

# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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**SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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## **SUNDAY 15 MAY**

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

5pm: Twilight Conversation

## **WEDNESDAY 18 MAY**

Communion Service and lunch: 12  
midday

## **SUNDAY 22 MAY**

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

5pm: Twilight Conversation

## **COMING UP**

23-26 May: Clergy Conference.  
26 May: Parish Council 7.30pm  
30 May: Reconciliation Day

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## **Letting God Love You**

*Freely, freely, you have received.*

*Freely, Freely give. (Hymn)*

Today's gospel (John 13: 31-35) takes us back to the Last Supper. Jesus has just washed the disciples' feet and Judas has gone out into the night to betray Jesus. It is into that space that Jesus says, 'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another'

How can love like this be commanded? Later in John 15 we learn that love isn't just something we do. It will be manifest in our deeds, but it is the fruit of 'abiding' or making our home in Love – in not allowing ourselves to be cut off from the Source of Love. It isn't just about trying harder, but allowing God's love to flow through us. Hence the lovely logic of: 'Freely, freely, you have received/ Freely, freely give.' We begin by allowing God to love us.

Edwina Gately, contemplative, poet and activist, who has worked with marginalised women in tough urban contexts, tells us that letting God love us is simply a matter of being silent, still, alone, empty before God... 'Let your God, look upon you,' she says in

a poem called 'Let Your God Love You'. She knew letting God love us is essential if we are to love others without doing them or ourselves violence.

Yet we resist doing that. Like Adam and Eve in the garden, we hide because we are afraid of being exposed, judged. We develop ways of keeping God and others at bay. Even our 'good deeds' can be a way of doing this. Theologian, Monica Furlong, writes somewhat challengingly: 'A slum is where someone else lives,/ Help is what others need./ We all want to be the priest, social worker, nurse...'. Later she says, 'But there is only one way into the kingdom/ - To be found out in our poverty'. We are all in the same boat – all in need of grace.

How can we continue in God's love? A place to start might be to ask: Where have I been invited to love or be loved today? How did I respond? What is needed now? Or we might simply offer a breath prayer where we take in God's love on the in breath and breathe it out to where it is needed, naming the people and places on our heart.

*Frances Mackay*

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Late last month one of our volunteers came into work and informed me that their family had decided to house and help support a woman and her daughter who were from Ukraine. The pair were being flown to Australia after fleeing the ongoing war in the country that has taken so many lives and displaced even more.

This week, our volunteer brought the pair into our Centre to introduce them to our service, the staff, and some of the many volunteers who assist our clients every week. K is an older lady who had spent most of her life in Ukraine, and L is her daughter. K does not speak any English, so L had to play the role of the interpreter in all the interactions they've had since coming to Australia.

I realized how difficult this situation must be, and how the simplicity of being able to interact with those around us is often overlooked and is something often taken for granted. K sat down quietly looking at her feet, sipping the cup of coffee that a volunteer had prepared for her.

I began to ask L about some of the events that had led to her and her mother landing in Australia and was shocked by what I heard.

K had been married to her husband for over 40 years and they had lived in the Ukraine ever since. When the war began, women and children were given the opportunity to leave the country, while the men were to stay and help fight against the invasion.

K left her home and her husband behind and headed to Australia with her daughter. They were tasked with fitting a life's worth of belongings in one suitcase each. K's husband currently occupies their family home with eight other men who are also fighting in the war. She was unsure if or when she might see him again.

As I sat there listening to her speak, I could hear the sadness in her shaky voice and see it in her eyes. It was incredibly moving. It is difficult and perplexing to comprehend the life-changing challenges and events that so many of our client's experience, and their ability to respond with resilience.

K and L are in the process of applying for a humanitarian visa and are hoping to begin setting up their new life in Canberra.

St John's Care provided them with meat, fruit and vegetables and have welcomed the pair back to receive support regularly. We will continue to work with them to support them in their quest to secure a visa and hope to provide you all with some positive news soon.

St John's Care is an organisation which supports people who have such a variety of negative experiences. However, in a world of uncertainty, we provide them with a sense of certainty and support.

Operations Manager, Robbie Speldewinde

**Items required:** Juice Poppers, Nuts, Sultanas, Men's Deodorant, Shaving Cream

### **ANU Chaplaincy Annual Lecture**

Dr Monica Short: A Pedagogy and Theology of Kindness—  
Educating the Mind Whilst Caring for the Heart.

**7pm for 8pm, Tuesday May 24 2022 Burgmann College  
Chapel**

University educators, students and their networks can work together to nurture communities of teaching and learning filled with hope. Dr Short will remind us that such communities are attractive places, supporting people to achieve their educational dreams and to flourish holistically during uncertain times.

Burgmann Chapel is at the rear of Burgmann College, at 52 Daley Road, Acton. EventBrite booking is required for face to face attendance. The evening will begin at 7 pm with drinks and food. Dr Short will present at 8 pm, followed by discussion and supper. The lecture will be livestreamed and recorded.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83951217505?pwd=aHJSaFlFMHRMVGJTcG5VMFN6NFpwQT09>



## Made for our joy and delight

*For in him all things were created. Col 1:16*

Whether it's a thick fog full of mystery, a storm of lightening and clashing thunder, a brilliant sunrise, an even more brilliant sunset, crashing waves on the sea shore, birds of every type filling our skies or flowers, a kaleidoscope of colour in the garden, it is all made by the hand of God our creator and I say, 'When you see the beauty around you, let each little detail remind you to lift your head in praise.' O God, our God, how wonderfully you have made it all for our joy and delight.

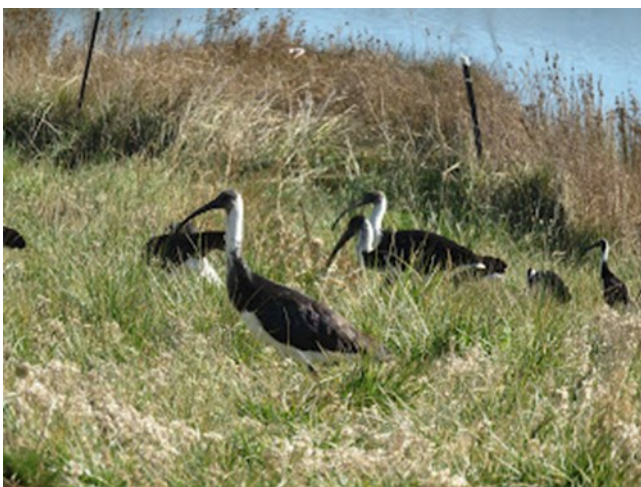
I love that song which goes: I see the skies of blue, clouds of white, the bright blessed day, the dark sacred night and I say to myself, what a beautiful world. (Louis Armstrong)

Each day. Every day lift your head and thank God for all you see.

Grace and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ

*Anne, servant of the Lord*

<https://comewalkwithme->



[reflections.blogspot.com](https://reflections.blogspot.com)

Yes, he made you too!



## Working Bee

**Saturday 21st May**

**9 am to 12 noon**



The church grounds are looking a bit tired as we haven't had a working bee since February.

So before or after your democracy sausage, come and sweep a path, clear a gutter, or pull a weed (or two).

Morning tea provided. Come when you can, go when you must.

Enquiries: Paul 0419 255 002

## Church Carpet

The church carpet was professionally cleaned a couple of weeks ago.

You may note that some stains cannot be removed. This is mainly because spillages were not cleaned up when they occurred. The main culprits are coffee, hot chocolate and various foodstuffs (particularly chocolate cake).

We ask for your cooperation in cleaning up any spillages immediately after they happen. Cleaning materials are in the cupboard in the multipurpose room, and there is a small battery-powered vacuum cleaner next to the cupboard.



## Parish Council Report—Joh Sheehan (Chair)

Parish Council met on 28 April and noted:

- the need to submit a Development Application as part of the Rainbow Centre refurbishment to acknowledge the change of use of the building
- that Wayne has been appointed as chair of the Diocesan Public Issues Commission
- that HCNM is reviewing its governance arrangements and that Rhonda is retiring on 30 June

Council decisions

- a Safe Ministries blitz to ensure that all volunteers who provide valuable input to the parish are covered for insurance purposes
- approval of the appointment of Megan Watts as the new HCNM Program Manager from 1 July
- appointment of Anne McDowell as Safe Ministries Coordinator



## Carers Coffee Circle

A friendly group that shares information and provides support for anyone in a carers role.

**2nd Friday of the Month  
10:30 - 12 noon**

**Canberra Southern  
Cross Club, Jamison**

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## CEO Sleepout for the Homeless

Neville Tomkins will be participating, for his 11th year, in the Vinnie's CEO Sleepout on 23 June 2022 to support homeless people in Canberra. To find out more and sponsor him, go

to: <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/ceos/act-ceos/neville-tomkins-scouts-australia/>



## IDAHOBIT—17 May 2022

The International Day Against LGBTIAQ+ discrimination is known as IDAHOBIT. It is held annual on May 17, to celebrate the anniversary of the removal of homosexuality from the World Health Organisation Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems. How are you wearing the rainbow on May 17? Feel free to share a photo of your IDAHOBIT activities on our [facebook page](#)



## Christ Church Hawker Quarterly Men's Luncheon Forum

Tuesday 31 May, Birrigai Café Kangara Waters  
11.45am—2pm. Cost \$32 for a 2-course meal, including tea & coffee.

Dr Bob Miller is speaking on "Through the lens: archaeology and photography in a post-Christian society." Working with a variety of national and International universities and institutions, Bob has photographed in Cyprus, Greece, Jordan, Syria and Turkey, on sites ranging from Neolithic, Bronze Age, through Iron Ages and Classical Greco-Roman eras to Byzantine and Medieval periods. His photography is extensively represented in a number of collections. Embracing digital techniques and providing images using sound principles of design and technology have been a hallmark of Bob's photography. Bob is also an active member of Mosaic Baptist Church in Page.

RSVPs to Bruce Hooley by Thursday 26 May (6251-7124; [brucehooley.1@bigpond.com](mailto:brucehooley.1@bigpond.com))

## National Volunteer Week

This year, National Volunteer Week runs from 16-22 May. Like most churches and other faith based organisations, Holy Covenant is reliant on volunteers. We cannot achieve our mission without them!

Every week, the weekly bulletin publishes stories about what happens at St John's Care (SJC), where a number of people from Holy Covenant are regular, long term volunteers. SJC provides emergency relief to people who come, without the need for an appointment, because of economic hardship, disadvantage or isolation. The SJC Emergency Relief Centre is located in the Parish of St John the Baptist, Reid, supported by several other parishes - including Holy Covenant, and staffed by both volunteers and professionals.

The Emergency Relief Centre operates Monday to Friday, 9.30am until 2.00pm. There is also a monthly community lunch and at Christmas time the provision of presents, hampers and a Christmas Day lunch. Clients may be provided with good quality fresh and non-perishable food, bus tickets and MyWay cards, prescriptions, clothing, bedding and limited financial assistance with bill payment, mostly for utilities such as gas, electricity, and telephone. Volunteers provide the main initial contact with clients, and in doing so reflect SJC's val-

ues of care, advocacy, respect and encouragement. For more complex clients, staff including a Case Manager have the professional background to go further in providing advice, practical assistance, and referral to other agencies. Volunteers are also crucial for the maintenance and packing of food and other stocks, and storage in date order. SJC depends significantly on donations of non-perishable food via food drives at supermarkets (such as those Holy Covenant has organised at the Jamison Centre) or provided directly by individuals. If you would like to help with a food drive at Jamison, please watch the Bulletin for the details of the next drive.

Some Holy Covenant parishioners have been volunteering at SJC on a weekly basis for more than a decade (Steve Daniels, Merrie Hepworth and Beth Heyde) and others including Ann Menzies, Pam Lane, Penny Lilley, a bit more flexibly. In addition to the fulfilment that comes from helping people in need, volunteers very much enjoy companionship with their colleagues in a great common cause.

Thank you to all the Holy Covenant parishioners who support SJC. And a huge congratulations to Steve, Merrie & Beth for their dedicated service!

## Church Fete Coordinator



COVID-willing, the church fete is returning this year, on 5 November! (Please save the date.)

This fun-filled event is an important day in the church calendar, and a way to build relationships with our neighbours and the wider community.

Are you a person with the ability to engage, enthuse and manage volunteers? Does the idea of chairing the Fete subcommittee sound exciting? Are you keen to work with the Office Manager in promoting the fete, including potential media contact? Do you enjoy providing a written report, that will inform the subcommittee on potential changes for next year?

If the answer to most of these questions is yes, (we can accept that writing reports doesn't excite everyone), then you could be the 2022 Fete Coordinator!

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

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## Easter 2022

*This poem was written by Peter Millar. Peter is a long term member of the Iona Community and the poem was shared to us by Richard Scutter*

Every new day across our planet  
there is a constant certainty moving in our midst - it is  
this:  
violence, disconnection and radical change  
are our sure companions and disturbers.  
Sometimes the whole edifice spins too fast as we  
ponder the human future and the divisions that en-  
snare us.

Yet within these shadows are fragile possibilities of  
light  
always inviting us to engage with other visions and  
truths - ones that spring from our depths:  
emerging from places of insight, where life-giving  
currents still flow freely in fractured times.  
Ancient wisdoms that renew and restore.

I call it Resurrection,  
while others who don't go there, know its meaning.  
Whatever our path, is it not the willingness to see  
our world through the eyes of Love; to know we are  
all wounded  
healers: to walk in another's shoes: to touch the Good  
Earth and its radiant  
Mystery, and to believe that farewells should be free  
of regrets, that matters  
most in every age?

*Peter Millar, Edinburgh, Easter 2022*



**Nungalinya College**  
*Empowering Indigenous Christians*

### Nungalinya College News

The first Bible Garden is open. Highlights include the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil (cycad), Tree of Life (bush apple) various other fruiting trees, the alpha & omega footpath and especially, the mural and amazing artworks reflecting on the days of creation. An interactive QR code system also enables people to learn more about the artists and watch mini-sermons in over 10 First Languages on Genesis 1-3. You can explore the garden on [YouTube](#).



The final 'Languages Workshop' for the current funding round enabled Elders from twelve First Languages to meet together for a workshop on the 'Scriptural Way of the Cross' covering events from the garden of Gethsemane to the crucifixion. As with previous times, Elders then recorded mini-sermons in Language, to be used in Nungalinya classes (and future Bible Gardens!) for years to come.

The 2022 Art & Faith course explored the same theme, but from an artistic point of view. Some beautiful and profound artworks emerged focusing on the 'Passion' of Jesus. The college hopes, one day, to have a Scriptural 'stations of the cross' garden which will include many of these artworks.

## PRAYER POINTS

### IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ The people of China, as they face further COVID restrictions
- ⇒ The people of Ukraine, as they suffer through the Russian invasion
- ⇒ Withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukraine, and a just peace
- ⇒ Pacific Island nations, where relocations to higher ground due to climate change continue

### IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Voting preparations: That Australia may be a leader among nations, combining generosity with wise and good stewardship, consisting of communities of justice, compassion, inclusion and mercy
- ⇒ Pre-poll voting—safety for workers and voters

### IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Melbourne
- ⇒ St Alban the Martyr, Woden
- ⇒ Australian Federal Police Chaplains
- ⇒ Canberra Hospital, Garran: Chaplain and chaplaincy team
- ⇒ Ministry to mentally ill and depressed people; the work of Lifeline Canberra.

### IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Peter and Ann Bazeos; Graham and Gracela Bonnett; Harris and Helen Boulton; Heather Boyd; and Wayne, Meg and Iona Brighton.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button, Elizabeth Grant, Bev Barnes, Claire Whelband, Ted and Penny Lilley, Tim Farrington, Catherine Lorimer and anyone known to us personally

### COMMEMORATIONS

**Monday:** William Donald Roberts (d. 1989)

## Anglican News

The May edition of Anglican news is available [here](#).

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**Monday:** John Christensen  
**Saturday:** Lainie Robertson

## COLLECT for Fifth Sunday of Easter

We behold your glory, O God,  
in the love shown by your Son,  
lifted up on the cross and exalted on high:  
be glorified anew in the love we have for one  
another  
as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus,  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## READINGS

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

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