

# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



## CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR NEWSLETTER

### GROWING UP

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

<https://adcg.zoom.us/j/8820962366?pwd=YUpja05YTXFCN0N4MGRiSFVIRllOZz09>

Meeting ID: 882 096 2366

Password: 033643

Kids church and Young Adults will resume on 6 February 2022

#### SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER

9am Holy Communion  
Preacher and Celebrant:  
The Rev'd Dr Wayne Brighton

#### SUNDAY 2 JANUARY

9am Holy Communion  
Preacher and Celebrant:  
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#### Coming up

9am Services until 23 January

#### 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

“You have grown”! More than usual, at this Christmas, children will be told this. Many have not been able to be with extended family and even with the benefits of video calls, a child’s growth impresses most when in person.

In our Bible readings this summer, Jesus was growing up too. After 8 days he was circumcised and named Jesus. A little later he was brought to the temple and a sacrifice was offered. Simeon and the prophet Anna approached the family praising God and speaking words of a holy and special future for the boy. Mary and Joseph were amazed.

The wise men, the Magi, sought and found Jesus. They worshipped him and brought their gifts.

Luke 2: 41-52 tells of the holy family come from Nazareth to Jerusalem for the great Passover festival. They became separated and where did the desperate parents find the 12 year old boy? In the temple with the teachers who were amazed at Jesus’ questions and answers. His parents were astonished.

Instead of saying “You have grown physically” Mary and Joseph could say “you have grown spiritually and intellectually”. Can we say the same? Children, teens and adults grow spiritually. We mature in curiosity, understanding and awareness of God’s presence.

Jesus shows us God in human form. We learn about God from Jesus. We see, hear and know God in ways never before possible. God loves us, really loves us, and if we come to him in prayer, he may think “You have grown”.

C.S.Lewis in his poem “As the Ruin Falls” expresses the idea that is only foolish talk when he says that he loves someone, since he must recognise that he is self-seeking through and through. He wants the one he loves and God and his friends to provide what he wants. He ‘loves’ them because it suits him very well to do so. I think we know what he means. Having confessed how flawed our love is, we still choose to love and to offer that love as sincerely and truly as we know how.

Let’s grow in 2022. Let’s grow together in spirit and love.

*Rev Anne Dudzinski*

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### A GRATEFUL CLIENT

Last month we had an older gentleman and a lady visit the St John's Care Centre. They approached me quietly and the lady - who I will call T - asked if I could assist the gentleman. I was wondering why the gentleman - who I will call J - didn't speak for himself. He just kept looking at the lady with hopeful eyes as if she held the key to his salvation.

T told me that J couldn't speak. He has a device which he applies to his neck when he needs to communicate something. T also said that most people don't usually understand what J has to say which can be extremely frustrating.

T explained a little more about J's situation as we sat down with a cup of coffee. She is his best friend and companion and he relies on her for most of the week. He told her that his car registration ran out and that he was unable to attend his regular hospital appointments. He is meant to attend them twice a week in Calvary Hospital, Bruce.

J said he hates relying on T and needs his independence. She explained that most of his payments from Centrelink were allocated to pay for his medications, so there was nothing left for his car. That's when T persuaded J to come with her to St John's Care and ask for help.

When I asked J how many months payment for car registration he would be happy with, he responded by writing it down - "3 months would be amazing", he wrote.

I decided to chat with our Executive Manager to see what we could do to support J with his car registration. It was decided that SJC could assist with registration for the whole year.

I made sure that we prepared ample food supply for J while the car registration was being sorted out.

When I told J that his car registration will be paid by SJC for the whole year, it looked like the flood gates opened and tears were pouring down his face. It was joyful and sad at the same time Joyful as it was tears of gratitude, sad because he couldn't speak. It was quiet tears.

We also provided his friend T with a Christmas hamper and some food vouchers for both to brighten their day.

J wrote " THANK YOU! Please tell your donors I am very grateful." on the notepad and handed it to me folded. That piece of paper was still wet from tears when I opened it to read.

I would like to pass J's heartfelt appreciation to you as he asked me in his note. You make it special for each and every one of St John's Care clients.

Nailia, SJC Case Manager

**Items required:** 1L Full cream Milk, shortbread biscuits , mince pies, vegemite, jam, family pack lollies and biscuits, deodorant (male or female)

### MORNING TEAS IN JANUARY

Please come and join in a cuppa and chat on Wednesdays in January in the Worship Centre.

05 January

12 January

19 January

26 January, this



is Australia Day so we can decide later whether we do this one.

Time: between 10am and 12noon.

### DINNER CLUB

1st Tuesday of the Month

Is meeting on 4 January at 5.45pm

Good Food! Good Company! Good Vibrations!

At the Southern Cross Club in Jamison

Please confirm attendance with Hilary 6251 8166

### READINGS 26/12/21

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 2.26

Psalms 148

Colossians 3.12-17

Luke 2.41-52

### BIRTHDAYS 26/12/21

Wednesday: Chris Lee

Thursday: Megan Mackay, David Barrott

Friday: Wendy Robertson

Saturday: Jodie Petrov

### READINGS 2/1/22

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ps 72:1-7,10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

### BIRTHDAYS 2/1/22

Saturday: Hilary Harris

## **COLLECT for 26 December**

God of community,  
whose call is more insistent than ties of family or  
blood:  
may we so respect and love those whose lives are  
linked with ours  
that we fail not in loyalty to you,  
but make choices according to your will;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## **COLLECT for 2 January**

Everlasting God, who brought the nations to your  
light and kings to the brightness of your rising:  
fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to  
all the nations;  
through him who is the true light and the bright  
morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever . **Amen.**

### **PRAYER POINTS**

#### **IN THE WORLD**

⇒ For safe family and community gatherings

#### **IN AUSTRALIA**

⇒ For health, safety and respect for first  
responders, health workers and retail staff

#### **IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

- ⇒ Diocese of Wangaratta
- ⇒ Anglicare South East, Eden
- ⇒ Sapphire Coast Anglican Church
- ⇒ Bimbimbie Park/ Albert Moore Gardens,  
Merimbula, Sanananda Park/ Hugh  
Cunningham Gardens, Tura Beach and Ross  
Wotton Gardens, Eden & Bega
- ⇒ Wambiri Youth and Conference Centre
- ⇒ Sapphire Coast Anglican College
- ⇒ Pray for: The Church's ministry in holiday  
resorts, and the work of evangelism in every  
parish and institution throughout the Diocese.

#### **IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY**

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including  
Clayton, Karen, Ethan, Jamie and Samuel  
Gumbrell/Bisley; Digby Habel; Jenny Hall; Gwen  
Hallows; and Hilary Harris
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer  
including Barry Button, Elizabeth Grant, Bev  
Barnes, Phyl Holmes, Brianna Smith, Claire  
Whelband and anyone known to us personally

#### **COMMEMORATIONS**

Monday: Reverend Ruth Dudley (Mills) (d. 2017)

### **PRAYER POINTS**

#### **IN THE WORLD**

⇒ For courage, insight and patience for all  
national and community leaders in 2022

#### **IN AUSTRALIA**

⇒ That 2022 will be a year of cohesion and  
communication

#### **IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

- ⇒ Diocese of Adelaide
- ⇒ Professional Standards Board and Committees:  
Professional Standards Director Peter Barnett;  
Safe Ministry Administrator Gaynor Elder
- ⇒ Pray for: Survivors and victims of physical and  
sexual abuse.
- ⇒ The churches' implementation of the  
recommendations of the Royal Commission  
recommendations including the National  
Redress Scheme.
- ⇒ An effective response to the implementation of  
the recommendations of past Royal  
Commissions into Aged Care (2021) and  
Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (1987)

#### **IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY**

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including  
Violet Hart, Merrie Hepworth, Beth Heyde,  
Phyl and Reg Holmes, and Lucian, Joshua and  
Lulu Horciu
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer  
including Barry Button, Elizabeth Grant, Bev  
Barnes, Phyl Holmes, Brianna Smith, Claire  
Whelband and anyone known to us personally

#### **COMMEMORATIONS**

Thursday: Ronald Earle Grant (d.2011)

## Come tarry with me

*And he walks with me and he talks with me and he tells me I am his own. And the joy we share as we tarry there, non-other has ever known. (Christian song)*

I often hear this song when I have the Gospel Music of Elvis playing in my car but it rings quieter in my mind and heart when I am out walking. The perfume of the dew laden grass and the absolute delight of hearing the small voice of the blue wren tucked away in the thicket, and the melodious solo of the Black bird. Sounds and sights of summer often break in this Christmas season by the perpetual harassing cry of the baby Galahs pestering their mothers for food, and more food! I thank God for the sights and sounds of Christmas. I cherish the time-of-day walking with God, talking to God. What a joy and a privilege to be able to share it. This Christmas I am finding I am thanking God more and more for Jesus. May your Christmas be one of joy as you 'tarry' with Jesus and may you be the light that shines for many leading others to Emmanuel, the God who is with us always.

God's peace and blessings for this precious and holy season. Anne, servant of the Lord.

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



## Want to be more effective at Pastoral Care?

Is your New Year's Resolution to try something new? Maybe it's to get more involved in the community? Then why not combine both by enrolling in a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Introductory Course. This 5 day course is a great way to get a feel for pastoral and spiritual care and includes topics such as: What is Pastoral/ Spiritual Care; empathy, grief and loss, spiritual reflection and self-care. It runs on 5 Wednesdays from Mar 2 to Mar 30, 9-5pm in Queanbeyan and costs \$400. It is followed by a longer CPE unit for those interested in more in-depth training in spiritual care. Enrolments close soon. Please contact Susanne Schmidt for enrolment on 0431 243 486 or at [susannecpe@gmail.com](mailto:susannecpe@gmail.com)

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