

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2021 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THE INS AND OUTS OF THINGS

COMING UP

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Kids church at 9:30am Sundays:

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No kids church 19 Sept, 26 Sept, 3 Oct.

Resumes 10 Oct

Young Adults at 10:30am Sundays

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SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

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—Twilight Conversations

SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

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8am and 10am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev'd Rick Tilden, ADF Chaplain

5pm—Youth Alpha

Coming up

Tue 7 September—Have a Yarn (using church Zoom) 11-12

Sun 10 October—Confirmations and Pet Blessing

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

Over September the Old Testament (OT) readings are drawn from Proverbs and Esther. They, as well as Psalms, are part of the third great collection of OT Scripture in Jewish Scholarship called 'The Writings'. The Writings explore in part how the community of faith may live a Godly faithful life in the everyday ordinariness of human life or even in crisis when the active presence of God or God's prophets seem far away, or the way of righteousness, less clear. Proverbs is a wisdom book, wisdom being seen as a product of faithful study of and reflection on Scripture, lived experience and the natural world. In the OT wisdom is one of the streams of revelation about God and ourselves and all creation. In the New Testament James too has that more pragmatic, daily living feel to it.

In today's Proverbs' reading we encounter what was clearly an issue in the ancient Hebrew communities of faith concerning partiality towards the rich against the poor. The reading argues that the character of a person is of more significance than their wealth (Prov 22:1); that God is the creator of all, rich and poor alike (Prov 22:2); that the community must live out justice and stand against injustice (Prov 22:8a,22-23); and that it must actively care for and be generous to those who are less well off (Prov 22:9). Centuries later, this same concern about positive discrimination towards the rich is picked up in James' letter to his faith community. He too is concerned

with favouritism and distinction being shown to the rich which invites community divisiveness even within worshipping contexts (Jam 2:2-4). He reminds them that the poor must be honoured (Jam 2:6): there must be care for the poor who are also heirs of the Kingdom, who love God, and who may be rich in faith despite their poverty (Jam 2:5). He is especially scathing of those who think that pious platitudes are sufficient to deal with real need: *"If a brother or a sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill.' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that."* (Jam 2:15-16). His discussion is couched within the faith and works dichotomy which for him, cannot be separated (Jam 2:18): faith without works is dead (Jam 2:17). James also links it to loving our neighbour as ourselves (Jam 2:8). He contends further that such partiality based on wealth is sinful (Jam 2:9).

The prophetic 'Word of the Lord' in these readings is confronting for we live in a culture that promotes conspicuous consumption and celebrity cults, equates success in life with wealth, pursues policies that are widening the gap between rich and poor, and that fails to adequately support the poor and other marginalised people materially or in the courts.

Marilyn Clark

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LOCKDOWN CHALLENGES

I was at my desk late last week when I received a call from a young lady. She introduced herself as U and began to explain the difficulties she was facing. I invited her to visit the St John's Care Centre that afternoon.

U is a single mother to two young boys, one of whom lived with a physical disability. During the lockdown, he had found things increasingly challenging. As learning transitioned from traditional face-to-face methods to online learning, the young boy was missed his friends and peers, and struggled with the lack of social interaction.

U's son required a special mouse and a webcam when using the family computer to complete his schoolwork, and they simply could not afford to buy one. Instead, he had been trying to use a regular mouse which was not working. U's son had felt left out after seeing his peers using their webcams and interacting with each other and not being able to participate. U was hesitant to ask the school for additional support as they had already been so supportive.

U explained that the family's electricity and internet usage had increased significantly since being confined to their home, and that she was extremely concerned about the upcoming bills they were due to receive.

"Being at home with two young boys and not being able to go outside so they can run around has been challenging. They're becoming increasingly frustrated being inside the house for most of the day, and we do not have a yard for them to play in.

We are regularly using our heater and have already passed our internet usage limit for the month. The boys are constantly eating, and we do not have enough healthy snacks to give them," she said.

U took a deep breath; her frustrations and concern were clear. She thanked me for listening and wiped the tears that were forming in her eyes.

I reassured U that SJC was here to support her and would continue to do so throughout the lockdown and beyond. I collected some groceries from our pantry, fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, dairy, and enough healthy school snacks to last the children for a few weeks. We purchased a webcam and a mouse suitable for U's son, and had those items delivered to her house.

We referred U to the St Vincent Home Energy Assessment Program. This program aims to support low-income households through visits to your home by an Energy Efficient Officer. Through the assessment, they can provide some free and simple solutions to increase the energy efficiency rating of the home to help decrease the family's energy bills. U has made a booking and is currently awaiting an assessment at her house.

I sat down with U as we contacted the ActewAGL hardship team who were able to apply a concession to her account and put her in credit for her next bill.

U was thrilled with support that SJC was able to give her and says she will never forget the look in her son's eyes when he was first able to see, talk and interact with his classmates online.

We would like to thank all the supporters, donors, and volunteers for helping us navigate through these challenging times with and for our clients.

Robbie Speldewinde,
Programs Coordinator

SCATTER THE FRAGRANCE

Send out fragrance like incense and put forth blossoms like a lily. Scatter the fragrance and sing a hymn of praise; bless the Lord for all his works. Ecclesiastes 39:14

I paused. I looked. I touched. I smelt. I marveled. There is something deeply spiritual about just wandering in the garden humming quietly the familiar hymn that just always comes to mind when we look at the awe of God – 'How Great Thou Art.' In my wandering I look at every flower in detail and I look at the creator. Such intricate work, such beautiful designs, such glorious colours, such joy and every flower filled with its own special fragrance that infuses my mind with memories.

Fanny Robinson wrote: This musing in a garden nook, each flower is as a written book, and rich the stores of Holy thought, that by these blossoms fair is brought.

Peace to those who are near and peace to those who are far off.

Anne, servant of the Lord

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



Full of special memories. What a gift!



KEEP THE DATE FOR THE FETE - 6 NOVEMBER

We live in hope that the fete will be able to go ahead so preparations are on the way.

There is plenty of time on our hands at the moment to clean out those cupboards and sheds for the trash and treasure and book stalls and pot up all those plants so we can have a wonderful plant stall. If we are in the clear of covid 19 and can go ahead it will be a great time of getting together.

All enquiries

for the plant stall to Carol Kubanek 0405319556, for the book stall Gillian Painter 0447480503 and the T&T Sandra Ross. 0408438770
General enquiries to Archdeacon Anne 0406379599.



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.

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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

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

FROM THE TREASURER



As we will not be meeting in-person at Sunday services for the next few weeks, I encourage those who give their offerings in the plate to consider arranging a direct transfer.

The parish's bank account for this purpose is:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank, Jamison Centre

BSB: 062-907

A/c number: 00802588

A/c name: Holy Covenant Anglican Church

Please contact me if you have any questions about this process.

Paul Shelley

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NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

At the August meeting, Parish Council:

- Formed a sub-committee to review the budget deficit and consider options for balancing the budget.
- Agreed to review the feasibility of holding the Fete at it's September meeting, when COVID restrictions may be clearer
- Supported the application for a Disability Inclusion grant to assist in funding construction of the accessible bathroom.
- Discussed the need to ensure that all people in ministry and leadership positions have a current WWVP card and their CSM training is up to date.

Joh Sheehan

Parish Council Chair

'Have a Good Yarn'

Have a Good Yarn group is a chat and knitting group.

Meeting on Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 11am to 12 noon.

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Any queries to Sandra Ross 0408 438 770

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PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ For the peoples of the world: for those who share little of the earth's resources, the hungry and homeless; for those who enjoy little freedom, the imprisoned and oppressed. God of the Jew and the Gentile, in your loving heart there are no outsiders

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

⇒ For all caring for those who are sick with Covid-19 for those waiting to be vaccinated

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

⇒ Diocese of Bathurst

⇒ St Mark's National Theological Centre, Canberra

⇒ Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture

⇒ Colloquium for Ageing Perspectives & Spirituality

⇒ All being prepared for ministries, both ordained and lay in the Diocese and beyond

⇒ Pray for: Vocations to the sacred ministry (priesthood & diaconate), the process of selection of candidates. The clergy appointment selection process – Clergy Appointment Board chairs; and board members both parish and Diocesan.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

⇒ Congregations—8am Sunday

⇒ Children's ministry—that the families affected by lockdown can preserve peace in their households!

⇒ Parish Council/Wardens

⇒ Holistic Care Nursing Ministries—that our clients, carers, staff and volunteers will stay safe and well and remain positive.

⇒ Rainbow Playgroup

⇒ Lids4Kids

⇒ For all members of our parish family including Richard and Maureen Scutter; Joh Sheehan; Paul and Heather Shelley; Peter and Carol Sherman; and Brianna Smith.

⇒ 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

Monday: Roger Clive Hallows (d. 2020)

Saturday: David Frew Durie (d. 1999)
Thomas Winters (d. 2016)

COLLECT for 15th Sunday after Pentecost

O God, whose word is life,
and whose delight is to answer our cry:
give us faith like that of the woman who refused to remain an outsider,
so that we too may have the wit to argue
and demand that our children be made whole,
through Jesus Christ. **Amen**

READINGS

Proverbs 22.1-2, 22.8-9, 22.22-23

Psalm 125

James 2.1-10, 2.14-17

Mark 7.24-37

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sunday: Sally Mordike

Monday: Mel Clark

Tuesday: Hannah David-Hoole

Saturday: John Dau

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.

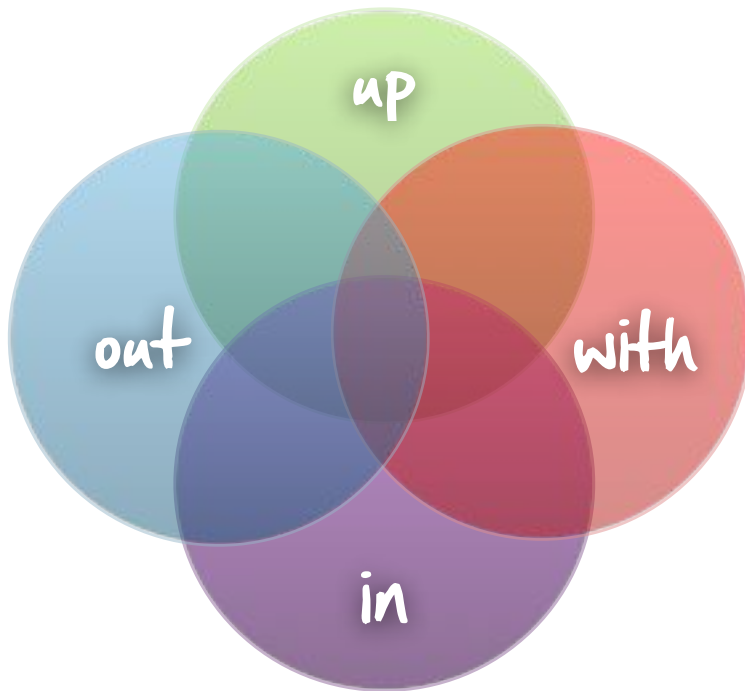
So as you think about God's call, you might want to pray about:

- 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.*