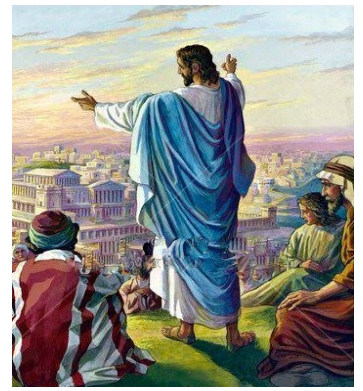


# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



**SUNDAY 13 MARCH 2022**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

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

<https://zoom.us/j/8820962366?pwd=YUplaj05YTFENON4MGRlSEVIRlQZ709>

Meeting ID: 882 096 2366

Password: 033643

## **SUNDAY 13 MARCH**

8am and 10 am Holy Communion  
Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev'd  
Dr Wayne Brighton

## **No Kids Church this week**

5pm – Twilight Service

## **SUNDAY 20 MARCH**

8am and 10 am Holy Communion  
Celebrant:

The Rev'd Connie Gerrity

Preacher:

The Rev'd Dr Wayne Brighton

5pm – Twilight Service

## **Coming Up**

Saturday 19 March: Trash & Treasure

### **Bank Details for Direct Debit are:**

Bank: Commonwealth Bank  
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Name: Holy Covenant Anglican Church

*The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?  
(Ps.27:1)*

I wonder how many people have held onto this verse recently—in Ukraine, in Papua New Guinea and Tonga, or in flood affected parts of Australia? When we are afraid Psalm 27 can be a calm place in the storm. But how many of us remember the words of Psalm 27 or even Genesis 15 when we face change, particularly God's call to change the way that we live, our relationships, even our society and the world?

Do not be afraid <insert your name here> *"I am your shield, your very great reward"* (Gen. 15:1)

One of our roles as Christians is to work for justice. And in this work we would do well to apply the words of [Rev. Amanda Currie](#): "justice work is one area in which Christians and Churches truly need the courage that comes from God – not just to believe what Christians believe, but to live out our faith and transform the world into a place where the dignity of every person is protected and the earth itself is cherished and preserved."

There are injustices all around us, and we must not let fear stop us calling for changes to policies and practices. The power structures of

our world don't like being held to account, and will actively try to protect themselves. Look at the experiences of some Australians who have spoken truth to power: Gillian Triggs, Adam Goodes, Grace Tame, Nyadol Nyuon or Christine Holgate.

[Maggie Kuhn](#) famously said: "Leave safety behind. Put your body on the line. Stand before the people you fear and speak your mind – even if your voice shakes. When you least expect it, someone may actually listen to what you have to say. Well-aimed slingshots can topple giants. And do your homework."

The history of the church is filled with those who have done their homework, and then spoken their mind, even when their voice shakes. Can you imagine what it took for Abram to repeatedly question the Lord, and face the "thick and dreadful darkness" in Gen. 15?

I feel that this time we are living in brings its own thick and dreadful darkness through war, climate change, disease, and all that follows on from these. But even now, the Lord is our light and our salvation. I pray that we will meet the challenges before us, receive the courage that comes from our God, and continue Jesus' work of justice.

*Megan Watts*

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## Domestic Violence can affect anyone

COVID, and  
unfortunately  
domestic violence is  
something we hear about all too often in the news today.

What is domestic violence? "Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality." If you know someone that is experiencing anything like this, please seek help. A great service we refer our clients to is Domestic Violence Crisis Service. <https://dvcs.org.au/> They are able to help.

This week a man named T (not his real name) came into the St John's Care Centre (SJC) with his own story of domestic violence. T has been coming to SJC for a couple of months now and until now, hasn't felt able to ask for help as no one would believe what has happened to him. He explained that so many people had not believed his story that he stopped telling them.

He asked for help accessing accommodation services. T told us that he wanted somewhere for he and his four children to live that they were able to call home. For two months they have all been sleeping anywhere that was safe for them, but as it is getting colder, he is worried about winter.

T explained that he had an ex-partner who would regularly emotionally and physically abuse him. He was a stay-at-home dad who looked after the kids (three under the age of 5) while his ex would work in a high-pressure job.

He told us that he ended up having to leave the relationship because it was too toxic, and his ex-started to gaslight the children and began to become abusive to them.

T didn't know what to do and ended up with no money and nowhere to live. He began couch surfing and went to stay with family in NSW but wanted to get the children back to school in Canberra as he wanted them to be around their friends.

Men are not often recognised as being the person experiencing domestic violence, but it does happen, and we need to open our minds and our hearts to help all those at risk.

With the help of SJC, T was able to get some food, support with his phone bill, school supplies, school uniforms and warm blankets.

T was referred to Care Financial Counselling Service who will be able to help him budget so that he doesn't go into further debt. Care will also support him and ensure that he only has his debt in his name and not that of his ex-partner. SJC will continue to support T to get housing for his family.

T was so grateful to SJC for all our support thus far and was extremely glad we listened to his story. He was happy not to have been judged as so many people have before.

**Items required:** Cuppa soup, children's toothbrushes, olive oil

## HCNM Trash, Treasure & Bookstall

The Monster Trash and Treasure and Book Fair is happening on Saturday 19th March here at Holy Covenant from 9am to 2pm.

We would dearly love to have your help in the following ways if you are available:

Collecting the T&T from Storage King in Belconnen on Friday 18th around 12.30 and bringing it to the church.

Setting up the T&T tables at the church

Helping on the day with selling and packing up at the end of the day.

Hopefully there will be a BBQ on the day.

The book stall will also need some help to transport the boxes of books from the shed at Holy Covenant on the day before and to set up.

To help with the T&T contact Archdeacon Anne on 0406379599 or email [anne.ranse@gmail.com](mailto:anne.ranse@gmail.com) or catch her at church on Sundays, or ring Rhonda on 0487945615

For the Book Stall contact Gillian by email:

[gillian.painter@hotmail.com](mailto:gillian.painter@hotmail.com) or phone 62531058

## Exhibition

*Splendour from above: Angels in icons*

9-19 March

Daily 10.30am-3.30pm  
(Closed Saturday 12  
March)

The Chapel

Australian Centre for  
Christianity and Culture,  
15 Blackall St Barton

[www.acc-c.org.au](http://www.acc-c.org.au)



*Archangel Michael with sword*

## A dab of green, a touch of yellow

*Mary - she sat at the Lord's feet and listened. Luke 10:39*

The morning is such a moment of wonder as the dark fades into the morning light and everything begins to take shape more clearly. The silhouette of the trees begins to take their fuller form as if God has taken out his paints and coloured them in, a dab of green here a touch of yellow there and the big and small of the bird life shake their feathered bodies into waking and launch into morning praise. (Perhaps we could learn something from them?) I love to hold these images and wonders in my heart as they are so richly untouched by the coming bustle and rush of the new day. From the sacred space come sacred images and thoughts, sustaining food and I realise that God is all about me and in my heart - everywhere- yet in me and as I prepare to launch into the day, I hear God say - go- go into your day and live as me.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*Anne, servant of the Lord*

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



The morning taking shape.

## SHOVEL Community Garden on ABC radio

Who knew that SHOVEL stands for Sustainability, Hospitality, Organic Vegetables (in an) Environment of Love? Congratulations to the team from the Holy Covenant Community Garden, who brought ABC Canberra's Adrienne Francis to the garden for a chat.

For those who didn't get to listen live to the interview on ABC radio, here's [the link](#).

Image supplied by ABC Canberra: Adrienne



**WOMEN'S · AFTERNOON · TEA!**  
**SATURDAY · 26 · MARCH · 2022!**  
**3PM · IN · THE · WORSHIP · CENTRE!**

Come and join us for tea, coffee and cake and an enjoyable Saturday afternoon..!

The cost will be \$5 per person.!



There is a sign-up sheet on the board at the back of the church or let Libby

know on 0419 603 228!

Look forward to seeing you!!



## Lent & Good Friday Appeal 2022

Your gift will change the lives of many communities living in poverty.



Donate online

[www.abmission.org/Lent2022](http://www.abmission.org/Lent2022)

## A note from Bishop Mark: Ukraine Appeals

Dear sisters and brothers,

Some of you have asked about opportunities to give to support those affected by the war in Ukraine. I am aware of the following two appeals which have an Anglican connection.

The Ukraine Crisis Appeal co-ordinated by the Anglican Relief and Development Fund Australia: <https://ardfa.org.au/ukraine-crisis>

The Ukraine Emergency Appeal co-ordinated by the USPG and the Church of England Diocese in Europe: <https://ukraine-emergency-appeal.raisely.com/>

With every blessing in Christ,

+Mark



Anglican Diocese of  
Canberra & Goulburn

## Crafty Crew March Gathering

Crafty Crew will meet Mon 21/3 from 9.30 - noon in the Rainbow Center.

A pair of scissors to cut paper is all you need to bring. Everything else is supplied, including morning tea.

All welcome. No pre-existing craft skills required.



## Volunteering at Holy Covenant

Here at Holy Covenant, we have over 90 volunteer roles available. Over time, we are going to explore those roles and what's involved in them. Maybe there's a new role waiting for you?

### Morning Tea Roster

There's a vacancy on the 8am service roster, and there's always room for more people to lighten the load at 10am.

Role: Participate on the morning tea roster by preparing and serving morning tea after services.

Frequency:  
Monthly at  
most

Time required:  
30 minutes

after the service plus preparation time

Duties:

- Prior to the day, arrange catering
- On the day, set up, serve, and clean up afterwards.

Interested? Please contact the office.

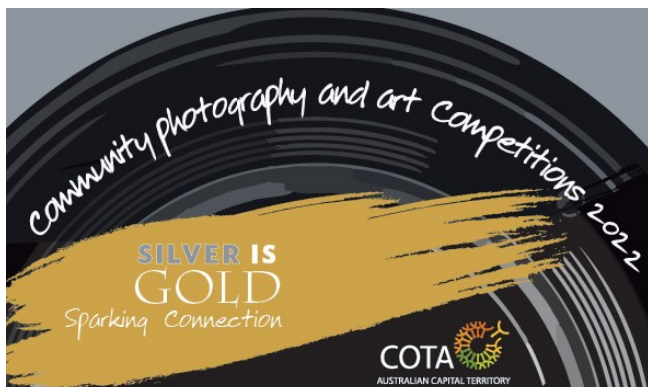


## Silver is Gold Competition

Through photography or art, promote the value, contribution and importance of older people in our community.

Age entrants categories: Preschool-Year 1, Years 2-6, Years 7-10, Year 11-12, Open category people aged 18-54, Seniors people aged 55 and over.

More details at: <https://www.cotaact.org.au/events/silverisgoldartcomp/>



## Anglican Historical Society Tour

7-8 May 2022 Tumut, Batlow Tumbarumba, Rosewood

Saturday: Travel by car 2h 20 mins from Canberra or Goulburn to Tumut. Arrive 10.45am for a cuppa. & tour of church. 12.30pm meet at Batlow, a 30 minute drive where parish will provide lunch, tour of St John's and show us areas of fires. A 30 minute drive to Tumbarumba to book into your accommodation. Relax and prepare for 5pm meeting at St Jude's Parish hall followed by dinner with Guest Speaker at 6pm.

Sunday – meet at St Jude's for a 10am Eucharist with Canon Harvey Sloane. Drive to Rosewood, 20 minutes to lunch in a local café and church

This tour is to visit and assist parishes that were in the path of fires 2020-2021. Apart from your accommodation and final café lunch the Historical Society has estimated what they would like to give financially to each parish. \$60 per person will assist the donation. Please book and pay for your own accommodation in Tumbarumba. The final lunch will be at your own expense.

Contact the office for booking details

## Prayers for Ukraine and Russia

We pray for intervention to end the death and destruction of the invasion in Ukraine. May the refugees be safeguarded, and the hearts of neighbouring countries be opened, so that all who flee the conflict are safe. May there be no repeats of the captivity, dispossession and abuse that refugees have faced in the past.

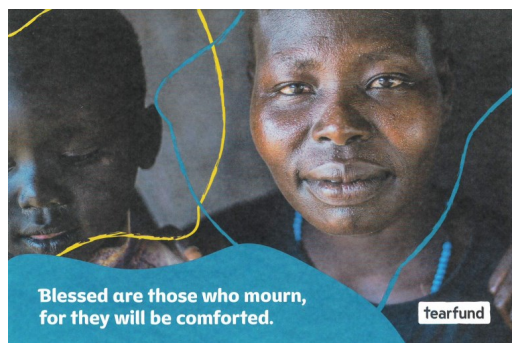
We pray for peace workers and medics, that they may be blessed with all the words and supplies that are needed to save lives.

We pray for clarity, amidst the conflicting reports and propaganda that swirl around this complex situation.

We pray that world leaders will be strong defenders of freedom and justice.

We pray for the Orthodox churches of Russia and Ukraine, that no church can be used as a propaganda tool to spread war in either nation.

In the name of the Spirit of Peace we pray, Amen.



## Tearfund Lent Week 2 Meditation—Pastor Ray Minniecon

### Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted (Matt.5:4)

*Solastalgia* refers to the home sickness that you have when you are still at home. For indigenous people, we feel that all the time: being estranged from country, community, culture; all the things that make us who we are. Blessed are those who suffer solastalgia, who are mourning because of their estrangement—I think we all suffer from that because that is what happened in the garden. We've been es-

tranged from our relationship with our Creator, with creation. Comfort looks like the restoration of all those relationships, and encouraging people along those lines.

One of the most powerful moments of mourning in the gospels is Jesus at Lazarus' funeral. Jesus wept for his friend, and yet that funeral service also sparked one of the most powerful things that came out of the Lord's mouth: "I am the resurrection and the life". I'd say I've had to move my pulpit down to the graveside, because that's where our people are at. In the midst of all that sorry business, I can tell our community that Jesus is weeping with us, and he has an answer to our sorrows: his resurrection.

Find out more about the Tearfund Lent devotional: <https://www.tearfund.org.au/the-way-of-love-lent-2022>

## PRAYER POINTS

### IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Peace in Ukraine
- ⇒ Health and safety for all competitors, team members and officials at the Winter Paralympics
- ⇒ The people of New Zealand, as COVID surges there

### IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ All those experiencing loss and assisting with recovery following flooding in QLD and NSW
- ⇒ People and health system of WA, as COVID numbers are set to peak
- ⇒ Those struggling with increased prices for food and petrol

### IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Ministry with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia: Aboriginal Clergy & People
- ⇒ St Paul's, Manuka & St David's Red Hill
- ⇒ St David's Close Self Care Units, Red Hill
- ⇒ Aged Care Chaplaincy Baptist Care; Jindalee Nursing Home; Carey Gardens Aged Hostel Red Hill; Mountain View Aged Care Facility
- ⇒ Calvary John James Hospital
- ⇒ Parliamentary Christian Fellowship
- ⇒ Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Leader of the Opposition Anthony Albanese, all members and senators

### IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Chris Olsson; Sue Paice; Des Pain; John and Gillian Painter; Lou Passmore; and Dave, Justine, Luke and Maddie Peebles.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button, Elizabeth Grant, Bev Barnes, Claire Whelband, Hilary Harris, Ted and Penny Lilley and anyone known to us personally

### COMMEMORATIONS

**Friday:** Annie (Nancy) Lee (d. 1995)

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sunday **Mandy Squair**

Tuesday: **Margaret Martin (99 years young), Rob Maron**

## Anglican News

The February edition of Anglican News is available on the Diocesan website. You can [download it here](#)

## COLLECT for 2nd Sunday in Lent

God of our ancestors,  
whose chosen servant Abraham  
was given faith to obey your call  
and go out into the unknown:  
endow your Church with such faith  
that we may follow you with courage;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## READINGS

Genesis 15.1-12, 15.17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Luke 13.31-35

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