

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Kids church at 9:30am Sundays:

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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 24 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—Youth Alpha

SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER

Registration required by TryBooking
8am

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

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

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev'd Dr Wayne Brighton

5pm—Twilight conversations

Coming up

Confirmations—Sunday 5 December with
Bishop Stephen Pickard

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SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER 2021

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.

(Mark 10:46-52)

For most of us, seeing is a matter of life or death. We see a car coming, we see the pedestrian crossing, we see any obstacles that may be in our path, we see the symptoms of disease and are safe. We see the trees change colour, the sun set, the moon rise, the birds fly, the faces of our children, our parents, our spouse and are filled with abundant life. We see and not only live but are filled with life. But for blind Bartimaeus, *hearing* and acceptance was what gave him his life. He heard about Jesus and he heard the commotion in the street at his coming and seated by the road side he waited patiently, and in anticipation to ask Jesus to have pity on him and give him sight. Jesus not only restores Bartimaeus's sight but gives him a life in following him. Faith came to Bartimaeus by hearing. For me this raises the questions to ask ourselves. When and where did we first hear the name Jesus and who introduced us to him? What did you do next?

This story also challenges me to think how many people have we

passed by, who came to hear about Jesus but were not deemed to be 'suitable' to be among us. It's a bit like the crowd trying to silence Bartimaeus but it is faith that causes him to shout even louder to Jesus because he knows he can heal him and then Jesus hears him and so his journey towards healing, physically and spiritually begins. I ask myself the question: How can people, seeking Jesus, to be healed if we don't make them feel welcome? What are the criteria for worshiping in our churches? Is it about looking nice and normal, having good manners, willing to help and participate, seemingly of pure heart?

I know I didn't initially arrive at a church fitting that mold. Did we not all arrive searching to hear about Jesus and find a church that would accept us so we could grow both spiritually and as a person, from a situation of needing healing, and did that not eventually fill us with abundant life? Wanting to see Jesus is not for the 'pure in heart', its from knowing we are blind and want to see.

Archdeacon Anne

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Support over the phone came on time

Over the last few months of lock down St John's Care has received numerous calls from people asking for support.

One day a young mother named T (not her real name) called me saying that she was in isolation due to Covid contact and her three children aged between 2 and 7 were at home with her. T said she felt terrible – not so much because the children were at home with her, but because she couldn't go anywhere for two weeks. She couldn't get groceries, take children to the park or see her mother who helps to look after the kids. T was telling me that without that support network she felt extremely isolated and overwhelmed by what was happening.

T and her children reside in an ACT Housing unit. The stove broke just before they went into lockdown, so no handy man could come out to fix it. This being the case, I arranged for several bags of groceries and ready meals to be delivered to her. One of our amazing volunteers put their hand up to deliver the goods because they would be in the same area after they finished their shift at St John's Care.

To provide a temporary solution whilst her stove was broken, SJC had some Kmart vouchers we could give her to buy a microwave online. This would enable her to cook proper meals for the family while waiting for her stove to be fixed.

I called T back to tell her that food would be delivered and that we had included the Kmart vouchers. What we heard was the loudest "THANK YOU, you guys are AMAZING!"

As a surprise, we also included some toys and books for the children. The following day T called us with joy in her voice. She told us how amazed the kids looked when they received the bags. "They had the biggest smiles on their faces, I haven't seen them this happy in months" she said.

"By the way," T hesitated, "Would you know where I could get assistance with an ActewAGL bill?" I explained that SJC could assist by processing a \$100 voucher on the spot for her – which left her speechless for a minute. She then said "Thanks lots, St John's Care, your assistance is invaluable."

Huge thanks go to you dear readers and donors, you make a difference in many lives, especially lives of St John's Care clients.

Kind regards,
Nailia, SJC Case Manager

Items Required: Tinned meat (e.g., Irish Stew), powdered milk (full cream), shampoo and conditioner, tinned vegetables

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
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Thank you

YOUTH ALPHA SUNDAY 5PM



How can I be filled with God's Spirit?

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

The Banquet House

He brought me to the banqueting house and his intention towards me was love. Song of Solomon 2:4

Simple joys can be found every day if we are open to them. We can look with our eyes and not see or we can look with our soul and see so much. For a week or more now I have been watching the roses budding. The swelling of the bud with a hint of colour showing through its tip is a daily watch of expectation. Expectation of what is hidden, of what is to come and the wonder of all through its phases of its life until it reaches its full potential – perfect formation in its layers of petals, or layers of skirts as Mary Oliver would say, and the perfume well, as we say, is heavenly and yes, there are thorns but they also have a message. I think I will call the garden the 6th gospel, full of messages and stories that link us to God. (The 5th gospel is claimed in Israel when you follow in the steps of Jesus) enjoy all you see with the eyes of your soul. Pause in wonder and see through it to God. Jehovah – shalom. The Lord is peace. *Anne, servant of the Lord.*



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



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Thanks to Wayne for continuing with our zoom services over lockdown. It's not easy preaching to an empty church.

Thanks also to the sound desk people, particularly Mark Cooper-Stanbury and Anne and Martin Lange for their dedication.



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

ST MARK'S OPEN DAY

Our annual Open Day is coming up!

And this year, you'll have TWO dates to choose from.

Come speak to lecturers, learn about our courses, and find out how you can deepen your faith and enhance your work and ministry by studying with us — all from the comfort of your natural surroundings.

2PM SAT 6 NOV
7PM WED 17 NOV



ONLINE OPEN DAY

ON ZOOM

Advent Invitations

amid COVID uncertainties

ANSD Quiet Day

with Dr Frances MacKay

Saturday 27 Nov 2021

9.30 am to 3pm



Although we are emerging from lockdown, we might still feel we are in a wilderness of uncertainty. This Quiet Day is an opportunity to reflect on how we might make a way in this wilderness by pondering what has been germinating in us during the extended time of compulsory retreat imposed by COVID, and what might now be seeking to be born in us and in our world at this time.

Are we, like Mary, willing to say 'yes' to what has been given us to birth – for our own sake and for the sake of the world? Even without knowing what that might be? In pondering these powerful archetypal themes of gestation, annunciation, creativity and birthing, we shall be seeking wisdom and inspiration not only from scripture, but also poets and mystics of different eras.

Frances MacKay, after retiring from university teaching, continues pastoral supervision, spiritual companionship and retreat facilitation. She is particularly grateful for the companionship of nature and books, as well as opportunities to find community via Zoom, at a time when face-to-face contact with others has been so restricted.

Please RSVP by Friday 19 November to ansdact@gmail.com

Venue: Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall St, Barton, Canberra (off Kings Ave, parking available). This event is subject to Zoom delivery, depending on numbers and social restrictions at the time. Venue or Zoom details to be advised closer to the date.

Cost: \$30 (cash only on the day) Electronic transfer to "Australian Network for Spiritual Direction" / BSB 032-719 / Account 301 994 / Reference: SurnameQD

Please arrive by 9:20am for registration. Morning tea provided. Please BYO lunch and journal. Outdoor reflection possible, weather permitting. Further enquiries: Annie Patterson, ANSD Convenor for Canberra & Region, 0450 488 278.



SHARING YOUR GIFTS

COVID has been a time when many people have started to rethink what's important to them and where their energy and attention is most needed. Usually the list starts with work and family. Then comes sport, birthdays and holidays. Church sometimes peaks in just ahead of cleaning out the shed.

Did you know that church is one of the few places where the quality of the experience depends on those who participate voluntarily?

Everything at church depends on people giving their time and energy for others. Whether it is putting out the seats we sit on, greeting each other at the door, paying music or running the video cameras, helpers make all the difference.

Our worship is open to all people, irrespective of their age, orientation, gender, class, background or impairment. This is why we need to see all kinds of people in the sanctuary whether they are carrying the cross, reading with expression, praying with passion or helping out with communion.

Morning tea is everyone's favourite time. Without people to make the coffee and share the cake, we all head home feeling like something was missing.

I hope you might think you could give it a go. We'd love to hear your voice, share your perspective or make your contribution to the mix that is Holy Covenant.

If you want to have a go, talk to Wayne. We can give you a brief role description, some pointers to help you grow in confidence and heaps of encouragement for the journey.

We just can't make church without you.

Wayne Brighton

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	Budget 2021
Income	\$31,310	\$216,934	\$276,200
Expenditure	\$18,700	\$204,500	\$311,800
Surplus/deficit	\$12,610	\$12,434	(\$35,600)

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

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Open Garden Fundraiser

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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 AND 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

⇒ We pray for all people of vision, who through their insight in science, humanities, government, media and education make this world we share safer, productive and more equal for all.

IN AUSTRALIA

⇒ We pray for all who have lost their vision and all who have lost their way through a lack of insight. In particular for those who are blind or impaired and for all those agencies and missions that seek to improve the quality of life for others through education, medicine and invention.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

⇒ Diocese of The Murray
⇒ Tumut
⇒ Adelong
⇒ Tarcutta
⇒ South-West Slopes Ministry District (the Parishes of Batlow and Tumbarumba)
⇒ Pray for: Ministry to prisoners and prison officers; Kairos ministry.

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 Heather Boyd; Wayne, Meg and Iona Brighton; Valda Bromhead; and Lorraine and Geoff Buckland.
⇒ 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, and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Saturday: Florence Olsen (d. 1995)

COLLECT for 22nd Sunday After Pentecost
God who breaks through our darkness,
you give light to the blind and comfort to the sorrowing,
and in your Son you have given us
a High Priest who has offered the true sacrifice for us
and yet can sympathise with us in our weakness:
hear the cry of your people
and lead us home to our true country,
where with your Son and the Holy Spirit
you live and reign, One God,
in glory everlasting. **Amen**

READINGS

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Hebrews 7:21-28
Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22 Mark 10:46-52

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sunday - Wendy Ward
Tuesday - Harris Boulton
Friday - Aidan Judd, Clive Rodgers
Saturday - Ian Matters