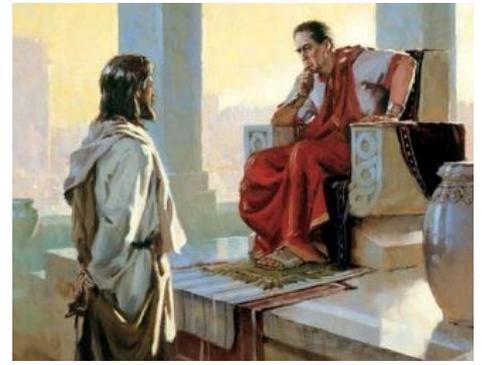


HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2021

CHRIST THE KING

The Reign of God

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Kids church is on at 10am Sundays in person.

Young Adults at 10:30am Sundays Meeting in person.

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Celebrant:

The Rev'd Dr Wayne Brighton

Preacher: Venerable (EM) Anne Ranse

OAM

5pm – Youth Alpha

SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev'd Dr

Wayne Brighton

5pm – Twilight Conversations

Coming up

Confirmation Sunday 5 December with Bishop Stephen Pickard

Big garden day Saturday 27 November

Community lunch Thursday 9 December

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This Sunday concludes our church calendar. Next Sunday is Advent which starts the new year. The year concludes with an emphasis on the reign of God, that Christ is King and that we owe our ultimate allegiance to Jesus who overcomes evil and death.

2 Samuel 23 contains King David's last words. They are perplexing, challenging and confronting. Through David God declares that a just and pious ruler embodies the virtues of all of Israel's traditions. Foundational is fear of the Lord. The imagery is wonderful and universally understood: *It is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.* Revelling in such beauty is much easier if we are justly governed.

It is interesting that the Davidic covenant is asked as a question. It is not a presumption. In so doing David is not cheapening God's grace. It is also important to remind ourselves of the many failures of David and his household. They were legion: his adulterous relationship with Bathsheba one of the most notable. In some ways this is encouraging. Notwithstanding our failings and sins God still loves us and can bless others through our imperfect lives. However, those who pursue evil will be cast aside like thorns.

In the Gospel reading Pilate asks Jesus "Are you the King of the Jews?". This is not an innocent question. It combines both religious and political overtones. In reality Pilate was asking whether Jesus was leading a revolution. Jesus

knows the importance of Pilate's question. His response is to state that his kingdom is not an earthly kingdom and therefore not a threat to Pilate nor to civil order. Yet Pilate responds by asking again about who Jesus is and whether he is a king. Jesus' response is to state that Jesus' destiny is determined to testify to the truth.

This interchange with Pilate is important. Pilate is seeking "truth" from Jesus in the form of a confession. However, real truth has eluded Pilate. He has not listened to Jesus, seen his messiahship, his ministry amongst his people, his signs, nor recognised that the son of God is standing before him. In so doing it is Pilate who is condemned.

Jesus' encounters are often about "talking at crossed purposes", whether it is with Nicodemus about the meaning of being "born again" or the Samaritan woman at the well about "living water". In John 3 and 4 both Nicodemus and the woman at the well are seekers. They are not adversaries. Pilate is an adversary. Being an adversary means he cannot see nor perceive the truth. Nor can he hear Jesus' voice. Pilate is not a just and pious ruler. Jesus is the embodiment of the covenant with David, meaning he is pious and just.

Too often we look for the wrong truth: truth that convinces rather than convicts; a truth that affirms us rather than a truth that challenges us; a truth in our image rather than the image of God. Destiny and truth did not reside with Pilate or Rome, but with a carpenter from Nazareth.

Clive Rodger

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A stolen purse meant not getting back home

A couple visited the St John's Care Centre early in the morning one day last week. M and T looked very sad; M was crying as she started telling me their

story.

The couple came to town from Bega to visit their relatives whom they hadn't seen for several months. The day before they had been on a tram trip to see the highlights of Canberra. As they were waiting for a tram to arrive, M sat down and placed her purse on the bench next to her. When the tram arrived, M reached down to pick up her purse and it was gone. Both she and her partner were devastated.

M had almost \$200 in the purse, but also lost were all of the identification documents and bank cards. They reported the theft to the police immediately, but their belongings were gone. They were unable to even purchase petrol to get back home to Bega.

Luckily, M and T reached out for help and came to our Centre. We sat down in the courtyard and I was able to support them as best as possible given the circumstances. Both of them needed the support as they were extremely emotional.

Whilst I was supporting the couple, our beautiful volunteers prepared a few bags of fresh fruit and vegies to take with them. We included some other non-perishable food in a bag as well. I provided them with a few vouchers to enable them to purchase enough petrol to get back home to Bega.

Tears of appreciation rolled down M's face and her partner T exclaimed, "I had no idea we could get help from the community in this way! It means a lot to us. We will never forget this generosity!"

We also offered them a few items of clothing which they gratefully accepted.

In this letter I would like to pass on M and T's sincere appreciation and enormously big thanks to you, dear readers and donors. Each and every one of you make a difference in lives of St John's Care clients.

Kind regards, Nailia, SJC Case Manager

Items required: Vegemite, Tinned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Biscuits, Washing Powder

Christmas donation suggestions

If you would like to make a contribution to St John's Care this Christmas, we are seeking some items to fill our Christmas Treat bags:

- Packet of Lollies (Family pack)
- 1 Litre Juice
- Tube or packet of chips
- Jelly (85 grams)
- Chocolate biscuits or Shortbread
- Popcorn

To supplement the Christmas Hampers and Christmas Treat bags, we will be giving each registered family a \$15 supermarket gift card. We are currently seeking \$15 supermarket gift cards and welcome any support we can receive with this.

All donations can be dropped at 45 Constitution Avenue in Reid from 9:30am-2pm Monday to Fridays.

OUR NEW OFFICE MANAGER

Megan Watts joined the Holy Covenant family in December 2020. She and her partner Richard Arthur regularly attend the 10am service, where Megan is a member of the music team. Prior to joining Holy Covenant, Megan was an active member of Tuggeranong Uniting Church, where she served in many roles from running Alpha kitchens to Deputy Chair of the Church Council.



Megan's personal ministries sit squarely in the social justice field. She is the President of Diversity ACT Community Services, (an LGBTQIA+ support agency), and has many years of engagement with supporting refugees and asylum seekers.

Megan is looking forward to using her administrative skills to support the Holy Covenant family in exploring ways to discover, understand and grow in our relationships with each other and our wider community.

GOD'S BLESSINGS ARE NEAR

Hearts burning within us. Luke 24. (And so, they saw Christ)

Sometimes the presence of God's blessings takes your breath away. Sometimes the blessing is meant to be just yours and it turns into a prayer on your breath. Such blessings often catch you unawares and last a life time. One such blessing came when my ear rested on the merry trilling song of the Blue Wren and my eyes fell on it's brilliant metallic blue feathers. The first blessing this little bird gave me has impacted my life and bonded with me. God's blessings come in many forms, often sighted or heard by just you at that particular time. That is your blessing, God sent.

Jehovah – Shalom. The Lord is peace.

Anne, servant of the Lord.



Why didn't anyone tell me about this?

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GREAT BIG GARDEN DAY

**Saturday 27 November
10am - 2pm**

**Come along to pull some weeds
share a barbeque & swap some plants**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2022

Much of our world today is either curated or contracted, either way someone else makes it happen. Church is different. Churches that value inclusion and diversity are constructed by those willing to help.

Helping can be as little or as much as you can manage. From doing a reading, sharing intercessions, playing music, operating the cameras or laughing with the kids are some ways your help can go a long way. Helping the accounts to balance, leading a home group or jumping on Council are other ways to help our church grow stronger.

Nominations for **parish council and wardens** are now open. Councillors and wardens help our parish to grow by turning aspirations into plans that are practical and achievable. All it takes is a bit of spark to make something happen, a preparedness to listen to the views of others, and the ability to work with a team.

If you'd like our church to be more outward looking and better at engaging our neighbourhood so that it can thrive, why not consider joining the team?

Have a chat with Wayne, Joh, Allison or Deranie if you're unsure or you know of someone who's just waiting to be asked.



Christ the King Sunday **The Christmas Bowl of Remembrance**

It's been more than 70 years since Reverend Frank Byatt started the Christmas Bowl. He put a Bowl of Remembrance on his Christmas dinner table and asked his loved ones to place a gift in it to 'share your good dinner with hungry children in other lands'. Please join with us again this Christmas Bowl, as together we share God's love, helping create a world where uprooted people have a safe place to belong. **Please give today.**

CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



After all the events of the last few years we are excited to return to residential Camp Pelican.

Dear Friends and Supporters of Synergy,

We are excited to announce that residential Camp Pelican will return this summer. While we are still finalising some details we thought it was important to let everyone know that camps are on and when they are happening.

To help our fantastic and enthusiastic volunteer camp leaders with the challenges of COVID management, camps will be shorter and places will be limited. However, we are all looking forward to gathering the Camp Pelican community for a fun time at our camp site at Manna Park. So keep an eye out for future emails that will contain information on how to book.

Looking forward to the coming camping season,
Ben Paton
Director
Synergy Youth and Children

CAMP PELICAN

Summer Camp 2022

RETURNING TO MANNA PARK
SPACES WILL BE LIMITED

10-14 | **JAN** | **17-21**
YEAR 7-10 2022 YEAR 5-7

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

At the 28th October meeting, Parish Council:

- ◇ Reviewed the draft budget for 2022
- ◇ Discussed the Asset Management plan
- ◇ Reviewed role descriptions for parish council and associated roles and noted that Joh and Wayne had developed around 70 for all volunteer roles in the parish. The next step will be to review roles with volunteers to ensure they are comfortable with the description and can complete appropriate screening documentation, which goes to the Diocese.

Noted that:

- ◇ interviews had been held for the Office Manager position and that an appointment was imminent
- ◇ Covenant Care will not recommence at the beginning of November, due to nurse staffing issues. It may begin later in November, but may need to restart in 2022
- ◇ Parish Council elections will be held on 5 December (as agreed at the AGM).

*Joh Sheehan
Parish Council Chair*



Useful Gifts

NOTE: All your gifts are

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- \$15 for **Family Wellbeing** helps train Australian indigenous leaders to work with families and so support positive change in their communities
- \$5 for **Early Learning** enables young kids from marginalised communities to socialise, build confidence and learn
- \$150 for **COVID-19 Relief** in vulnerable communities is very practical

The Useful Gifts Shop will be available on the morning of the GREAT BIG GARDEN DAY next Saturday 27th in case this suits you better than the Sunday shop.

UNAVAILABILITY SHEET for rosters in December and January is on the board at the back of the church. Please sign off if you will be away during that time.

WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

Can you help? Audrey Wells is a member who comes along with Stuart, who has an acquired brain injury. Stuart gets bored when the service is on. It would be of great help to Audrey if someone could take Stuart for a walk to the shops between 12noon and 1.15pm. If you'd be interested to help, please contact Wayne. A WWVP card is required.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY LUNCH
THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER 2021 AT 11.30am

Come and enjoy a pre-Christmas outing in a covid-safe environment. Lunch will be served, with sandwiches and delicious slices and we will sing Christmas carols.

There is a sign up sheet on the board if you would like to attend. Donations of slices would be appreciated, also help on the day.

FROM THE TREASURER

Offerings in October were \$22,207 – 15% above budget. Total income was also well above budget. Part of this increase is the response from parishioners to the stewardship program in increasing their regular givings. 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 draft budget for 2022 was discussed at the October Parish Council meeting. Predictions of our end-of-year financial situation suggest that we will end the year with a small surplus on both a cash and accrual basis rather than the budgeted deficit. This is largely due to the generous response to our stewardship program, the suspension of the Diocesan contribution, and Council's decision to suspend 50% of the wider work distribution.

Paul Shelley Treasurer

| | October 2021 | Year to 31 October | Budget 2021 | EOFY predictions (accrual) |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Income | \$23,632 | \$240,566 | \$276,200 | \$281,000 |
| Expenditure | \$26,295 | \$230,741 | \$311,800 | \$278,400 |
| Surplus/deficit | (\$2,663) | \$9,825 | (\$35,600) | \$2,600 |

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Christ our King, keep us calm and faithful in all troubles; let us not be afraid, for you rule over all and your kingdom will come.
- ⇒ Give strength and direction to all who seek to do your will, to all who strive for peace, all who work for righteousness.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Christ our King, rule in our hearts and in our homes. We pray for broken homes and broken-hearted people, for all who have been deserted by loved ones.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Rockhampton
- ⇒ Parishes and people of Holbrook and Gundagai
- ⇒ Diocesan Candidates training for ordination: at St Mark's and elsewhere
- ⇒ Licensed Lay Ministers in Parishes and Ministry Units throughout the Diocese.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ Congregations – 8am Sunday
- ⇒ Children's ministry
- ⇒ Parish Council and Wardens
- ⇒ Holistic Care Nursing Ministry
- ⇒ Lids4Kids
- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Evelyn, Jey, Elizabeth, Hannah, Mary and Sarah David-Hoole; Jenny DeBont; Elaine and Brian Dennis; and Remus Douglas.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button, Elizabeth Grant, Bev Barnes, Brianna Smith and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Thursday: Adele Laura Carr (d. 2020)

COLLECT for Christ the King

Everlasting God,
whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son,
our Lord and King:
grant that the people of earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together under his gentle and
loving rule;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READINGS

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Friday

Jeremy Platt

NOVEMBER ANGLICAN NEWS

The November Anglican News is now out and is available on our website.

<http://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/>

This is a link to the website that is a larger size for any printing:

<https://anglicancg.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Anglican-News-November-2021.pdf>