

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 1 MAY 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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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

WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL

Communion Service and lunch: 12
midday

SUNDAY 8 MAY

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5pm: Twilight Conversation

COMING UP

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

Thursday 12 May, Wellbeing
Program—dementia care 10am-2pm:

Saturday May 28, Parish Planning Part
II 1.30-4.00pm:

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Let him easter in us

Were you struck, as I was, how media commentary accompanying scenes of Easter church attendances acknowledged the relevance of the Easter message of sacrificial love and resurrection in the face of so much suffering in the world? This was particularly poignant in watching Ukrainian congregations attending Eastern Orthodox celebrations. Admittedly such media acknowledgement is fleeting. For many in our increasingly secularised world, Easter is over. May it not be so for us. Hence today's heading, 'let him easter in us' (Gerard Manley Hopkins). – for as long as it takes.

Today's gospel is the final recorded resurrection appearance. I am struck by how beautifully crafted and multi-layered the narrative is. What part of the narrative lingers with you? The part where the 'stranger' on the shore tells the disciples to put down their nets again, after they have worked all night, when all they want to do is go home, have something to eat and rest? The part of them – and us – that says, 'We're done', only to find on further prompting not to give up, abundant resources of grace.

Or is it the encounter between Jesus and Peter that draws you? Peter

seemingly is not held back by any embarrassment about his earlier spectacular denial of Jesus. But he is not to be let off lightly. There is no cheap grace here. Jesus reminds Peter, not once but three times through his repeated, 'Do you love me?' that his action was a profound denial of love and friendship. And Peter seems to be a bit impatient with this. 'You know I love you.' And then the final mark of restoration, his commissioning: 'Feed my sheep'.

Having been forced to reflect on his own vulnerability and failure in the hour of temptation, Peter will perhaps be more compassionate in pastoring his flock than he would otherwise have been. But transformation takes time. He will probably need further reminders, as we all do. The scars of old wounds don't disappear overnight. The hands that prepared this beach breakfast were (are?) still wounded.

Easter is not a long weekend, not even just a season in the liturgical calendar. If we let the wounded, risen Jesus 'easter in us', it can be the core narrative informing our lives, transforming us from within, to complete the work entrusted to us.

Frances MacKay

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DREADFUL NEWS

A woman who looked familiar visited our Centre earlier this week. I

noticed she had visited our Centre quite regularly over the past month, so I stepped outside to greet her and to have a chat.

We took a seat away from the Centre and I began asking some questions about her story. R is in her 60's and has lived in Canberra for over 15 years. After moving to Australia in her early 40's, she had begun working in marketing, saving as much as she could with dreams of purchasing a place of her own.

Shortly after arriving in Canberra, she purchased her first property, a 1-bedroom unit, where she lives today. Things were going well, and R was happy with her life in Canberra until she received a call from her family informing her that her father was to have emergency heart surgery.

She packed up her belongings and caught the next available flight from Australia to visit her father and wider family. R stayed with her family while overseas and was able to support them by contributing towards her father's medical expenses. Although her father's surgery was a success, the road to recovery was a long and expensive one – R stayed overseas for a few months to continue to be with the family.

It was during this time that COVID-19 began spreading throughout the world, and the Australian borders slammed shut. R recalls the prices of flights quickly increased, and the prospect of returning home as originally planned became less and less likely.

With money borrowed from a friend in Australia, R returned some months later and was welcomed home by a series of body corporate bills. After being away for so long, R was no longer employed, and so she began the process of applying for Jobseeker. Unfortunately this process can take quite a while, and during this period R fell further behind on her bills.

Whilst searching for a new job, R was receiving some income from the government, however after visiting a GP and receiving scans, R was diagnosed with breast cancer. This news turned her world upside down, and the medical expenses began piling up quickly.

This is when she reached out to St John's Care for support. I contacted the senior hardship officer from ActewAGL who was able to significantly reduce her electricity, gas, and water bills, and apply a concession to all further bills. Additionally, we referred R to some Cancer Support groups in the ACT who

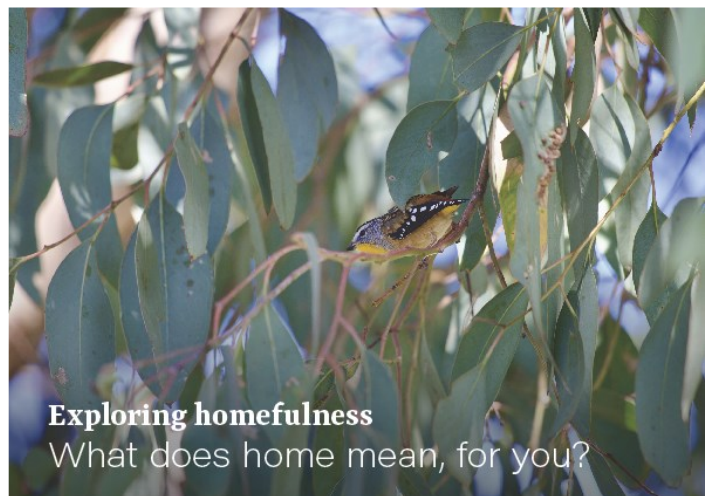
offer support, information, and basic financial assistance for those who are living with Cancer.

One of our volunteers provided groceries including fruit/vegetables, meat dairy and bags of non-perishable items. R was blown away by the support and was grateful to have someone spend their time to listen to her.

"Having someone to sit down with me and hear me out, to really listen to me means the world to me", she said.

R will visit our Centre weekly for food, and we will continue to support her as she navigates her way through the next challenging stage of her life.

Items Required: Children's Toothbrushes, Men's Deodorant, Pasta Meals, Savoury Biscuits, Cup-a-soup, Cleaning (spray and wipe)



Exploring homefulness
 What does home mean, for you?



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.'

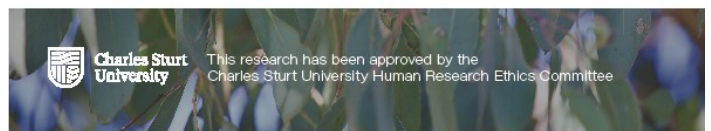
If you have a diagnosis of dementia, are aged 70 or above, and living at home, I would love to hear from you! All I need is an hour or so of your time for an informal interview - you choose the time and place.

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



Ukraine Emergency Assistance Appeal



Easter and Anzac Day

Jesus stood among them and said: Peace be with you.'
John 20: 19

I needed to spend some time in my sacred space yesterday after coming home from the Ukraine Orthodox Church in North Canberra. There, in the church grounds, among the dying, fallen leaves of the autumn trees were a multitude of wooden crosses draped in children's t-shirts splashed with red paint. It was confronting, it sent images through my mind and a pain deep in my heart that was like a sharp dagger, I was stricken with a deep sadness. As I reflected on the crucifixion of Christ, his suffering and death and then his rising again I thought 'the Ukraine country and its people are in the midst of their Easter Saturday.' I wondered would humanity ever see that the way of peace is love. I pray God will change the heart and mind of the Russian leadership and Ukraine will have its day of resurrection. The Sunday Collect makes this a possibility as we read: Living God, from 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.

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

Anne, servant of the Lord

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



Ukraine Orthodox Church North Canberra.

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





Christians for an Ethical Society

May Forum

Truth, Compassion and Justice

Christ, Compassion and Context following the Christ who calls to live

Speaker - Tom Henderson-Brooks, Anglican Archdeacon for Chaplaincy and Mission

Responder - Felicity McCallum

Chair - Clive Rodger

Compassion has long been something that has motivated Tom. It is something that one feels deep within one's guts. Recognising the divine reality of our deep seated convictions provides not only motivation for responding to human need, but it also creates resilience and courage to enter situations and contexts that were never imaginable in my youth. Tom will take us on a journey of a life of faith.

Wednesday 18 May 2022

7pm Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture

[Tickets available on Eventbrite](#)



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?

Musicians

Musicians assist the sanctuary party during services of worship or a pastoral office such as a wedding, funeral and baptism by playing music or singing. Instrumentalists and vocalists are welcome to join the music team.

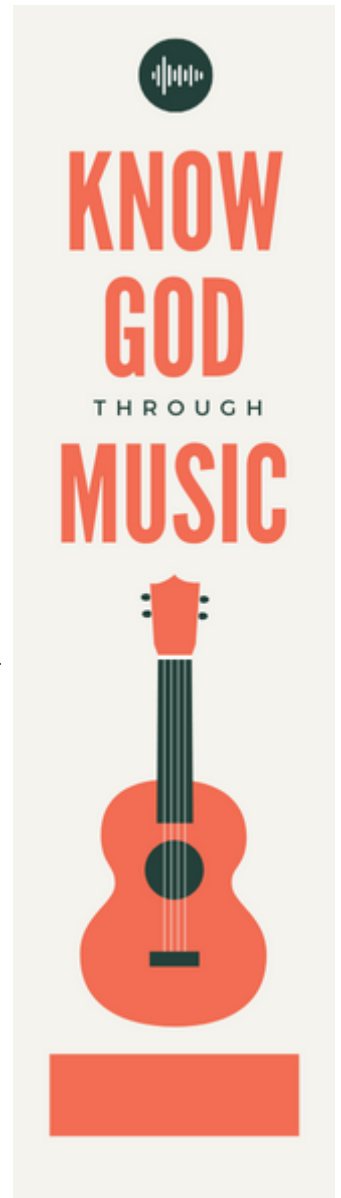
Duties

Musicians are responsible for playing music or singing either alone or with others in a manner appropriate to the occasion

Our experienced musicians are happy to chat with you about how you can get involved.

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

office@holycovenant.org.au



Common Grace—Knit for Climate Action

Common Grace are hoping to gift every newly elected Federal MP and senator with a knitted scarf that demonstrates temperature change in Australia in the last century. If you would like to be a part of sending a generous, heartfelt and clear call to our newly elected leaders to take urgent climate action by knitting, you can register your interest by filling out [this Google Form](#).

Casserole Bank

After a hiatus in lockdown and a slow start to 2022, we have now given out most of our casseroles from the kitchen freezer. It would be great if some members of the congregation could make a couple of casseroles and pop them in the freezer. Can you please let Rhonda Thorpe know if you can help by emailing nurse@holycovenant.org.au. Containers and labels are on the bookcase at the back of the church. All ingredients need to be included on the labels. Thank you.

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.](#)

Join The Llewellyn Choir for "Light Eternal", on Saturday 28 May 2022, for a program featuring some of the best of 19th and 20th century English church music, with Herbert Howells' Requiem, Gerald Finzi's Magnificat, and works by Vaughan Williams, Samuel S Wesley, Penelope Thwaites, and more. Led by guest Concertmaster, Matthew Stuckings, and accompanied by Anthony Smith on keyboard/organ, this wonderful evening of English works is not to be missed.

Tickets \$40 full, \$35 pensioner/student. Book via www.llewellynchoir.org.au. At: Wesley Uniting Church, 7pm, Saturday 28 May 2022.

**PIZZA +
GAMES
NIGHT**
HOLY COVENANT

6 MAY **6 PM**
89 DEXTER ST, COOK
BRING ALONG FAV BOARD GAME

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Cessation of hostilities in Ukraine and a withdrawal of Russian troops
- ⇒ Strength for all who investigate potential war crimes
- ⇒ Food, warmth, medical help and comfort for refugees and displaced people

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Protection for vulnerable people as more COVID restrictions ease
- ⇒ People isolated by floodwaters, and those recovering from floods

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ The Anglican Church of Australia
- ⇒ The Primate
- ⇒ The General Synod, Standing Committee, Boards, Committees and Commissions
- ⇒ The Bishops' Office
- ⇒ Diocesan Registrar/General Manager
- ⇒ Anglican Investment Development Fund
- ⇒ Bushfire Recovery Chaplains
- ⇒ Strengthening of relationships between the twenty-three Dioceses of the Australian Anglican Church, the development of our life and witness as a National Church, and our ecumenical relationships

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Susan Webb; Prue and Ken Wedgwood; Audrey and Stuart Wells; Tony Willis; and Raphael, Belinda, Kate, Lucy and William Wood.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Anne Dudzinski, Barry Button, Elizabeth Grant, Bev Barnes, Claire Whelband, Ted and Penny Lilley, Tim Farrington and anyone known to us personally

COMMEMORATIONS

Wednesday: Gladys Matilda Gordon
Williamson (d. 1994)

Friday: Mavis Roberts (d. 1994)

COLLECT for Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
through your only Son you overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection,
may, through the renewing power of your Spirit,
rise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READINGS

Acts 9:1-20

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:6-14

John 6:22-29

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sunday: **Eleanor James**
Tuesday: **Prue Wedgwood**
Wednesday: **Isaac James**
Thursday: **Luke Peebles**
Saturday: **Kerin Cox; David
Clark; Clayton Gumbrell**