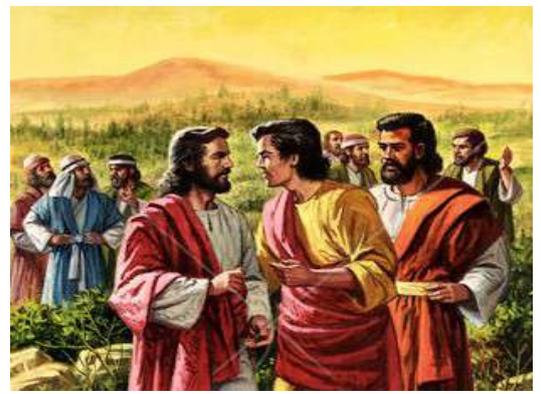


HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



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 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

SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER

Registration required by TryBooking
8am

<https://www.trybooking.com/BUQJT>
10am

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

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev'd Dr Wayne Brighton

5pm—Youth Alpha

Coming up

Confirmations—Sun 5 December with
Bishop Stephen Pickard

Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

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SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER 2021

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CAN WE SIT AT YOUR RIGHT AND LEFT HAND JESUS? (Mark 10:35-45)

Well, we might think what a bold and selfish request to make to Jesus. What was James and John thinking and their mother for that matter (Matthew 20:21). I find it interesting that in making a request of Jesus we can either use or abuse prayer.

Jesus handled this situation by saying it is not his role to grant such requests. That belonged to his father to whom he was obedient and he wouldn't over ride that. What James and John were looking for here was a rise in power and status. Their desire to power-grab is nothing new. We hear of it every day through the media, our political system, our government on the basis of favors asked and favors given and dare I say, we see it in the church also. James and John's yearning for privilege is simply part of our humanity and probably no one in this world, (unless you are a Mother Teresa) has completely pure motives.

Mark in his gospel portrays the disciples as slow to grasp the message of Jesus but following the resurrection they realized who this Jesus truly was. That he was indeed

the Son of God and had come into their world and ours so we could live out our lives—in the words of Jesus that 'he didn't come to serve, but to be served.' These few words are what change our lives as Christians. Once we actually hear the words of Jesus to 'come follow me' we should then ask, 'when, where and how?'

Mark's gospel helps us to be more optimistic about our human condition. Even if we sometimes behave like James and John, Mark wants us to see, through his gospel, that the reality of the crucifixion is changing us also.

We are on the same journey as James and John, seeking to discover Jesus, to hear his voice and all that means for us, and we know that the voice we hear is authentic if it calls us to serve and not be served. That call comes every day. No, we are not called to be all like Mother Teresa and others who have truly seen the risen Christ but we are called to be Tony, Beverly, Alice, Margaret, Peter or whoever and to be that person within the circumstances God has placed us.

Archdeacon Anne

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AN UNFAMILIAR VOICE

I was standing in the beautiful sun yesterday having a casual conversation with a client when I saw a woman approaching our Centre. Her head was bowed, and it was only until she was within arm's reach that I saw her face.

I introduced myself to the softly spoken woman and quickly picked up on her reservations. I offered to continue the conversation whilst walking around the lovely garden – she seemed pleased by the suggestion and accepted.

W is a middle-aged woman who lives with her young daughter in a modest home. She explained that she and her daughter have never been well off but have also never required support until recently.

W had finished another long week of work when she sat down on her computer to begin planning upcoming birthday and Christmas gifts for her daughter. After an hour or so of searching, W found the perfect gift for on Amazon and purchased it. A few days later, W received a text from amazon, asking her to confirm her delivery details. W obliged, and soon received a phone call from an Amazon representative.

The man explained that Amazon was having some technical difficulties and asked her to confirm her details by clicking a link which had been emailed to her. With no reason to be suspicious, W once again obliged. The pair talked on the phone for a few minutes, until she became suspicious. She noticed some errors in the email and raised her concerns with the man on the phone.

He immediately hung up and the conversation ended. W promptly emailed Amazon and reported the incident, still unsure of the true nature of the conversation.

Within hours, W received multiple notifications from her bank stating that funds had been withdrawn from her account in California. W called the police and was put in touch with the cybercrime unit.

Over the past few weeks, W has been working closely with her bank, and AFP to rectify the situation and recoup some of the thousands of dollars that had been stolen from her.

“All of our bills and expenses are linked to my everyday account, so once the account was empty, we quickly fell behind on our bills. I've received overdue notices for my Gas, Electricity and water bills, and my phone service will be cut off next week. I am desperate.”

Tears streamed down her face as she explained her situation. We continued walking through the gardens, as I called the hardship officer from ActewAGL and three of us talked through the situation. Within minutes, W's debts had been reduced, and she had a clear plan to remove her debt.

Thanks to the support from our donors, we were able to reduce W's bills further and remove some stress from her life. I put together a large bag of groceries, fresh fruit and vegetables, dairy and meat. I took W to our storage area and together we selected some gifts for her daughter.

Since W visited our Centre, I arranged for a home energy assessment at her home to help reduce her ongoing costs. W feels more positive about her situation and has noticed a positive change in her daughter too.

I would like to thank all of our supporters for their

contributions, St John's Care is a fantastic organisation doing amazing things within the community.

Robbie Speldewinde, Program Coordinator

Items Required: Biscuits, Tinned Fruit, Cooking Oil, Pasta Sauce

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

PEACE

My peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. John 14:27

The endurance of us all in lockdown is perhaps running a bit thin. We have mixed feelings. Perhaps we are keen to resume some form of more natural living or perhaps we might want to just stay in our own home bubble, either way our spirit is probably waning. Around my garden and on my permitted walk I find my spirit is lifted considerably as I see, with more awareness, the beauty of spring, the birds of the air and sense the perfume of flowers. Have they all been more obvious because we are living in a quieter, stiller life and how do we retain that when life resumes again in all its business? Thoughts for reflection and prayer.

Joyce Rupp writes: The loveliness of a single flower in radiant bloom can sing my drooping spirit into joy. May the Lord of Peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.

Anne, servant of the Lord

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



A thing of beauty

FROM PHIL BLOOMFIELD

Thank you all for your prayers and support as I have sought to serve you as Parish Administrator over the past two and a half years and this time comes to an end. You are such a wonderful group!

I pray that you may prosper and have much joy in reaching the surrounding community!

Blessings,

Phil

MEETING UPDATE

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

Book Club will meet 21/10 at 2 pm

Gillian Painter

Opportunity to zoom

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

Any problems with connecting, please call Wendy 0481 458 037

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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.

Wayne

**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/>

FROM THE TREASURER

Offerings in September were \$19,424 – very close to budget. Total income was well above budget owing to donations received as a result of our stewardship program.

Owing to the effects of COVID on parish operations the Diocese has cancelled the monthly parish contributions for all ministry units for three months. Because of this and other COVID effects, operating expenses were significantly below budget.

A subcommittee of Parish Council met last Tuesday to develop a draft budget for 2022 for consideration at the October meeting of Parish Council.

Paul Shelley

Treasurer

	September 2021	Year to 30 September	31 August revised budget
Income	\$31,310	\$216,934	\$276,200
Expenditure	\$18,700	\$204,500	\$311,800
Surplus/deficit	\$12,610	\$12,434	(\$35,600)



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

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

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.

OCTOBER ANGLICAN NEWS

The October 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-October-2021.pdf>

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ We pray for all who spend their lives in working for a more just world. Help us to set aside arrogance and self-importance, and to those who govern give wisdom, integrity and a determination to seek the common good

IN AUSTRALIA

⇒ We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. We praise God for the people who nurtured the land here in our parish that we call home.

⇒ 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

- ⇒ Diocese of North Queensland
- ⇒ Queanbeyan and District Anglican Church
- ⇒ Community of Celebration and Mary's Place
- ⇒ Anglicare Retail Outlets (Queanbeyan, Phillip & Erindale)
- ⇒ Alexander Maconochie Correctional Centre
- ⇒ The Anglican School Googong
- ⇒ Work amongst needy, unemployed and homeless people of all ages

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ Congregations—5pm Sunday
- ⇒ Belonging and caring team
- ⇒ Monastery of the Heart— for members of the MOTH Group, that going forward we may be led to a book that will open our hearts and minds more full
- ⇒ Parish Quiet Day
- ⇒ Work Health and Safety
- ⇒ Curate and Community Worker—Wendy Robertson
- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Peter and Ann Bazeos; Phil Bloomfield; Graham and Graciela Bonnett; and Harris and Helen Boulton.
- ⇒ 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, Wendy and Peter Ward, the Shelley family and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Monday: Dawn Jane Hardman (d. 2020)

COLLECT for 21st Sunday After Pentecost

God of unchangeable power,
when the heaven and earth were made,
the morning stars sang together
and the host of heaven shouted for joy:
open our eyes to the wonders of creation
and teach us to use all things for good, to
the honour of your glorious name;
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

Job 38:1-7
Psalm 104:1-10, 26
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sunday - Bob Arthur

Monday - Dave Peebles

Saturday - Mary Lynn Mather