

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 27 MARCH 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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SUNDAY 27 MARCH

8am and 10 am Holy Communion
Celebrant:

The Rev'd Dr Wayne Brighton
Preacher:

Venerable (EM) Anne Ranse OAM
11.30am Ro and Neil Keyzer,
Connecting with spiritual
seekers BYO lunch

5pm – Twilight Service

WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH

Midday service and lunch

SUNDAY 3 APRIL

8am and 10 am Holy Communion
Celebrant & Preacher:

The Rev'd Dr Wayne Brighton
3pm—Colours of God

5pm – Twilight Service

Coming Up

1 April: Pizza Night

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Watching the ABC News 24 broadcast of the South Australian election count (yes, I really am that much of a politics tragic), I was struck by how very different that environment was to many other previous broadcasts. I think that the key take-away from that broadcast is the power of reconciliation.

Like the church in Corinth, we have a tendency to stick people in boxes and then exclude them as a result (1 Cor.11). In political terms, we see each other as a caricature of a political platform or a potential threat, rather than acknowledging each other as humans, equally beloved by God. It is very easy, and very human, to look down on those who do not share our convictions. But in doing so, we risk turning ourselves into the prodigal's older brother (Luke 15:11-32), complaining to God about blessing the "others" too much.

It was refreshing last week to see the LNP and ALP leaders and representatives looking first for what they had in common, rather than their differences; engaging in a "ministry of reconciliation" (1 Cor.11:18). Peter Malinauskas reminded his party faithful of the need for compassion for those who had lost their seats, and particularly for the families of

those people. He called for empathy and understanding, skills which are rarely appreciated or encouraged in politicians and political debate.

The other reconciliation point that shone through Premier-elect Malinauskas' speech was the importance of reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. This reconciliation is about restoring relationships, not just apportioning blame or punishing. This is restorative justice in action — what Kehinde Wiley calls "an economy of grace". How do we manufacture and value grace and honour, and who do we bestow that grace and honour upon?

We cannot heal what has not been acknowledged. Once hurt has been spoken and heard, restorative justice like that shown in the story of the Prodigal Son can begin. This is why the Uluru Statement calls for a Makarrata Commission. Noel Pearson explains Makarrata as being "about two parties coming together after a struggle, healing the divisions of the past. It is about acknowledging that something has been done wrong, and seeks to make things right".

This Lent, may we all apply the principle of Makarrata to our lives and relationships.

Megan Watts

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Always willing to support

Two weeks ago, we received a client named R who was

looking for some food. R said one of her closest friends suggested she come to our service and had said that St John's Care are helpful and empathetic.

R and I decided to go under the tree and sit on the bench to have a chat. She began to chat about her new life in Australia and how she came to Australia with the help of a religious group. R has now been in Australia for approximately 10 years. She is still part of the religious group and living with other members.

R was explaining that the religious group provides basic food, accommodation and only one bathroom that (all residents are required to share).

Two years ago, she sustained an injury - a hip fracture - and is why she uses crutches for support.

She also explained that she has a couple of intolerances and allergies. Her religious group can't provide her with food to accommodate for her needs. Before her injury she was able to work to earn money that helped her buy her 'special' food. But now, due to her injury, she is unable to work. She asked if SJC could help her with natural products, vegan products, and preservative-free foods.

R is going through a difficult time mainly due to the hip fracture. She suffers from stress because she is constantly short of food and struggles to find the special food she needs. She has no close family nearby and she is getting older. She said it is very hard to cope with a situation such as this when you don't have emotional support and feel as though your last days are coming.

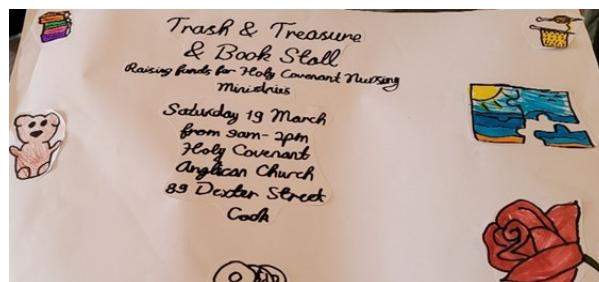
R is a perfect example of someone who needs support of organizations like St John's Care to enable her to get her back on her feet. St John's Care was able to support R with all her food needs; we also offer her

counselling support or simply connection over a cup of tea or coffee, seating on a comfy bench under a magnificent tree. When you support St John's Care, you're not only supporting people's physical needs – you're supporting the whole person, at the most difficult times of their lives.

Karen, SJC Case Worker

Items Required: Olive Oil, Pasta Meals, Poppers, Cup-a-soup, Small tins of Milo

HCNM Trash & Treasure and Book Fair



The Trash and Treasure and book fair last weekend was a great day together.

The atmosphere was buzzing and the crowd streamed in over the day at a respectable pace. Over all well

worth the effort and a very BIG thank you to every one who helped out with all that was needed to make it a successful time including the lovely advertising posters made by

Lilly. The final sum raised was \$2,650.



Anne Ranse

Ukraine Emergency Assistance Appeal



God's Presence

O God, you are my God: eagerly will I seek you. Psalm 63:1

As I sat to talk to God, I asked him may his thoughts be my thoughts (Isaiah). May he have the desire to sit with me in the sacred space on a chair that is always empty and ready for him. May he show me the wonders about me and may he fill my day with blessings. God's response was almost spontaneous for here they came, a flock of Zebra Finches and yellow rump finches landing in the cool, clear refreshment of the waters in the bird bath. They danced on spindly, twig like little legs all around the rim of the bird bath and some hung onto the leaves of the glorious rose bush in its second flush. (Are the roses looking brighter and more beautiful than yesterday?) And I thought how wonderful God is to let us have a taste of heaven on earth, enough to believe in it!

Jehovah - Shalom – the Lord is peace.

Anne, servant of the Lord

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



Zebra Finches on a twig

Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees

On Palm Sunday, 10th April, church groups will be joining the wider community at the annual Palm Sunday rally seeking more humane and compassionate policies towards refugees and asylum seekers in Australia. Speakers this year will be Bishop Carol Wagner (Assistant Bishop in our Diocese), Craig Foster (former Socceroo, SBS sports reporter and refugee advocate) and Mostafa Azimitabar (a Kurdish refugee from Iran who spent nearly eight years in detention before being granted a temporary visa last year).

The rally starts at 1.00 p.m. in Garema Place but many parish groups will be meeting with their church banners at 12.30 at the merry-go-round in Petrie Plaza.

For more details, please see the article on page 10 of the March issue of Anglican News. You can also have a look at this short video by Bishop Carol - https://youtu.be/ka6ebB_mkAc

JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES

END THE CRUELTY

Palm Sunday Rally

1pm Sunday 10th April
Garema Place



Lent & Good Friday Appeal 2022

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Surveillance and Sabbath—28 March 2022

From social media to submarines, the world is increasingly obsessed with surveilling others to commodify and control.

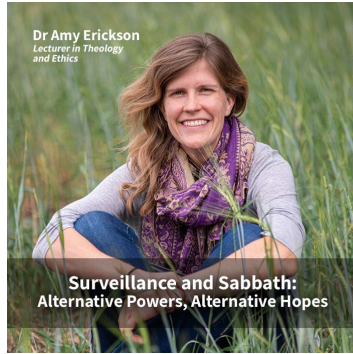
Lecturer in Theology and Ethics, Dr Amy Erickson, contrasts these prevailing forms of surveillance with the spirit of Sabbath. This lecture will explore how Sabbath and surveillance depart in their approach to the act of watching, their handling of time, and their final hope.

Venue: Chapel of the Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture | 15 Blackall Street, BARTON ACT 2600

Free parking: Park in P2 Carpark

Cost of entry: Free

Time: 7pm



FOGO Update

The Parish is participating in the FOGO bin trial. That means that the FOGO bin is available for food and garden waste. A reminder that compostable packaging (like sugar cane plates or bamboo utensils) don't qualify for the FOGO bin. We must also keep out items that could potentially contaminate the compost such as tea bags which can have staples or plastic in them as well as fruit stickers.

Key things to keep our FOGO bin contamination free:

- empty food from packaging
- ensure that you only use certified compostable liners in the FOGO bin.



Remember, if you can eat it or it grows, it goes in the FOGO bin!

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?

Bible Reader

Do you enjoy reading aloud? Do Old Testament names send a frisson of excitement down your spine? You could join the bible reading team.

Readers are responsible for assisting the sanctuary party during services by reading a passage of Scripture or other appropriate text.

Requirements:

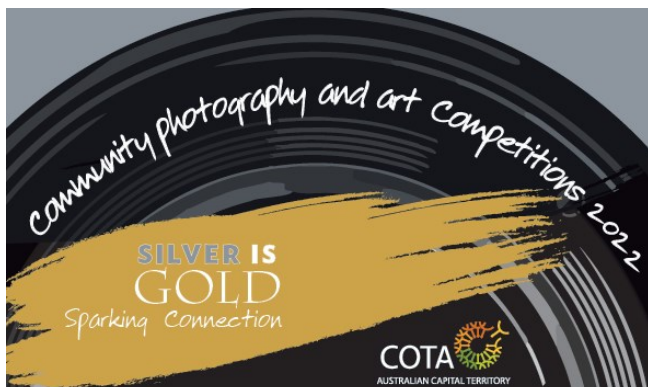
- Be dressed appropriately and fit for the occasion
- Reading clearly, confidently and in a manner appropriate to the occasion
- Be capable of following directions and guidance of the sanctuary team
- Work collaboratively and respectfully with members of the sanctuary party and all who play supportive roles

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/>



Creation Care during Lent

Compelled by God's saving love for all people, and all of Creation, the Public Issues Commission has highlighted two resources that might be of interest for use during Lent.

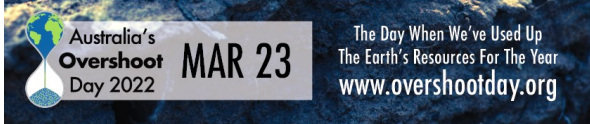
The first resource is the Doing Justice Lent Calendar 2022 which is produced by the Diocese of Southern Queensland. It has Scripture readings, reflections and suggested actions for each week during Lent.



The calendar is available in a variety of formats and may be downloaded through [Doing Justice Facebook page](#).

Blessed are those who use low energy light bulbs for theirs is the light of God's wisdom.
Blessed are those who travel by train (and other public transport) for their lives are on God's track.
Blessed are those who choose a car with low fuel consumption for they are in God's fast lane.
Blessed are those who insulate their homes for theirs is the warmth of God's love.
Blessed are those who put themselves out to use energy from renewable sources, for they have kindled the flame of the future.

Adapted from John Polhill, © Eggs and Ashes, WGRG, Iona Community, Glasgow



The second resource is about Australia's Overshoot Day, which happened on 23 March. This is the day when our nation's demand for natural resources exceeds the capacity of creation to renew itself in a year. The day seeks to promote better care for creation and the need for transformation in our lives. You may have seen a [post about this](#) on our Facebook page.

Safe Ministry Information System

There has recently been an exciting development in the Diocesan management of Safe Ministry requirements. The Diocese has announced that the Online Safe Ministry System (SMIS) is operational.

The Diocese has asked that all parishioners who volunteer in any role in any parish complete their Safe Ministry screening requirements on SMIS. This means that you will need to:

1. Register on [SMIS via this link](#) This will allow you to create a profile on SMIS. You will receive a confirmation email with a user name and temporary password. You will then need to create your own password.
2. When you are creating your Primary Record, you will be asked to select a Ministry Unit and a Ministry Classification. Your Ministry Unit is Holy Covenant Parish (this should appear in the drop down list provided). Your Ministry Classification depends on your role within the Parish. When you select a classification, the relevant safe ministry requirements will pop up.

If you require any assistance with this process, please call the Safe Ministry Unit at the Diocesan Office. Erica Dawes is the best person to contact. Her phone number is 6245 7160, and she works Tuesday– Thursday.

Dinner Club

Good Food! Good Company! Good Vibrations!

The 1st Tuesday of the Month is fast approaching, which means that Dinner Club is happening on 5 April at 6pm at the Southern Cross Club in Jamison

Please confirm your attendance with Hilary on 6251 8166, so that there are seats for everyone at the table.



PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ A breakthrough in Russia-Ukraine negotiations, so that a ceasefire can be brokered and humanitarian needs addressed
- ⇒ Peacemakers around the world
- ⇒ Resistance of temptation to view the 'other' as the 'enemy'
- ⇒ Safety for those facing racial and religious hatred
- ⇒ Protection of the environment from human greed and disinterest

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence and their families, as they process the news from Hannah Clarke's inquest

- ⇒ Flood recovery efforts in NSW and QLD

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Willochra
- ⇒ Cobargo
- ⇒ Bodalla-Narooma
- ⇒ Open Sanctuary @ Tilba Tilba
- ⇒ Moruya
- ⇒ Batemans Bay
- ⇒ Boomerang Meeting Place, Mogo
- ⇒ St Peter's Anglican College
- ⇒ Bimbadeen Training College, Cootamundra.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Clive Rodger; Luc Rose and Maxine Rose; .
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Anne Dudzinski, Barry Button, Elizabeth Grant, Bev Barnes, Claire Whelband, Ted and Penny Lilley and anyone known to us personally

COMMEMORATIONS

- Tuesday: **Norman Kennett (d. 2005)**
Wednesday: **Yvonne Greening (d. 2005)**
Friday: **Jessie Henderson (d. 2001);
Bob Rose (d. 2005)**

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Tuesday: **James Collier, Merri Bacon**
Friday: **Sandra Ross, Elaine Gifford**
Saturday: **Karen Ferguson**

Anglican News

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

COLLECT for 4th Sunday in Lent

God of compassion,
you are slow to anger, and full of mercy,
welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts:
receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you,
and seat them at your bountiful table,
that, with all your children,
they may feast with delight on all that satisfies
the hungry heart.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who
lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

READINGS

Joshua 5.2-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5.16-21

Luke 15.11-32

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