

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 10 APRIL 2022
PALM SUNDAY

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

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SUNDAY 10 APRIL

8am and 10 am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

5pm – Twilight Service

MONDAY 11 & TUESDAY 12 APRIL

6pm Reflection Revd Connie Gerrity,

Megan Watts

WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL

Midday service and lunch

6pm Reflection The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

MAUNDY THURSDAY 14 APRIL

6pm Service

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

GOOD FRIDAY 15 APRIL

8am and 10 am

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

SATURDAY 16 APRIL

3pm Kid's Easter Celebration: Revd

Wendy Robertson

EASTER DAY 17 APRIL

6am Service of Light

8am and 10 am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

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Luke 19:28-40

I love remembering the stones that line the path Jesus walked to Jerusalem. I remember my three visits to Israel when I walked down the same road, noticing the stones that lined the way, the various ancient stations of the cross and the view of Jerusalem in the distance. All made more poignant by the presence of a man with his donkey, offering a ride down the road. Here at this place, I remembered Jesus and his journey to Jerusalem; not only his journey to die, but a journey of freedom for us.

I remember the excitement of Palm Sunday as a child: the preparation for the day as well as the day itself.

The day before we would go with the adults to gather big palm branches from a parishioner's yard and 'dress' the church with them—over door ways, against the pulpit and the lecterns. Taking the smaller fronds from some of the

branches we would spend the rest of the day making palm crosses. On Palm Sunday itself we would parade through the street carrying palm branches and shouting hosanna (literally, 'Save! Now!') and gather at the church to hear the story of the Lord's passion and share in the Lord's supper. To this day I still have a palm cross from then in my prayer book and when I see it, again I remember. But more to be remembered is the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus for us. To make the journey down that road to Jerusalem knowing he was to die, that this was one of his last days on earth. He was surrounded by a



crowd cheering him on, waving palm branches, shouting their hosanna's, 'save now', thinking he was going to save them as a

conquering king.

As you receive the bread and wine at communion today, as you hear the Palm Sunday stories remember Hosanna – God saves.

Archdeacon Anne

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Two weeks ago, when K came to St John's Care, she explained that she had been experiencing a tough time recently. She was very concerned about not being able to celebrate her twins' upcoming 8th birthday.

She said that they had recently moved into a one-bedroom apartment provided by public housing, and she was so grateful to have a place for herself and her children. K is a single mother and was in an abusive relationship for many years.

K said that the first time that she experienced domestic violence was when she was pregnant with her twins. K didn't leave because she thought he would change, and she wanted her kids to know their father. She explained that she decided to break the cycle of abuse one year ago when one of her twins said... "we want to see you happy, we want to be happy." K also talked about how hard it has been moving around to many different temporary homes (crisis accommodation for women with children). In total they have been in nine different locations within twelve months.

K wept as she told me her story. She said she is trying to do the best she can for herself and her children. She spoke of offering a better future for her twins, providing them with a safe and healthy environment to help them overcome the trauma from the past years of domestic violence. She said her wish was to organise a nice birthday party for her twins; complete with colourful balloons, nice presents, lots of candies and a delicious chocolate mud cake.

SJC immediately 'came to the party' and supported K with food for her family, food vouchers and a Chocolate Mud cake. We also provided her with cosy blankets and bedding, kitchen utensils and winter clothes. We put together a birthday party package which included balloons, candles, a tablecloth, birthday banner and birthday cake topper.

We also provided a lot of snacks for the twins. K was able to choose gifts that were left over from Christmas. SJC keeps a supply of these for this reason.

K was shocked when she saw the number of items we had for her and could not believe the generosity of the community. She told us that this year will be the best party her twins will have ever had! K broke down in tears because she could not believe how generous people could be. She was immensely thankful to all SJC's donors, volunteers, and staff.

K is one of the many clients who we receive daily. She left the Centre that day in a much happier place and walked away saying that she'll keep working hard towards their future. She said that she would one day like to be able to give back to assist others and help them as she has been.

Karen, SJC Case Worker

Items required: olive oil, pasta meals, Easter eggs, juice poppers, Cup-a-Soup, small tins Milo

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.

Ukraine Emergency Assistance Appeal

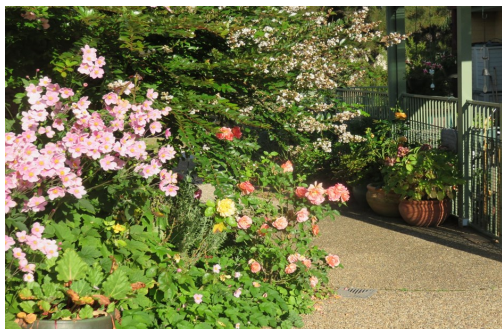


A revolution of joy.

Jesus said: Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. Matthew 11:28

I often say, "what is happening to our world, this beautiful world that God created for us to love and enjoy and care for?" So much pain and suffering and destruction, so much love and peace destroyed. The human side of me wants to take up arms: arms of climate change protesting, up a massive gum tree with a koala on my back; arms of anti-war demonstrations shouting with my loudest voice, and literally arms. But in reality I am just one small person in a big picture. So instead I try to sprinkle peace and joy where I am. I try to bring a smile to the faces of those from the nursing home living with dementia who pass my place on their walk, and admire the flowers in the garden and my very special one eyed little dog. I hand the problems of the world to God in prayer from my sacred space. (Now that's a powerful weapon)

Max Lucado says: *If you brighten your corner of the world and I do the same in*



mine, a quiet revelation of JOY might break out.

Peace to those who are far off and peace to those who are near

Anne, servant of the Lord

A Retreat in Daily Life: 1 May—5 June

For many busy people, it feels impossible to take time away from the commitments of work, family, care and community. A Retreat in Daily Life allows those who cannot retreat 'away' the opportunity to focus on God in the midst of the everyday, and to practise integrating prayer, faith and work.

This retreat allows participants to:

- Identify and trust your own experiences of God
- Integrate spirituality into your daily life
- Discern and make difficult choices
- Share your hopes, struggles and losses
- Develop sensitivity for justice and concern for the poor

Over several weeks, through reflection, group work, one-to-one spiritual direction, journaling, prayer and meditation, we will begin to play/pray with the transformation journey.

An ecumenical team of qualified, experienced Spiritual Directors/Companions will accompany us.

For more information: Contact Susanna Pain

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Lent & Good Friday Appeal 2022

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



Donate online

www.abmission.org/Lent2022

Well done Gemma!

Did you know that it's possible to donate your hair?



This week our Treasurer Gemma Stark donated her hair to be made into wigs for people with alopecia. Have a chat with Gemma to find out more about the hair donation process—it's fascinating!



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?

Counter (10am service)

The counter takes receipt of collection cash and ensures that it is counted, recorded and stored correctly

Requirements:

- Good numeracy skills
- Ability to operate as part of a team in a collegial and respectful manner serving an inclusive and diverse Christian community.

If you are interested, please email Megan at the office for more details:

office@holycovenant.org.au



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!



Congratulations Revd Wendy!

Last 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.



Kids' Church Construction

Check out the very cool model of the temple in Jerusalem that Kids' Church has produced! Big shout out to Jay for project management.



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EASTER join in the story

Love one another
Thursday 14 April 6pm

Good Friday - the end is not the end
Friday 15 April 8 and 10am

Kids' Easter with egg hunt
Saturday 16 April 3pm

Easter and new life
Sunday 17 April
6, 8 and 10am

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PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukraine
- ⇒ Health systems battling new COVID spikes
- ⇒ Hope and safety for refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced people

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ All impacted by rain, floods and landslips
- ⇒ Safety and recovery for survivors of occupational or family and domestic violence
- ⇒ Rest for teachers and students during the school holidays

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Bishop to the Defence Force
- ⇒ St Philip's O'Connor:
- ⇒ Defence Force Chaplains
- ⇒ Service Chaplains from this Diocese serving elsewhere
- ⇒ Churchwardens; members of Parish Councils; and Lay Leaders.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Heather and Paul Shelley; Peter and Carol Sherman; Ruth and Riley Sparks; and Mandy Squair.
- ⇒ 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

Wednesday: **Ross McGregor Mitchell (d. 2018)**
Friday: **Beatrice Alice Woodwell (d. 1987);**
Brian Field Cox (d. 2021)

COLLECT for Palm Sunday

Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross:
in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31: 9-18
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 19:28-40

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: **Justine Peebles**

Anglican News

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