

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 26 JUNE 2022 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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SUNDAY 26 JUNE

8am and 10 am Holy Communion

Celebrant:

The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

Preacher: The Revd Connie Gerrity

5pm: Twilight Conversation

WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE

10am Funeral service for Elizabeth Grant—no midday service

SUNDAY 3 JULY

8am and 10 am Holy Communion

Celebrant:

The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

Preacher: The Revd Wendy

Robertson

3.30pm Colours of God

5pm: Twilight Conversation

COMING UP

Pizza Night: 1 July

Community lunch: 7 July

Parish Dinner: 30 July

A place to lay your head?

(Luke 9:51-62)

As many of you know, I have only recently come to the Anglican church. My baptism church was Methodist. One of the perils of Methodism is a focus on perfection. In theory, this is a good thing, because it's about striving for perfection in loving each other and loving God. In practice, it tends to create anxious humans who are hypervigilant about avoiding mistakes, and highly focused on being the best possible Christian. And that makes this week's gospel reading very challenging. How do people like me cope with Jesus' statement that *"No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God"* (v.62)?

Working my way through my Methodist guilt trip is still in progress. Thankfully, I have learned that in this passage Jesus isn't condemning me for my frailties and my attraction to the world. He is warning Christians about the fact that this mission of ours is deeply serious, and requires everything we can give it. Here, 'fit' means useful.

Luke's gospel has a deep focus on social justice. And history clearly seems to be moving in that direction. As Martin Luther King Jr said *"the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice"*.

And in a Canberra winter, one social

justice issue that is in front of mind for me is homelessness and inadequate housing: *"Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."* (v.58).

Last week I provided a brief introduction to the impact of homelessness. The kind of housing that we can access has a huge impact on every other important variable for social and economic success. The neighbourhood around us determines our social interactions and our sense of safety and wellbeing. Where we live determines how far we travel for goods, services or employment. And if we are privileged enough to have a house to live in, the quality of that house impacts on our health through environmental factors like asbestos, mould, toxins, disease and injury.

Churches like ours must raise the ethical questions such as homelessness and inadequate housing. There is a gap of over 3000 properties in the social housing space in Canberra alone. As well as providing relief, churches must hold services and government accountable, affirming the dignity of every human being and the right to housing that allows people to grow into all that God intended.

Hand to the plough?

Megan Watts

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Positive Surviving

Earlier this week I took some groceries out to a client's car for them. As I was walking back to our Centre I saw a woman who appeared very cold. I will call her V.

I greeted V and offered her a warm drink and a winter coat. She smiled as she accepted my offer. I returned with the items and chatted with V as she sipped on her warm coffee. She began describing how her life changed three years ago when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Overnight, she had gone from someone who was content in life and optimistic about her future, to someone fearing for her life.

Due to her illness, she was unable to continue working and before long was relying on welfare. She received chemotherapy in hospital and spent a lot of time away from her home, her friends, and her family.

"I lost my hair and a lot of weight. I had next to no strength left in my body to do normal day-to-day things around the house, or to go out and experience life. I felt confined to my home and the various medical appointments I had regularly, and that had an impact on my mental health", she said.

Despite the obvious and overwhelming challenges that she faced, V never lost her positive attitude and her sense of humour, and believes it was her connection with others and her faith that got her through the darkest times. Her positivity was infectious, and her outlook on life was admirable and perceptive.

As the volunteers gathered some groceries for V, I asked her about the kind of support she was hoping to receive from SJC. She told me that there was little financial support available for the ongoing cost of her medication post treatment. This regularly put her under financial pressure. I let her know that we support our clients with their scripts, and that I would be more than happy to help her with these. She was amazed at the support that she had received and thanked me extensively as I helped her load her car up with groceries.

One of my favourite quotes that I think describes V quite well is 'Character is not the product of circumstance, but rather the thing that survives despite it'. I look forward to seeing her again and hearing about how her recovery journey is going. I want to thank everyone who allows us to support people like V in our community.

Robbie Speldewinde, Operations Manager

Items required: Honey, tinned fruit, Pasta Meals, cooking oil (olive, Canola etc.)

Congratulations Bea and Alan Duncan on your Diamond Wedding Anniversary!



Bea and Alan Duncan invite you to join them to celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary, with a glass of champagne and a piece of cake, between the Sunday services (from 9am).

**HOLY COVENANT
ANGLICAN CHURCH**
a place for everyone
PARISH DINNER
**CELEBRATING
OUR DIVERSITY**
SPEAKERS:
**SISTER JANE KEOGH &
FAISAL AMIN**

30 July 2022 - 6-9pm

96 Dexter Cres Cook

Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/CACCH>

Ages 0-4 free

Children (ages 5-12) \$25

Adults \$60

As an inclusive parish we seek to ensure that affordability is not a barrier. Please talk to the Rector for assistance if required.

Arise Shine

It is you who lights my lamp; the Lord my God. Psalm 18:28

There are so many thoughts that cross my mind in the first experience of the morning. It's cold, its foggy, like a thick mist, and as I look out on the day the voice within me quotes the first line of a poem, I wrote some time ago: 'Soft soft the morning mist did creep, across the land that lay asleep.' And despite the weather, my heart sings in this new day. I love the quote by Kahlil Gibran which says: I arise at dawn with a winged heart and give thanks for another day of loving.

I was asked yesterday what motivates me to do what I do? What gets me up in the morning? My response was: I see each day as new opportunities. I see them and feel them when I go out into the early morning and there is an excitement about who I might see today and the conversations we might have, about who God will put in my path so I can be Christ to them and it's that step in my soul and heart that is exciting and motivates in preparation to serve in every new day. That's what gets me up. What is your approach to a new day? What gets you up in the morning?

Go well and enjoy all you do in the name of Christ.
Anne, servant of the Lord.

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



And a new day dawns

CIRCUS

*Roll up, roll up.
Covenant Care invites you to come and join us as Warehouse Circus comes to Holy Covenant.
Fun for young and old with juggling, unicycles, acrobatics and more.*

Date: Monday, 4 July 2022

Time: Please arrive at 10.30am for a 10.45am start

Where: In the church

Who: All welcome – especially children

Cost: Free

Warehouse Circus is a youth circus based in Canberra which has been performing and teaching for 30 years. They help young people to experiment, grow and express themselves creatively and physically. Juggling, acrobatics, plate spinning and more.

Holy Covenant Street Library

The Paish wants to set up a Street Library on Dexter Street. We are looking for a suitable cabinet.

Have you one you could donate? Or perhaps you might see a suitable cabinet needing a new home and abandoned in a street?

Please get in touch with Gillian on 0477 480 503 if you can help.



Funeral for Elizabeth Grant— 10am June 29

Elizabeth was a long-term member of Holy Covenant who joined the church when it first met over in Aranda school. She experienced dementia and passed away on Friday 17 June. A service of thanksgiving will be held at Holy Covenant on Wednesday 29 June at 10am. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

The family will provide the refreshments, but volunteers are needed to set up the church, manage the food service and packing up afterwards. Please contact the office if you can assist.

Cancellations—June 29

Due to the funeral service on June 29, there will be no Tai Chi or Midday Communion Service.

Tai Chi will resume on 20 July 2022, after the school holidays.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday
23
July

Parish Planning Part
Two

Parish Planning Part II

Trying for what feels like the umpteenth time to schedule the second half of the Parish Planning session.

If you are a leader of a ministry group in the Parish, please join us at the Worship Centre at 1pm on 23 July 2022 for planning part two, Measuring Our Success.

Keep an eye open for a calendar invitation from the office.



6PM JULY 5 2022

DINNER CLUB

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



28 June is a 4th
Tuesday!

HAVE A GOOD YARN

2ND & 4TH
TUESDAYS

Community Lunch—7 July 2022

Our regular Community Lunch returns on Thursday 7 July from midday—1.30pm. There is a sign on sheet on the board at the back of the church, or you can email the office to let us know that you can join us.

Lunch has an Italian theme, so if you have any specific dietary needs, please make sure that you let us know.

Do you know someone who is a bit lonely and needs some social contact? Maybe you could bring them along to the lunch?



Safe Ministries update

Many thanks to those wonderful people who have updated their Safe Ministries screening over the last week. We appreciate you!

Volunteers are the life blood of any church. So many things couldn't operate without your help. Safe ministry training programs and screening requirements have emerged to help churches to function better. As part of its annual return to the Diocese, the Rector and Chair of Parish Council must certify that each person involved in ministry has met all safe ministry requirements. To ensure that all ministry activity can continue in the parish all volunteers will need to complete their training and screening by **Sunday 17 July**

The Rector and Wardens are reviewing this weekly, to ensure the return can be submitted.

Some of the statistics on **outstanding items** as at 6pm on Wednesday 22/6:

Safe Ministries Declaration: 42

Safe Ministries Check: 33

Training or Refresher required: 22

WWVP CARDS: 8

Joh Sheehan and Anne McDowell have already devoted a huge number of hours to this task, and we thank them. Their message for anyone who is yet to update their Safe Ministries screening requirements—please do this sooner rather than later. If cost of training is a barrier, please contact the office for details of the Parish Training Cost Code.



PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Conflict between Christian and Islamic communities in Nigeria and elsewhere
- ⇒ Safety and security for Muslims preparing for the Hajj pilgrimage
- ⇒ Peace in Ukraine and a withdrawal of Russian troops

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Appropriate action from health and biosecurity teams as Japanese Encephalitis is detected in Queensland

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Wangaratta
- ⇒ Anglicare South East, Eden
- ⇒ Sapphire Coast Anglican Church
- ⇒ Aged care facilities of Bimbimie Park/ Albert Moore Gardens, Merimbula, Sanananda Park/ Hugh Cunningham Gardens, Tura Beach and Ross Wotton Gardens, Eden
- ⇒ Bega Parish
- ⇒ Wambiri Youth and Conference Centre
- ⇒ Sapphire Coast Anglican College
- ⇒ The Church's ministry in holiday resorts, and the work of evangelism in every parish and institution throughout the Diocese.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Wendy and Jono Elkhuzen; Tim Farrington; Andrew Feitz, Jodie Petrov and Oliver and Tobias; Karen Ferguson; and Sujatha and Sunil George.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button, Bev Barnes, Claire Whelband, Ted and Penny Lilley, Catherine Lorimer; Brian and Elaine Dennis and anyone known to us personally

COMMEMORATIONS

Friday: Margaret Jean Winders (d. 1989)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Noah Indrele

Saturday: Jono Elkhuzen

The June edition of Anglican News is now available on the Diocesan website. You can access it here:

<https://anglican.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Anglican-News-June-2022.pdf>

COLLECT for 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

O God,
the light of the minds that know you,
the life of the souls that love you,
the strength of the thoughts that seek you:
help us so to know you
that we may truly love you,
and so to love you
that we may fully serve you,
whose service is perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS

2 Kings 2:1-2;6-14

Psalm 77:1-2; 11-20

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

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