

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 3 APRIL 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

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SUNDAY 3 APRIL

8am and 10 am Holy Communion
Celebrant & Preacher:
The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton
3pm—Colours of God
5pm – Twilight Service

WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL

Midday service and lunch

SUNDAY 10 APRIL

8am and 10 am Holy Communion
Celebrant & Preacher:
The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton
5pm – Twilight Service

Coming Up

9 April Gardening Day
Holy Week 11– 17 April

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What do you value most? (John 12:1-8, Philippians 3:4b-14)

Let's reflect on what we value most. A recent survey showed that Americans valued 'time' first, with career, success and money coming in a close second. What we value most is likely demonstrated by how we spend our time and resources. At one point the apostle Paul spent all his time and resources pursuing and persecuting Christians. When he wrote to the Philippians, he had changed course in his life and begun spending all his time and resources pursuing and preaching Christ. This turn around shows what Paul valued most.

Paul values knowing Christ because he sees this is the only way he will be able to stand before God. Paul wants to be 'found in Christ'. In light of this what is it that we value most as individuals and as a church community? Perhaps we tend to value certain inherited qualities or achievements as 'gains' that give us value before God. Lent is a time for examining our lives and our faith so we may count

such gains as loss and deepen our reliance on Christ.

Our gospel story shows that Lazarus is alive again. (That sets up so many thoughts and questions in my mind) His sisters are playing out their roles with Martha serving and Mary at Jesus feet. Mary's perfume wafts its fragrance through the house as she lathers Jesus' feet with it. Judas is critical of such waste of an expensive ointment but Mary would give all she had for Jesus. Judas lived in a world that revolved around himself which proved destructive, but Mary chose the way of self-giving.

Paul gave up everything, his pride of birth, upbringing and character, in order to obey the strange gospel of a crucified Messiah. He followed Christ and discovered that continual self-giving, pouring out of his energy, devotion and life itself, caused him to fully dedicate to filling the world with the fragrance of the gospel. It's worth taking a minute in this season of Lent to reflect on such matters.

Archdeacon Anne

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COLLECTIVE EFFORT

Early this week I attended a client conference with

members from numerous supporting agencies. We met to discuss the plan of action moving forward for a shared client of ours who has been living in transitional housing in a one-bedroom flat in Canberra.

T is a migrant who moved to Australia with his family 11 years ago, fleeing his homeland in search for safety and an opportunity to start a new life with this wife and two children. As is so often the case, T's family arrived in Australia with almost no possessions and a renewed sense of optimism about their future.

Shortly after arrival, T began working as a contractor in the construction industry, picking up shifts 3-4 days a week and earning enough to support his loved ones. The family was never well off but enjoyed the opportunity they had been given in Australia, and the laid-back Canberra lifestyle.

In 2020 when COVID-19 first began impacting Australians, the construction industry slowly but surely lost momentum, and contracting work began harder to find. T recalls the financial implications that this had on his family, and how they became the focal point of rising tensions between himself and his wife.

In 2021, when the little savings that they held had dried up, T and his wife were relying on the community for food, social and financial support. At this stage, T reached out to St John's Care for support with food, and some basic utility bills.

T and his partner split soon after and the pair have been going through a bitter separation ever since. As there were no longer four people living

in the house, T was moved to a one-bedroom flat where he still lives to this day. His ex-partner was given a two-bedroom apartment, where she hosts the children for 10 days out of each fortnight.

Since then, T's ex-partner began drinking excessively and the children have reported their concerns to T when staying with him. On top of her drinking habits, the children have often gone to school with unwashed uniforms, no lunch or have missed school entirely.

In the months leading up the conference members from several agencies advocated for ACT housing to provide T with a two-bedroom unit, and to have sole custody of his children. After months, T burst into tears as we informed him that he had secured a new home, and that his children would be living under his care moving forward.

He thanked each person in attendance for their support, and their ability to refer him between services in order to achieve a positive outcome for himself and his family. We are currently assisting T with the costs of moving to his new residence and have secured some furniture items for the family through our donors. We have referred T to a job agency and he is excited to attend an interview next week.

This story is one of many examples of St John's Care's ability to support clients' transition through adversity and the strength of banding together with other support agencies for our clients.

I would like to thank our donors and supporters who help us support our clients each day.

Kind regards,

Robbie Speldewinde, Operations Manager

Items required: Pasta sauce, sugar, almond milk, sanitary pads, boxes of tissues, disinfectant, cooking oil

Ukraine Emergency Assistance Appeal

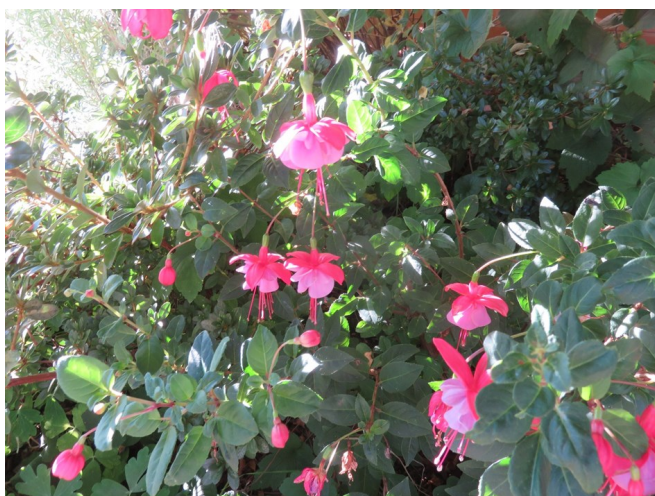


Turn your eyes upon Jesus.

I had a passage of scripture running through my mind and it was something like this, 'Where ever you are I am' and I thought of the war in Ukraine, the earthquake in Japan, the unprecedented flooding in our country, the suffering of so many and then I thought of the beautiful time with God captured on my recent silent retreat. O how one has to draw aside and take the grief and pain of the world into undistracted prayer. From my sacred place this morning I thought of the deep love of God and saw that reflected in the creation and beauty around me. I sat staring at this love, manifested before me in the bright 'ballerina' flowers of the fuchsia bush. I sat holding onto that love. In all the turmoil of our world peace abides only in this love. May our prayers from our sacred spaces hold the world in that love. May we turn our eyes upon Jesus.

Let the peace of Christ dwell in your heart.

Anne, servant of the Lord.



Ballerinas.

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

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



Donate online

www.abmission.org/Lent2022

Hugo Walker here (aka His Excellency the Baron Elberfeld). Yes, I was in this show last year. *Queen-beyan Players* were due to perform **Oklahoma** this year but, for various reasons, it has had to be postponed until 2023.

A number of folk missed **The Sound of Music** last year because they waited too long to book tickets – we sold out a few weeks before Opening Night. Use the link below to avoid that disappointment in



2022!

I look forward to seeing plenty of Holy Covenant folk at one of the ten performances.

Thanks, Hugo!

<https://qprc.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/>

Volunteers for Embracing Ministries Easter Program

Embracing Ministries is seeking adult volunteers to assist with the 'Little Treasures' School Holiday program. Little Treasures is a three-day Christian Holiday Program for primary school age children with special needs and their siblings, running at Radford College.

'Celebrating Easter' is the program theme, with a different part of the Easter story told each day. The program will operate over three half days from 12-14 April. Volunteers need to attend from 9:00am - 1:00pm.

Volunteers must have a current Working With Vulnerable People card and will need to attend:

- Volunteer Training - Saturday 9th April (9:00am - 3:00pm); and
 - Orientation - Monday 11th April (9:00 - 3:00pm)
- Note: volunteers who have completed Safe Ministries Training will be able to leave at 1:00pm.

Interested? Contact embracingministries@gmail.com

Offering envelopes

For those who would like to use them, offering envelopes for the period April 2022 to March 2023 are available the back of the church.

We remind you that you need to put your offering in the plate on the table near the front door as we are not circulating the plate at our services.

Thank you for your faithful financial support of Holy Covenant.

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?

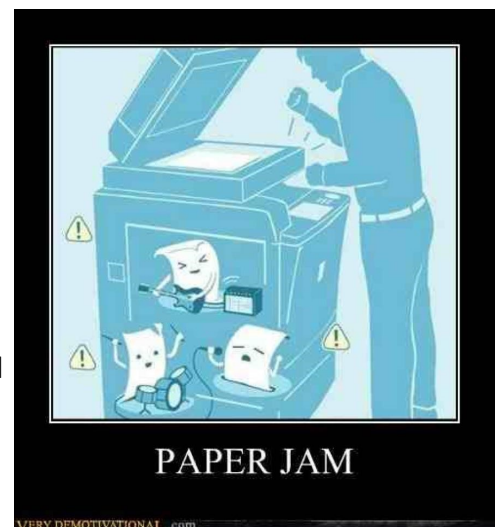
Photocopy Helper (colloquially known as a Friday Office Volunteer)

Do you have 2 spare hours on a Friday or Saturday? Do you want your volunteering to stick to a monthly timetable? Are you confident with the Microsoft Office suite, and capable of resolving a paper jam without kicking the photocopier?

Would you like to join Megan for morning tea once a term? If the answer to these questions is yes, then you could be a valuable member of the office team.

Currently the roster has a vacancy for 5th Fridays. If you are interested, please email Megan at the office for more details:

office@holycovenant.org.au



Congratulations Revd. Wendy!

Earlier this week our very own Revd. Wendy Robertson was awarded the 2021 Victoria Gibbons Memorial Prize for best emerging female leader in the Anglican Orders Program. It's good to know that other people appreciate Wendy as much as we do.



Holy Week Services

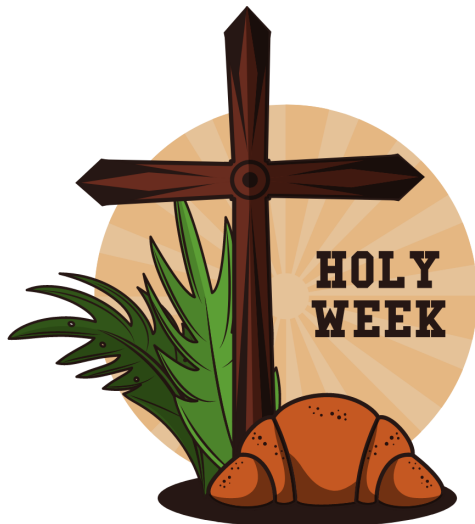
Monday 11th— Wednesday 13th: 6pm Reflective Service

Thursday 14th: 6pm Maundy Thursday service with footwashing.

Friday 15th: Good Friday service 8am & 10am (no communion)

Saturday 16th: 3pm Kid's Easter service and Egg Hunt

Sunday 17th: Easter Day service 6am, 8am & 10am (with communion)



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.

Have a Good Yarn

The next opportunity for yarning, with or without added yarn based craft projects, is on Tuesday April 12th, from 11am –

12.30pm. Apparently the Easter Bunny has been invited to call in during morning tea!



PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Withdrawal of Russian forces from Ukraine, and a peaceful future for both countries
- ⇒ The impacts of climate change across the world including more frequent and severe flooding, fire, and temperature fluctuations
- ⇒ Comfort for all grieving the loss of loved ones to violence. Strength to those enduring captivity, displacement, or struggling with serious injury or trauma

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ People most negatively affected by the Federal budget, particularly those impacted by poverty, inequality, inadequate housing and climate change
- ⇒ Public hearings of the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Armidale
- ⇒ St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn
- ⇒ Friends of St Saviour's Cathedral
- ⇒ Anglican Women of Australia
- ⇒ Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Goulburn Health Service
- ⇒ Anglicare Canberra and Goulburn

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Sandra Ross; Richard and Maureen Scutter; and Joh Sheehan.
- ⇒ 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

Monday: **Coral Violet Patricia Powell (d. 2019)**

COLLECT for 5th Sunday in Lent

Christ,
whose feet were caressed
with perfume and a woman's hair,
you humbly took a basin and towel
and washed the feet of your friends:
wash us also in your tenderness,
that, embracing your service freely,
we may accept no other bondage
in your name. **Amen.**

READINGS

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:3-14

John 12:1-8

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Monday: **Elizabeth David-Hoole**

Wednesday: **Eileen Sykes**

Saturday: **Annabelle Farrington**

Anglican News

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