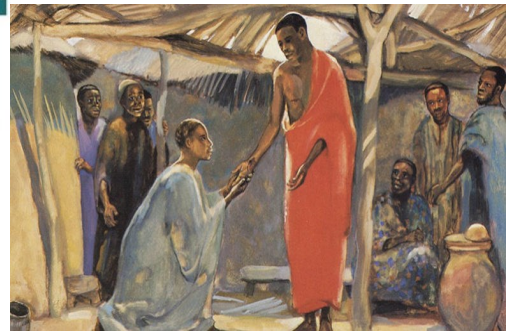


# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



**SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2022**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

<https://zoom.us/j/8820962366?pwd=YUcja05YTXFCN0N4MGRiSEVIRlI0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 882 096 2366  
Password: 033643

## SUNDAY 24 APRIL

8am and 10 am Holy Communion  
Celebrant :  
The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton  
Preacher: The Revd Wendy Robertson

## WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL

Communion Service and lunch: 12  
midday

## SUNDAY 1 MAY

8am and 10 am Holy Communion  
Celebrant and Preacher:  
The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

3.30pm: Colours of God

5pm: Twilight Conversation

## COMING UP

Friday 29 April: Men's Dinner 6.30-  
9.30pm

Saturday 30 April 1.30-4pm: Parish  
Planning

Friday 6 May: 6.00-8.00pm: Pizza &  
Family Games Night

## 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

## Touch

A week after Easter. A week after the joy, festivities, excitement, and chocolate. We believers in 2022, know Mary Magdalene's words to be true "I have seen the Lord!" And we celebrate with her.

Unfortunately the disciples, locked up in their fear, don't have the same trust in Mary's words. They needed to see Jesus, and his hands and sides, to believe he was alive.

I wonder where Thomas was, getting food? Locked up elsewhere, scared? He missed it, missed the visit from Christ. Missed the joy and the peace and the foretaste of Pentecost. He wanted what the others had asked for and needed, to see Jesus in the flesh.



The Incredulity of Saint Thomas,  
Caravaggio c1603

I was reminded of this painting by Caravaggio on Resurrection Sunday when we prayed the post-communion prayer, "Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands." I am there with Thomas,

inspecting Christ's woundedness.

Understanding that these same wounds show me that the Gospel promises are true. I am surprised as I recognise that I, too, am pierced and clutch the wound at my side. But my hand is held, and I feel understood by the one who knows that joy and pain can be present together.

At the heart of our gospel reading this week, John 20: 19-32, is Jesus' generous offer of himself to Thomas. Jesus is meeting Thomas right where he is, with exactly what he needs. Jesus' palpable offer of grace leads Thomas to an understanding that it is Jesus, his Lord and God, right before him. John tells us that Jesus' care for his sheep is equally

without limit and measure for the generations of believers after Thomas.

In a myriad of ways, we are there with Thomas, standing before the risen Christ.

Our trembling hands reaching out, guided by another scarred palm. Being met exactly in all the joy, pain, fear, confusion, excitement and doubt of our lives. Given grace upon grace.

*Revd. Wendy Robertson*

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**A HELPING HAND**

Two weeks ago,  
 M came to St

John's Care. He explained that he was experiencing tough times and was concerned about not being able to pay his bills in time.

M is a young single father of two children (5 y & 2). Although M was reluctant to ask for help because he felt ashamed, but when things got quite tough, he knew he had to reach out for his family's sake.

M said it was near impossible to find work because he cannot afford to pay for the children to be at childcare. He came to St John's Care seeking support with the aim of saving money for the renewal of his car registration. Although M had paid his rent and gas bill the week before, he was left with very little money left over. I offered him a cup of coffee and we sat down and talked, he explained to me what his life was like before becoming a single parent.

M said that it had not been easy, and that it was hard to raise children without assistance, especially when they are young. M is grateful for the things he has; a roof over his head and being able to provide food for his daughters. M explained that with his car registration due, he was concerned that he would be unable to pick up and drop off his daughter from school, purchase winter clothing, winter uniforms or blankets.

SJC immediately supported M with food (fruits, vegetables, meat, bread) and food vouchers for food bank. We also provided him with cozy blankets and referred him to Thread together who assist with clothing. We were able to support M by paying for his registration (3 months) and will continue to support his family by providing

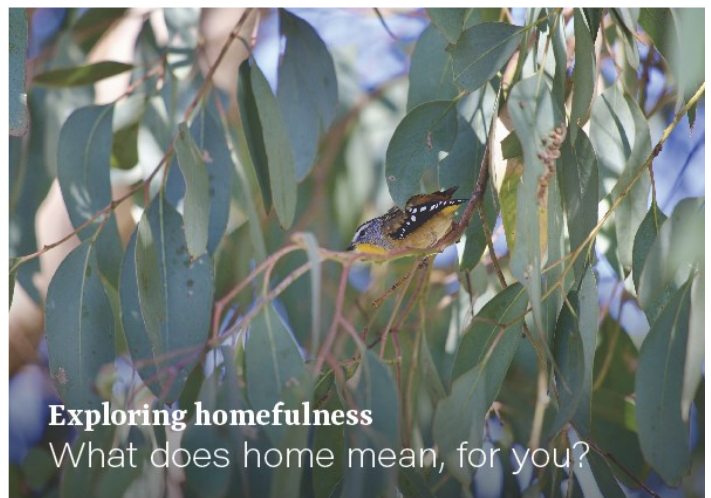
them with food, allowing him to spend money on other expenses.

M could not believe how generous the donors, volunteers and staff at St John's Care were and was very appreciative of the support he had received.

He first came to SJC feeling overwhelmed and hopeless, but after his visit to St John's Care, these feelings suddenly disappeared. He walked away promising that he will do his best for his daughters and feeling much more optimistic about the future.

Karen Medrano, SJC Case Manager

**Items required:** Vegemite, Pasta Meals, Cup-a-soup



My name is Sally, and I am exploring the depth of meaning of home for older people diagnosed with dementia who are living at home. This research aims to increase knowledge about 'homefulness' for people with dementia, by finding out what is important and meaningful about their idea of 'home.'

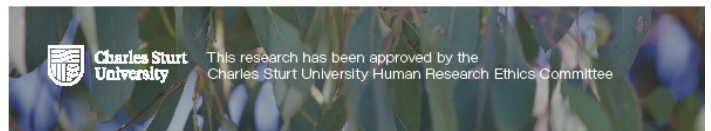
If you have a diagnosis of dementia, are aged 70 or above, and living at home, I would love to hear from you! All I need is an hour or so of your time for an informal interview - you choose the time and place.

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 Sally Mordike, PhD Candidate  
 Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture  
 15 Blackall Street, Barton, ACT, 2600

If you would like to take part in this research, please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.



# Ukraine Emergency Assistance Appeal





## Fuel for the day

*For your steadfast love is before my eyes. Psalm 26:3*

The flow of the autumn mist was like a whisper on the breeze as it lifted to give way to light and clear and bright of the new day and never more glorious were the colours of autumn. It is such a special time when we pause and take in the sights around us, not only take them in for their beauty but for the footprint of God that has created for our pleasure.

As little sanctuaries of God we need this fuel for the day – these times when the Lord's presence is marvelously before us. Stop, pause, see and give thanks.

Grace and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Anne, servant of the Lord*

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



The Lord's presence before us.

6PM MAY 3 2022

## DINNER CLUB



Good Food! Good Company! Good Vibrations!  
At the Southern Cross Club in Jamison  
Please confirm attendance with Hilary 6251 8166

## Easter Gift 2022

This year the Anglican Board of Mission Easter Gift will be used to support several Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministries. This vital work is carried out in conjunction with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC) and Anglican dioceses around Australia. Projects supported this Easter include the much-appreciated ministry of the Revd. Gloria Shipp among Aboriginal people in the Diocese of Bathurst and key missional work of the Melanesian Brothers in North Queensland and the Torres Strait.

Gifts will also support missional activities in the Dioceses of the Northern Territory and North Queensland, including assistance to the newly formed North Queensland Anglican Aboriginal Ministry Council and Meriba Maygi Zageth Anglican Council (Torres Strait Islander Ministry), as well as the WALK consultative group in the Northern Territory.

Donations may be made online at [www.abmission.org/Easter2022](http://www.abmission.org/Easter2022)



## Listening to Earth

ANSD Quiet Day

with Susanna Pain

Saturday 21 May 2022

9.30am to 3pm



Listening to earth.

Listening to First Nations People's wisdom in their words and art.  
Listening to God within, between, among us and beyond.

A quiet space for reflection and prayer ahead of Reconciliation Week.  
(27 May to 3 June, with the theme, *Be Brave. Make Change*)

You may like to bring an Aboriginal work of art, or story or sculpture to share and spend time with in contemplation.

Susanna Pain is an Anglican priest, spiritual companion, retreat leader and supervisor. She recently joined Benedictus Contemplative Church in Canberra as Senior Associate: Community, Spirituality and the Arts. Susanna is a life member of ANSD.

Please RSVP by Friday 13 May to [ansdaact@gmail.com](mailto:ansdaact@gmail.com)

Venue: Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall St, Barton, Canberra (off Kings Ave, parking available).

Cost: Payment of \$30 via electronic transfer to "Australian Network for Spiritual Direction" / BSB 032-719 / Account 301 994 / Reference: SurnameGD. Cash only on the day.

Enquiries: Annie Patterson, ANSD Convenor for Canberra & Region, 0450 488 278.



## Save the date

Are you one of the many people involved in leading one of the multitude of ministries that happen at Holy Covenant? If you are, then may God bless you for your blessing of others.

It's time for our ministry leaders to gather together, celebrate one another, and explore ways to strengthen and build our ministries into the future. We have set aside two afternoons for this task, and hope that all the ministry leaders can join together, enjoy each others' company, and learn together.

**Who?** Anyone involved in leading a ministry at Holy Covenant, including but not limited to : Ministry team, Parish Council members, Youth Leaders, Belonging & Caring team, Resources team, HCNM leaders, Community Garden team

**When?** Saturday 30 April 1.30-4.00pm and Saturday 21 May 1.30-4.00pm

**Where?** Rainbow Centre Red Room

**What to bring?** Draft goals for your ministry for the rest of the 2022 calendar year, something to write with, something to write on, and an object that represents something about your ministry. (Afternoon tea will be provided.)

For the first session, please add your details to the sign on sheet at the back of the church, or RSVP to Megan at [office@holycovenant.org.au](mailto:office@holycovenant.org.au) by mid-day 28 April, including information about any special dietary requirements.



## 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?

### Camera Operator

The camera operator assists the sanctuary party during services of worship or a pastoral office such as a wedding, funeral and baptism by operating the video equipment.

We currently have a shortage of camera operators, to the point that not all services are available via Zoom.

### Duties

The camera operator is responsible for:

- The effective operation of the video equipment used to broadcast or record church services



Our experienced camera operators will provide training and mentoring, and a detailed written guide is available.

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

[office@holycovenant.org.au](mailto:office@holycovenant.org.au)





# Nungalinya College

*Empowering Indigenous Christians*

There's lots happening at Nungalinya College. In the last four weeks there have been 85 students attending, studying Music & Media, Art & Faith, Foundation Studies (two classes), Certificate III in Ministry and Theology and a Languages Workshop.



On April 6th the first of a series of Bible Gardens was opened. The series will reflect important narratives from the Scriptures. These gardens will feature symbolic aspects, Indigenous artworks and interactive teaching in First Languages from various Indigenous Elders. The 'Garden of Eden' includes an 'alpha and omega' pathway, trees symbolising the knowledge of good and evil, and the tree of life, over a dozen Indigenous art works and videos on the artists and teaching from Genesis 1-3.

Listen to James Woods read the [Nicene Creed in Kriol!](#)

## Suicide Prevention Workshop

Wesley LifeForce will be conducting a Suicide Prevention Workshop in Belconnen ACT.

LifeForce Suicide Prevention Workshops are designed to teach people how to identify the signs that someone may be at risk of suicide and appropriate action to take. Effective interventions can make a real difference and save lives.

The training is open to community members aged over 18 years.

**Date:** Thursday 9 June, 2022

**Time:** 9.00am – 1.30pm

**Location:**

Ramada Encore Belconnen

110 Benjamin Way

Belconnen, ACT 2611

Morning tea will be provided.

[Register here.](#)

# 6/5/22

## PIZZA NIGHT @HOLY COVENANT

6-9pm

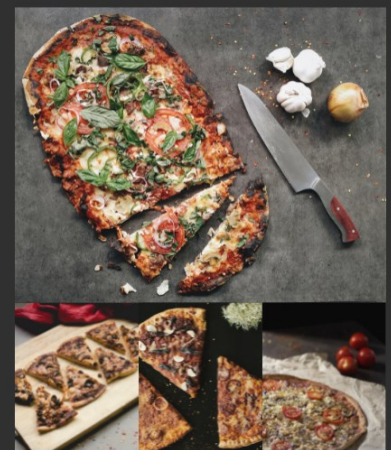
89 Dexter St, Cook

All welcome

RSVP to Wendy

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# Men's Dinner

## 29 April 2022

### 6.30pm

89 Dexter Street Cook ACT

## PRAYER POINTS

### IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Residents of Shanghai under COVID lockdown, struggling to access food and medical supplies
- ⇒ Restoration of peace that goes far beyond the absence of violence
- ⇒ Withdrawal of Russian forces and cessation of hostilities in Ukraine

### IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Safety for all travelling with campaigning politicians
- ⇒ Political literacy for Australian voters
- ⇒ Students and teachers returning to school, particularly those at schools impacted by recent flooding

### IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of The Murray
- ⇒ Tumut
- ⇒ Adelong
- ⇒ Tarcutta
- ⇒ South-West Slopes Ministry District (the Parishes of Batlow and Tumbarumba)
- ⇒ Ministry to prisoners and prison officers; Kairos ministry

### IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Marilyn Tolano; Jenny Tomkins; Anthony, Susan, Elizabeth and Michael Troy; Hugo Walker; Peter and Wendy Ward; Libby Warren; and Megan Watts.
- ⇒ 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

- Sunday:** Iris Gould (d. 1991); Linda Sharpe (d. 2002)
- Monday:** Norma Alexander (d. 2001); Lesley Hadzontonis (d. 2009)
- Saturday:** Jean Metters (d. 2017)

## COLLECT for Second Sunday of Easter

Living God,  
for whom no door is closed,  
no heart is locked:  
draw us beyond our doubts,  
till we see your Christ  
and touch his wounds where they bleed in others.  
This we ask through Christ our Saviour,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## READINGS

- Acts 5.27-32  
Psalm 118.14-29  
Revelation 1.4-8  
John 20.19-31

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The Revd Connie Gerrity

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### Resources Team

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## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Monday:      **Jay Lundie**
- Wednesday:      **Judith Ann Daniells**
- Thursday:      **Michael Troy**
- Saturday:      **Carolyn Lundie**