath when hungry (2.18-28). He made Judas an apostle (3.13-19). He crossed a lake to find and heal a demoniac who became the first missionary (5.1-20). A woman who couldn't stop bleeding (5.21-34) was healed and Jesus took a dead girl by the hand to bring her back to life (5.35-43). He walked through crowds and was touched by countless hands and bodies of who knows how many people (6.53-56).

Jesus was not put off by sickness, vocational choices or law breaking, unintentionally or otherwise. Demon filled people were no obstacle. Jesus pulled back into life all those who were put out of reach. All the world's unholiness didn't dent or deter the Holy One of God.

For most Christians, what tops the "holy or otherwise" list is a matter of who we love or sleep with, who we're married too, divorced from or which gender we identify with. Love and sex top our list because they are profoundly personal, easily identifiable and sufficiently ambiguous enough for pious religious leaders to work up large crowds into a lather of righteous indignation. It worked for the Pharisees. It worked for the Rev. The Hon. Fred Nile MLC

and Lyle Shelton too. They would have us believe that rainbow people, divorcees, single parents, teens, sex workers and punters stayed home when Jesus was out and about.

Israel's most pious religious leaders didn't care enough to help the leper or reduce the obstacles facing a paralytic. They were happy enough to benefit from extortionate tax collection and for people to be hungry. They stayed away from the crowds so they could be clean. They were more interested in playing theological games about compliance than caring about people.

Thankfully, the One who created everything encouraged Solomon to write a poem about the wonders of love, sex and intimacy that grows between two people (Song of Solomon). The One who saves everyone reminded us that it's not who we love that causes God to turn away. It's what comes out of us that's the problem, especially when it is our desire to use others for our own satisfaction, benefit, convenience, gain, dominance, or even to look good in front of God.

Holiness is not about God's separation from humanity. God is holy enough to help. Holiness is about looking enough like Jesus to share in God's purposes by helping others. I'm wearing purple today as a sign to rainbow people that God doesn't have a problem with love. It was hate that stuck in Jesus' craw. I'm wearing purple because we should all be able to come to church just as we are – whether we are holy or unholy. Look carefully and you'll see that Jesus even made room for puritanical religious leaders too.

Wayne

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SJC WORKING WITH CLIENTS DURING THE CURRENT COVID LOCKDOWN

This week I'd like to share a couple of stories which reflect on the current Covid related lockdown situation.

On the first day of the lockdown period, we had numerous phone calls from people who were worried that they might run out of food and who wanted to know if St John's Care was still operating. All of our clients were pleased to find out that SJC would be open, and that they could still come in and get emergency support if required.

For the past few days my main focus as SJC Case Manager has been on making wellbeing phone calls to our clients and reassuring them that we are here to support them.

One new client called asking if we could help him pay his very overdue internet bill. He began by apologising and telling me how embarrassed he was to ask for help, but really needed the assistance as it was his last resort. I reassured him that St John's Care is available to support anyone who is doing it tough - no matter what circumstance. SJC paid his bill and connected him with the financial advocacy service moving forward. He was extremely appreciative.

Yesterday I received a call from Y, a long-term client who SJC has been supporting with food. Y was whispering into the receiver trying to speak. I could hardly understand her words as her voice was weak. She told me that she had recently been in hospital due to her chronic illness and had just been discharged even though she felt she still needed the medical support. She had been discharged because there was a shortage of beds due to an influx of in-patients.

Unfortunately, the prescriptions for her essential medications were at her local pharmacy and not only did she not have the money to pay for them, but she was too weak to walk to get them. I enquired as to whether she had enough food supplies. She explained that currently she eats very little and that she had enough for the week. Her main concern was running out of the medication.

Fortunately, SJC has a copy of her advocacy consent form on file, so I pulled out it out and called her local pharmacy. SJC were able to pay for Y's medications on the spot. Later that day Y's brother was able to pick her up to take her to the pharmacy. It was a great solution and it all worked out well.

Dear readers, on behalf of our clients, thank you for your continuous support!

Kind regards,

Nailia, SJC Case Manager

Items required: tinned Irish stew – hotpot, tinned vegetables, pasta sauce, Vegemite, soap, sugar sticks.

CAPTURE A DELIGHT

May the Lord of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him. Romans 15:13

What was the delight you captured on your hours walk today and brought home as a memory?

I find I am seeing and savouring more detail. I see beauty like the deep purple clump of violets gone wild in the grass near the walkway that I have only briefly seen in passing before but never pondered on the how or why of their presence there. I capture the bright, ever so bright red of the front of the King Parrot's chest, so brilliant red, and it matches the brilliance of his green back when he turned about. That memory was imprinted in me for the rest of my walk home. Ah, such beauty from a wonderful creator. My gifts to bring home from my walk.

I read this quote: Watch windflowers dance in the breeze for a moment of pure joy.

Grace and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ,

Anne, servant of the Lord

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



The joy of the dancing windflowers

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/>

WEAR IT PURPLE DAY 29 August

Wear It Purple is a day celebrated at schools, universities and businesses to foster supportive, safe, empowering and inclusive environments for rainbow young people.

As a church, it shows that we see, hear and love all those who are LGBTIQ. This is especially important as it allows people to come to church as a whole person, without fear or having to leave someone important outside.

The day is all about healing when bullying, exclusion and rejection has been a part of their faith journey.

If you feel comfortable wearing purple, give it a go and don't worry if you can't. We love you no matter what you wear.

Wayne

my contribution to our future

The COVID lockdown has disrupted many things. One thing it has not disrupted is our life together as God's people. Throughout July, our parish plan gave us a picture of what could happen over the next 3 years. We can't make it happen without your help, involvement or prayers. You'll find a response sheet at the back of the bulletin. It would be great to hear back from you by the end of September. Thanks to everyone who has replied. It's great to have you onboard!

Blessings, Wayne

JOIN US FOR MEDITATION DURING LOCKDOWN

If anyone would like to join with others in meditation during lockdown we have two groups meditating.

Tues meditation group will be meditating at home for 20-25 mins at 1pm on Tuesdays using the Weekly Reading from the World Christian Meditation Community which can be found at <https://wccm.org/mailings/weekly-readings-teachings/> and their meditation timer can be downloaded as an app or found at <https://wccm.org/>

Wed meditation group is currently meeting via the Parish Zoom from 6pm-7pm on Wednesdays.

Contact Merri Bacon merri.bacon@bigpond.com

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FETE

SATURDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2020

Let's make this a great event for the community. Time now to think how you can help on one of the stalls or setting up. There will be the usual large trash and treasure, an Aladdin's cave for jewelry items, an antiques and collectable stall and a large book stall, plant stall, BBQ. Cake stall and a lovely café of delights to have with your tea or coffee. There will be a sign-up sheet on the notice board in the next few weeks. Meanwhile start potting those plants from your garden so they are well established for the event.

Enquires to Archdeacon Anne. 0406379599 or email anne.ranse@gmail.com

YOUTH ALPHA THIS SUNDAY 5PM

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Join us on ZOOM
Meeting ID: 882 096 2366
Passcode: 033 643

WEDNESDAY SMALL GROUP – 1 Sept, 7.30pm

How has your experience of faith changed over the years?

Most of us start by learning to colour between the lines.

It shifts as we try to master the techniques. Questions emerge and doubt rises.

Where do we go from here? Brian suggests we stop stressing learn about love.

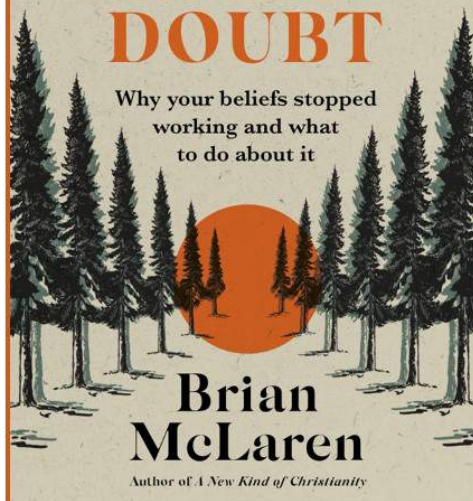
Join us for our first conversation over Zoom:

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FAITH after DOUBT

Why your beliefs stopped working and what to do about it



VIGIL FOR A TROUBLED WORLD

Tuesday
31 August, 7pm

When the world is filled with craziness and our hearts are overwhelmed with sorrow its often a good time to pray.

Join us on ZOOM for a time of prayer for our troubled world.

Bring your aching hearts and unsettled minds into God's presence for 20 minutes as we pray for Afghanistan – the women and children, the veterans and the warlords who are now responsible for keeping the peace.

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Would you like to join a zoom catch up on Thursdays 10:30 - 11:30am?

Grab a cuppa and join a small, 5-6 person, break-out room on zoom and chat with your Holy Covenant friends.

All welcome.

To join Zoom Meeting:

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AUGUST ANGLICAN NEWS

The August 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-August-2021.pdf>

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ For leaders of nations and for all people, that we may learn to live in harmony with each other and with the created world
- ⇒ For the turmoil in Afghanistan

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
- ⇒ For all affected by the lockdown and Covid-19

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Province of Papua New Guinea
- ⇒ Theological Colleges and Church Schools of the Anglican Church of Australia: staff and students
- ⇒ Special Ministries: Military Christian Fellowship
- ⇒ Religious education in schools and parishes in ACT and NSW
- ⇒ Exploring Faith Matters Diocesan Coordinator (Merri Bacon)
- ⇒ Confirmation Preparation: Confirmation candidates, the Catechumenate and Alpha programs
- ⇒ Outreach and ministry amongst youth

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ Yoga classes
- ⇒ Scrabble
- ⇒ U3A Mahjong
- ⇒ Japan Mahjong
- ⇒ Barnabas Ministries - for Sue Dunbar as she returns from leave
- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Clive Rodger; Luc Rose; Maxine Rose; Melinda Ross; Sandra Ross; and Celeste Sandstrom.
- ⇒ 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, Kerin Cox, Wendy and Peter Ward and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

- Sunday:** Joan Richards (d. 2007)
Tuesday: Susan Joy Nevile (d. 2019)
Thursday: Peter Henry Hall (d. 2015)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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COLLECT for 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Cleanse our consciences, O Lord,
and enlighten our hearts
through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ,
that when he comes in glory to be our judge
we may be found undefiled and acceptable in his sight;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

READINGS

Song of Songs 2.8-13

Psalm 45.1-2, 6-9

James 1.17-27

Mark 7.1-8, 14-23

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finding our future

our parish plan

2021-2024

Everyone has their own reason for coming to church. For some it's about connecting with God or following their passions. For others, church is about healing or renewal. Some come out of obligation. Most are here because it's where we want to be.

Whatever your reason, we all reach up to God with open hands to have more faith, a deeper hope, and richer love. We reach in to build friendships that last through the storms. We reach out to a world that's hungry for love, looking for hope yet uncertain

about faith. We work with others to build a better world. We find that we don't need to carry all that baggage by ourselves.

Holy Covenant is a place for everyone. We are community of friends who can help you to become all that God made you to be. We value inclusion, diversity, compassion, justice and freedom. We welcome all who want to discover, understand and participate in God's kingdom so that our neighbourhood will thrive.

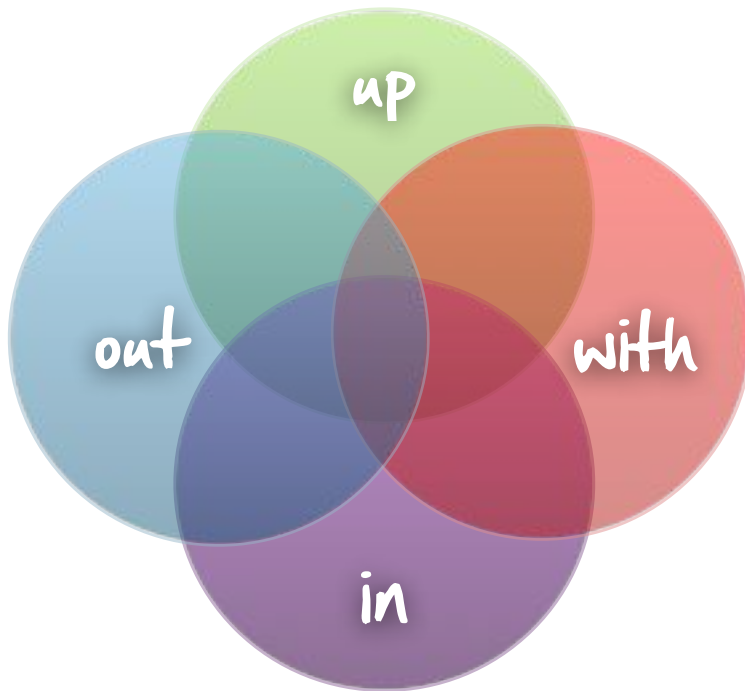
So as you think about God's call, you might want to pray about:

- the future that God wants you to discover
- the seeds that God has planted in you that are waiting to grow
- how might you make a difference by helping or getting involved
- how you can help us redeveloped the Rainbow Centre
- how can we help you to find the faith, hope and love that you are looking for?

<p><i>We grow up into God by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday morning services (8 & 10am) • informal evening service (5pm) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday noon service • Colours of God (adults with disabilities) • worship at aged care • Meditation groups 	<p><i>We nurture faith by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kid's church (5-12yrs) • Youth group (13-18ys) • Youth Alpha (13+) • Fruitful Fridays (13+) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring Faith Matters • Monastery of the Heart • Diving Deeper • small groups
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We grow by reaching out to others through:

- Community chaplaincy
- Holistic Care Nursing Ministry
- Pet ministry
- pastoral care through listening, baptism, weddings, funerals



We grow with our neighbourhood through:

- Playgroup
- Community garden
- Becoming well (mental health)
- wider works (financial support for other groups like St John's Care)
- environmental and justice programs

We grow as a community through:

- camps
- pizza nights
- women's afternoon teas
- men's dinners
- have a good yarn

my contribution to our future

Yes, I want to help Holy Covenant become a place for everyone so that our church and neighbourhood can thrive.

Name:

Contact:

I would like to get involved by exploring:

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I would like to help Holy Covenant grow by making a special gift for:

- the community chaplain
 renovating the Rainbow Centre
 another area of ministry

	Other amount		\$80
	\$250		\$60
	\$200		\$40
	\$150		\$20
	\$100		\$10

Your generosity makes so many things happen. In 2021 you might wish to consider increasing your weekly giving by 10%.

Giving regularly through an automatic deduction (direct credit) means that the parish can better meet its monthly expenses. Offertories fall behind during the winter months when up to a third of parish members are away either on holiday or due to sporting commitments. Of course, our giving does not stretch like it used to. We encourage those using this method to review it each year.

Offertory envelopes are an important way for regular attenders, who might not feel comfortable with electronic options, to help our church to grow.

You can also make a legacy gift through making a bequest in your will. Gifts of between 1–5% from an estate can allow us to build a trust fund that could yield a regular income stream over time. Such gifts can enable our church to undertake larger projects that would otherwise be beyond our normal capacity to achieve.

	Direct Credit (our details below) Bank - Commonwealth Bank Branch - Jamison Centre, ACT BSB - 062 907 A/C No - 802 588 Name - Holy Covenant Anglican Church
	Offertory envelopes
	Make a legacy gift through a bequest



A PRAYER FOR MY CHURCH

Good things grow through prayer. You might wish to pray the prayer below, or otherwise commit to praying regularly for our church.

*Generous God,
 you have given us so much.
 Everything we have comes from you.
 Through your goodness we have so much to share.
 May we who struggle for time make room in our diaries for your kingdom.
 May we who find change hard make room for new people who may look, sound and act differently.
 May we discover the wideness, deepness and breadth of your future as your disciple.
 May all our offerings be used for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.
 Amen.*