

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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COMING UP

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Kids church at 9:30am Sundays:

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Passcode: Kidschurch

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

Resumes 10 Oct

Young Adults at 10:30am Sundays

Meeting ID: 851 1798 8397

Passcode: Y4wsCZ

SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

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

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev'd Rick Tilden, ADF Chaplain

5pm—Youth Alpha

SUNDAY 19 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

Coming up

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

SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2021 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THE QUEST TO LIVE WISELY IN OUR DAILY LIVING

The OT's wisdom literature often portrays the quest to live a good life as choosing the path of righteousness against the path of wickedness; or the path of wisdom against the path of foolishness. Folly was linked to sin in wisdom thought. Wrong choices that would set us on the wicked or foolish path might be undone through confession and repentance.

In today's Proverbs reading we encounter Lady Wisdom, personified as a prophetess, as she cries in the street. She does not cry out anywhere in the city, but at the busiest corner, at the entrance by the city gates (Prov 1:21), where law, justice and administrative decisions are discussed and dispensed by elders, judges, and leaders. Lady Wisdom's reproof is directed at those who will not listen to wisdom's voice, the overly simple/ignorant ones, the scoffers, the fools, all those who have ignored the word of the Lord, who have refused to hear the prophetic warnings, and those who have attempted to find satisfaction in the ways they prefer rather than choosing God's ways (Prov 1:22,24-25,29,31). True knowledge undergirds wisdom's path. Through the medium of tight beautiful poetry, Lady Wisdom delivers publicly, a confronting message against those who refuse to pursue wisdom's path:

*"I will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
when panic strikes you like a storm
and your calamity comes like a
whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon
you.
And then they will call upon me, but I*

*will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not
find me."* (Prov 1:26-28)

Lady Wisdom's words threaten doom and destruction on the foolish in contrast to those who seek to follow wisdom's path (see Prov 2:33). *"Faith, knowledge and action, in the every day world of ancient Israel, are to form a truly self evident unity."* (Meinhold in Roland E Murphy, *The Tree of Life*, 1996, p199)

The James reading continues to explore the perceived dichotomy between faith and works which has clearly troubled his community of faith. He attacks those who want to separate faith from works and appear to advocate that the pursuit of faith is superior to the pursuit of works (Jam 2:18). James contends that faith alone is insufficient to mark a Christian life because even the Demons believe (Jam 2:18-20). Faith must be made manifest in works. Works declare faith: *faith (is) brought to completion by the works* (Jam 2:22). Faith without works is dead (Jam 2:17,26). James is trying to persuade his people not to accept false doctrines, but to pursue a wise way of living that fulfils Jesus's commands to love one another and to care for those who materially suffer and struggle to find justice. Clearly our actions count.

We pray Father, that we may seek wisdom to choose to act faithfully and lovingly, that we may grow in faith, and our lives honour our Lord Jesus Christ. May our faith be fulfilled. Amen.

Merilyn Clark

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GIVING BACK CAN BRING JOY

This week I'd like to share a story of H - an older woman who regularly comes to the St John's Care Centre to donate food. H wrote a letter to me and gave permission to share her story. I de-identified it for confidentiality.

H had been suicidal since childhood due to domestic violence having major depression. She lost her last family member as a young adult and felt totally alone in the world. Despite this, H mostly managed to hold down a job.

She had multiple serious suicide attempts. Approximately ten years ago H attempted suicide twice and was resuscitated both times. This resulted in brain damage (now resolved) which caused her to be unable to walk without falling over; to have short-term memory loss; and to have cognitive deficiency where she was unable to work out which coins to use to pay for a newspaper for example.

H was discharged from hospital into homelessness. Thankfully, the hospital assisted her to obtain Newstart Allowance and she was fortunate to have been given a place in a Women's refuge - where she stayed for a year until she received emergency housing.

"Unfortunately," she explained, "Centrelink made life very difficult. Newstart Allowance was below poverty line. This is counter-productive because people cannot afford food and medication, which causes anxiety and depression."

H was extremely ill and could not work. H says, "It was distressing that Centrelink refused to put me on a Disability Support Pension, because they said I would recover in two years". It took her four years to recover.

After all her expenses she had \$30 a fortnight left for food. Although she was careful with her money, the numerous medications she needed for the brain damage were expensive.

H struggled to find enough free food to eat until she heard about St John's Care. Our Centre supported her with food and financial assistance for prescriptions

"After four years I was well enough to both volunteer at community organisations and to obtain casual work. Both opportunities gave me great satisfaction. I was delighted that the brain damage I had sustained no longer appeared to affect me" says H.

Now, ten years later, H is in full-time work and is in a financial position to regularly give to food distribution charities. "I have chosen St John's Care Reid because of how much they helped me. It gives me great pleasure to be able to give back. I have been giving to individuals in need for several years; but am going to give a fortnightly groceries donation to St John's Care Reid because they are in a better position to allocate it fairly to people in need."

St John's Care will continue to support those in need, particularly during these difficult times. Huge thanks go to you dear readers and donors!

Kind regards, Nailia, SJC Case Manager

Items required: 500ml olive oil, tinned fruit, tinned meat meals (chunky Irish stew or Pepper steak meat) and toilet paper.

YOUTH ALPHA THIS SUNDAY

5PM

What about the church?

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

FEED YOUR SOUL

Sing to the Lord a new song, play skillfully and shout for joy. Psalm 33:3

What a glorious spring morning and I am out to find a space in the garden where God will work with me. Where he can refresh my thoughts and build on relationship, where true joy may be found, where the winged birds of the air will fill it with song and nestle busily in the Grevilia for their daily feast of nectar. It's all a feast that feeds the soul and can be found right at my doorstep. Where, I wonder, do you feed your soul?

Jehovah – shalom. The Lord is peace.

Anne, servant of the Lord

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



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.

Opportunities to zoom this week!



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TUESDAY 10:30 Have a Good Yarn has gone online. Bring your cuppa and current project and join the group on the above link.

THURSDAY 10:30 Join in the fun on the above link and chat to your Holy Covenant community in small groups.

Any problems with connecting, please call Wendy 0481 458 037

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

I wonder you've thought about our parish plan? We've had a bunch of folks respond generously to help us out. You can fill out the form and either email or post it to the office.

We'll hold a conversation about the plan on **Thursday 16 September at 7.30pm** over zoom. Just use the login details for Sundays.

It would be great to hear your thoughts, hopes and dreams for our parish.

Blessings, Wayne

FROM THE TREASURER

Offerings in August (bank transfers and plate) were \$19,423 – very close to budget. Total income was 10% above budget owing to donations received as a result of our stewardship program. Operating expenses were 8% below budget.

A subcommittee of Parish Council met last Tuesday to review the current budget in the context of the proposed deficit and to have some early discussions on the 2022 budget.

Paul Shelley
Treasurer

	August 2021	Year to 31 August	Budget 2021
Income	\$22,520	\$185,620	\$276,200
Expenditure	\$25,220	\$185,750	\$311,800
Surplus/deficit	(\$1,860)	(\$130)	(\$35,600)

“LAMENTATION FOR BLACK SUMMER”

Toni Hassan (a prizewinning artist, journalist and member of Holy Cross Hackett) is curating an online “Lamentation for Black Summer” on Sunday 12 September at 2pm – this will be a really powerful act of public lamentation, and will be of interest to anyone in your churches who mourns, hopes, prays and works for climate justice. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-summer-lamentation-on-city-hill-grief-and-hope-in-four-acts-tickets-168687106677>

Eventbrite

[Black Summer Lamentation on City Hill: Grief and Hope in four acts](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-summer-lamentation-on-city-hill-grief-and-hope-in-four-acts)

This virtual performance engages and responds to conversations about Black Summer with music and sound. (160 kB)



PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Wisdom of God, at the creation of the world you were by God's side: Teach your people to cherish the beauty of the earth, share justly the riches it provides and live together in harmony

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ For those who struggle day to day whether due to homelessness, unemployment, under employment or over work
- ⇒ 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 Grafton
- ⇒ Holy Covenant, Jamison
- ⇒ Christ Church, Hawker
- ⇒ Calvary Hospital, Bruce: Anglican Chaplaincy Team
- ⇒ Clare Holland House (ACT Hospice), Barton: St John's Canberra Clergy
- ⇒ Coral Park/ Bill McKenzie Gardens
- ⇒ St James', Holt
- ⇒ Anglicare activities in caring for and supporting older people in both in home and out of home care including nursing homes, hostels, independent living units and in the general community; for staff; and volunteers.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ Congregations—10am Sunday
- ⇒ Young adults ministry
- ⇒ Shovel Community Garden
- ⇒ Resource Group
- ⇒ Tai Chi— to continue exercising and remaining mentally alert as they exercise
- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Ruth and Riley Sparks; Mandy Squair; Eileen and Ian Sykes; Caroline and Richard Taylor, Pam Steele and Oliver; Michaelee Thornton; and Rhonda Thorpe.
- ⇒ 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.

COLLECT for 16th Sunday after Pentecost

God of mercy,
help us to forgive as you have forgiven us,
to trust you, even when hope is failing,
and to take up our cross daily
and follow you in your redeeming work;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

READINGS

Proverbs 1.20-33

Psalm 19

James 2.18-26

Mark 8.27-38

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sunday: George Gerrity, William Wood

Monday: Chris Olsson

Tuesday: Bruce Barnes

Wednesday: Tanya Boulton

Saturday: Ann Menzies

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.

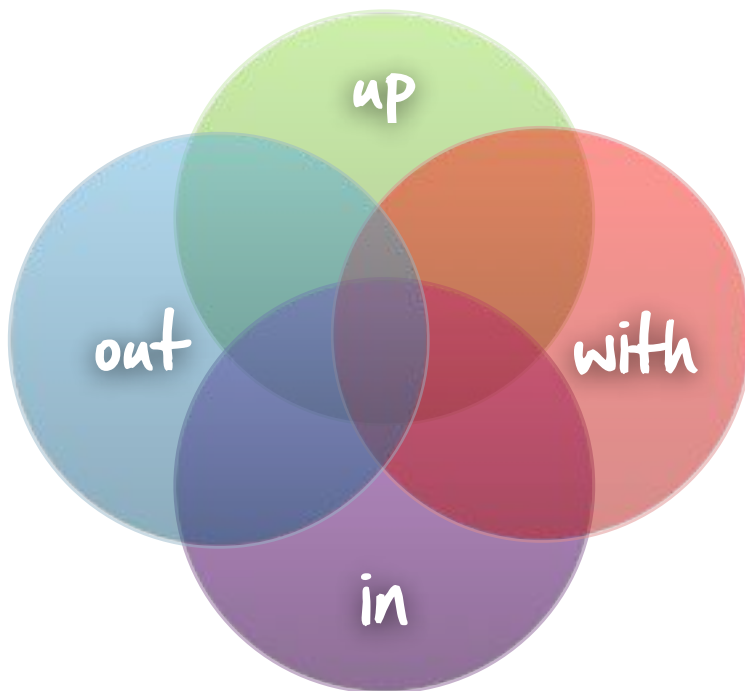
So as you think about God's call, you might want to pray about:

- 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.*