

# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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## COMING UP

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

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Password: 033643

**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 10 OCTOBER

**Pet Blessing online at 8am and 10am.**

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

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Celebrant:

The Rev'd Dr Wayne Brighton

Preacher:

The Rt Revd Carol Wagner

5pm—Youth Alpha

## SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER

Registration required by TryBooking

8am

<https://www.trybooking.com/BUQJN>

10am

<https://www.trybooking.com/BUQJP>

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev'd Dr Wayne Brighton

5pm—Twilight Conversations

## Coming up

Confirmations—Sun 5 December with Bishop Stephen Pickard

## 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 10 OCTOBER 2021**

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE FOR GOD Mark 10:17-30**

I often wonder at how Jesus must cry over the conflicts that occur in the Holy Land. I suspect his tears are accompanied by his plea from Matthew's gospel: *'Jerusalem, Jerusalem.....how often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings and you are not willing!'*

In today's Gospel a young man asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. Imagine in our own time two young men, one Israeli, the other Palestinian coming up to Jesus and asking. "What must we do to find peace?" Jesus might remind them, one Jewish, the other Muslim, of their common ancestor for both Jew and Muslim claim Abraham as their ancestor and he might tell them a story from Genesis about hospitality, about welcoming the stranger, about a pathway to peace and believing all things are possible for God.

All of this reminds me that perhaps the church has not learnt a great deal about welcoming and embracing the stranger among us. Yes, we may say, our churches are

good at welcoming, are good at hospitality and often they are, BUT does that welcome go beyond to those we see as 'fit to be among us?' 'Does it go to embracing as well?'

Conflict is still visible in our churches about who can join us and who can't. I find it not helpful when we 'play God' on these matters and sometimes I think of what it would be like if Jesus was the welcomer at our church doors. We live side by side with the people in the community who are welcomed and embraced in all venues and activities so why is it so hard for the church to learn to not only welcome but to embrace also?

In the reading from Wisdom, we read 'Therefore I prayed, and understanding was given to me.'

May we also pray deeply to God for wisdom in understanding, in welcome and to go that bit further and embrace.

May we well ask Jesus what we must do to inherit eternal life and didn't Jesus say 'Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first'?

*Archdeacon Anne*

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## LOCKDOWN CONFUSION AND THEN RESCUE FROM EMERGENCY RELIEF

One day last week when I was making well-being calls to clients, a familiar name appeared on my list. J is a regular client, a single mother of two who has been struggling to get a job for a while.

J says that because her command of the English language isn't as great as most employers would like to see, it keeps her unemployed. J arrived from one of the African countries 10 years ago. She can't write and can't read well, but in my opinion, her verbal English is good enough. That's what I praised her on last time she came in. A compliment she was so shy to accept.

This time when J answered my call her voice sounded tired. "How are you going? How are the kids?" I asked after introducing myself. "Oh, my goodness, are you guys still open? I had no idea, I thought St John's Care was also shut during this lockdown." said J in a happy voice.

She proceeded to tell me more about how it really was going for her and her two primary school age children. She explained that obtaining food was very difficult because her children had to stay at home while she was shopping. She told me how money they received from Centrelink wasn't enough. But most of all, J said, the biggest struggle was home schooling. It was a tremendous burden on her as she herself isn't fully literate.

I invited J to visit the St John's Care Centre to get some fresh food and clothes for the children, which she gladly accepted. When J came in, we provided her with enough fresh fruit, vegetables and other essential foods to keep the family going - as well as giving her a box of clothes to choose from. J's two children were with her and had the biggest smiles on their faces as they went through the box of clothes and toys that volunteers had brought out for them!

J's said that her heart filled with joy when she approached SJC Centre. For her it was the place where she felt accepted for who she is and felt like everything would be okay. "I wish I could give you a hug, I can't wait for the day when we are back to normal and we can see each other's unmasked faces too. It means a lot to my children & I to be able to come to St John's Care regularly", she said. "Thanks a million!"

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!

**Items required:** Shampoo & Conditioner, 500ml olive oil, tinned meats e.g Irish Stew

Kind regards,  
Nailia, SJC Case Manager

We understand that shopping is not that easy at the moment. So, if you would like to donate so we can do the shopping for you.

Please go to our website at  
<https://www.stjohnscare.org.au/>

Or  
St John's Care  
BSB: 702-389  
ACC: 0520 9490  
Thank you

# YOUTH ALPHA SUNDAY 5PM



## How do I make the most of my life?

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

## GOD'S HOUR

*Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary: Psalm 96:6*

There is such an urgency and an excitement about the dawn of a new day. Its like a 'calling' that can't be resisted. 'Come,' it says, 'come quickly before I pass and we haven't met.'

The air is still and the morning light is infused with colour in anticipation of the rising sun. The dew is still on the grass and little notes of morning welcome, the only sound to hear, comes from within the trees as a little bird sing its praises of a new day.

I picture it standing tall on its spindly legs, head held high and its tiny beak wide open sending forth note after note of praises to God. I like to think it is singing morning praises to God, just as I do when I am 'called' to see the dawn. I reflect on the words of William Wordsworth who said: Blessed was it that dawn to be alive.

Jehovah -shalom. The Lord is peace.

Anne, servant of the Lord

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



And the little bird sang



This Sunday we are blessing your pets during the 8 and 10am services. You are invited to bring them along to the zoom service for a blessing. If they are reluctant to join us then a photo will do. *Prayer for my pet: Good St Francis, you loved all of God's creation. To you they were your brothers and sisters. Help us to follow your example of treating every living thing with kindness. St Francis, patron saint of animals, watch over my pet and keep my companion safe. Amen.*

Archdeacon Anne. Noah's Ark Pet Ministry

PS. You can find us on the Noah's Ark Pet Ministry Facebook page.

## 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



## ROAD TO REOPENING

Restrictions on movement will be easing shortly as vaccination targets are achieved. It will be important for us

to maintain social distancing and other safe practices as some transmission of COVID will occur in the community.

As a church, we value our freedom to love and serve our neighbours. Consequently, we encourage all volunteers and participants in worship and other activities to be vaccinated, noting that some may have a medical exemption or not be old enough to receive it. Unvaccinated adults and those concerned about their health should continue to participate using ZOOM during this transition period.

Our reopening is likely to proceed through a series of steps:

### Step 1 from 15 October

- face masks (indoors and outdoors) and QR Codes required
- worship to recommence on 17 October with 25 attenders (register via Trybooking)
- masks can be removed when reading Scripture, saying intercessions and consuming Communion. Individual cups will be used
- Video music will be used as corporate singing

is presently prohibited

- Kid's church continues online
- activities in Rainbow and Worship Centres can recommence with capacity limits of 25 in each venue
- No morning tea at worship
- Home and pastoral visits of up to 5 people can recommence

### Step 2 from 29 October

- face masks (indoors only) and QR Codes required
- attendance based on 1 per 4 sqm or 50 people in worship centre
- morning tea at worship may recommence
- Home and pastoral visits of up to 10 people can recommence
- Kid's church will resume in-person on 31 October, going to Rainbow Centre directly

### Step 3 in late November / December

- face masks (indoors only) and QR Codes required
- in-person music to resume when singing is permitted
- HCNM and Colours of God are discussing the process for returning to activity

Thanks for all your patience and prayers as in-person activity slowly resumes as restrictions ease.

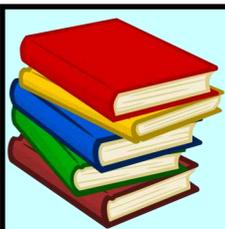
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**A Spring Poem from Richard  
'Canberra Speaking'**

Richard Scutter is well known by the church. As one of his activities he has been writing poetry.

His online poetry can be found at:

<https://mywordinyourear.com/2021/09/23/canberra-can-canberra-speaking/>



**RUNNING OUT OF READING MATERIAL DURING THE LOCKDOWN??**

No need to worry, the Street Library in the foyer of the church can meet your needs. Take one and leave one or just take

one. And while you're there you can help yourself to the container of wool!

**PARISH FETE UPDATE**

We would like to encourage you to keep potting plants. There will be a decision made in December as to how we will proceed with them.

It's a lovely time of the year and we have time on our hands so enjoy the garden and potting.

All else for the fete is on hold until further notice.

Thank you all.

*Archdeacon Anne*

**EXPLORING FAITH MATTERS**

Exploring Faith Matters will be in recess for the next two weeks and will resume on Thursday 14 October.

*Merri Bacon*

**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](mailto:merri.bacon@bigpond.com)

**MEETING UPDATE**

Crafty Crew will **NOT** meet 18/10

Book Club will meet 21/10 at 2 pm

*Gillian Painter*



**NUNGALINYA ENEWS - OCTOBER 2021**

**Prayer Points**

**Thanks:**

- For the faithful service of Tony Goodluck, outgoing Dean for Uniting Church students.
  - For our Cert III in Ministry & Theology class that just graduated.
- For the encouragement and blessing Anna, Rich and the Pioneers team have been.

**Requests:**

- For Tony Goodluck's installment as Moderator of the Northern Synod Uniting Church in Australia.
  - For our graduated Cert III students to share their learnings with their communities.
- For our Men's Class students to keep being good role models in their contexts.

**RECRUITING AN OFFICE MANAGER & BOOKKEEPER**

We are seeking a proactive manager who will assist in the efficient and effective operation of a growing church office by managing its business operations, daily activities and support to the ministry team.

We are also seeking a bookkeeper to assist our treasurer with managing our accounts.

Position descriptions are available from the rector on request.



## PRAYER POINTS

### IN THE WORLD

⇒ Lead us in the path of righteousness so that we may leave behind violence and greed and follow in your way, that all your people may live in dignity and peace

### 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

⇒ May we have wisdom in managing COVID especially courage to be vaccinated, compassion for those who can't, generosity to those who've lost employment and strength for those working in intensive care units

### IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

⇒ Bishop to the Defence Force  
⇒ St Philip's O'Connor  
⇒ Defence Force Chaplains  
⇒ Regular - Full Time; Reserve – Part Time  
⇒ Service Chaplains from this Diocese serving elsewhere  
⇒ Churchwardens; members of Parish Councils; and Lay Leaders.

### IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

⇒ Congregations—10am Sunday  
⇒ Young Adults Ministry  
⇒ Shovel Community Garden—for continued care of our community as we regather  
⇒ Resources Group  
⇒ Tai Chi—Give thanks for safe keeping of group members and prayer for a safe and enthusiastic return when lockdown has ended  
⇒ For all members of our parish family including Bob and Kath Arthur; Richard Arthur; Merri Bacon; Bruce and Beverley Barnes; Trish Barnes; and David Barrott.  
⇒ 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, the Shelley family and anyone known to us personally.

### COMMEMORATIONS

**Sunday:** Ross Hughan (d. 1995)  
**Friday:** Daphne Watts (d. 2000);  
Francis Thomas Freeman (d. 2003)

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**Monday** - Eli Lundie  
**Tuesday** - Dylan Mordike  
**Thursday** - Helen Boulton, Patrick Stark  
**Friday** - Phyl Holmes  
**Saturday** - Kath Arthur, David Meggs

## COLLECT for 20th Sunday After Pentecost

Merciful God,  
in your Son you call not the righteous but sinners to repentance:  
draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction,  
and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant,  
that in seeking your truth,  
and obeying your will,  
we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus our Saviour;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## READINGS

Job 23.1-9, 23.16-17

Psalm 22.1-15

Hebrews 4.12-16

Mark 10.17-31

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