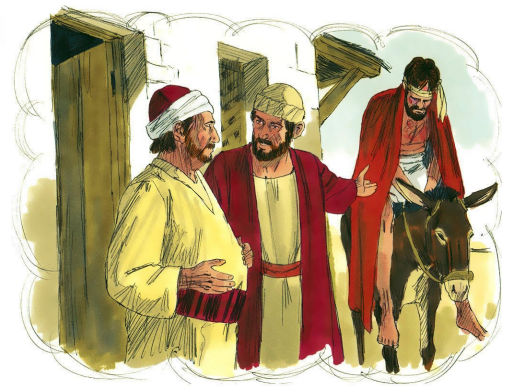


# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 10 JULY 2022  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

<https://zoom.us/j/8820962366?pwd=YUtpja05YTXFCN0N4MGRlSEVIRl0Zz09>

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Children's & Youth programs and Twilight services are having a break over the school holidays. Normal programming will resume on 24 July.

## SUNDAY 10 JULY

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

## WEDNESDAY 13 JULY

11am—Funeral service (note cancellation of midday communion service)

## SUNDAY 17 JULY

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

## COMING UP

Planning Afternoon: 23 July  
Parish Dinner: 30 July

## Bank details for direct debit:

Bank: Commonwealth  
Branch: Jamison Centre ACT  
BSB 062 907  
Account No: 802588  
Name: Holy Covenant Anglican Church

## The prophetic task: Shattering our numbness and keeping us honest

In today's reading from Amos, an animal breeder from Judah issued warnings to Israel. Amos envisioned God subjecting Israel to a test of covenantal relationships and obedience to the law, using a plumb-line against their "walls": their religious, judicial and royal institutions and practices. These no longer stood true and straight: "I will spare them no longer" (Amos 7:8).

It was not that the Northern Kingdom Israel was irreligious. Rather their culture had embraced rampant consumption. Luxury surrounded the elite. The poor were subjected to the insatiable demands of consumerism; the wealthy cheating in business dealings, and oppression and exploitation in daily life and the courts. Walter Brueggemann in *The Prophetic Imagination* argues that when dominant power permitted an economics of affluence to displace Mosaic traditions of an economics of equality; a politics of oppression to replace a politics of justice, and when God was apparently under the king's control (see pp34, 36-37), people became numb to the plight of the poor; insensitive to their suffering (see Ps 82:2-4).

To be successful in radically critiquing the dominant culture, prophets had to break through

people's numbness so they could hear God's word for them: "real criticism begins in the capacity to grieve because that is the most visceral announcement that things are not right" (Brueggemann p.21). Two common ways to silence such criticism were by bloody sanctions or ignoring the prophet (Brueggemann pp37-38). Amaziah, priest of the Royal Sanctuary, attempted to silence Amos by reporting him to the king for subversion, and by highlighting his own authority in the sanctuary when ordering Amos's silence and return to Judah. When Amaziah insisted he cease prophesying or preaching, Amos, obedient to God's demands, countered with a prophetic word against Amaziah and Israel concerning exile (Amos 7:16-17). The prophetic word could not be silenced.

Jesus too radically critiqued Jewish culture. In today's gospel, a lawyer demanded "wriggle room" in obeying the heart of the law. Jesus then told the Good Samaritan parable, asking him to identify the robbed man's neighbour. He had to reply "the one who showed him mercy" (Luke 10:37).

Lord have mercy on us: shatter our insensitivity and numbness to those who suffer around us. Amen.

Merilyn Clark

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**Extended isolation**

St John's Care (SJC) recently received a phone call from a woman (E) who explained that she and her two children had been in COVID-19 isolation for three weeks.

E explained that her son first contracted COVID-19. On day 6 of isolation, E tested positive, and after almost another week of isolation, her daughter tested positive.

Over the three week isolation, the family was unable to leave to do the shopping, and towards the end of their stint in isolation had almost no food left in the house. E had insufficient funds to do online grocery shopping.

The family's electricity and gas usage across the three-week period was very high and E was concerned about her upcoming bills. They had exceeded their monthly Internet usage and were now paying fees for extra data.

"It's difficult being inside for this long, and my children miss seeing their friends and classmates. To keep them busy and connected, they share the iPad and computer for school and playing games. The children are often cold and our house is poorly insulated so we have the heater running quite regularly. I have some medication that I take daily, however, I have gone without it as we simply cannot afford it right now", she said.

The volunteers and I bagged up some fruit and vegetables, meat, dairy, non-perishables, cleaning and sanitary items and I headed to E's house to drop them off. When I arrived, I was able to get a contact number for her internet provider and pay her monthly bill for her. I gave her a referral to an energy efficiency program that provides modifications to people's homes to reduce their energy costs. I collected her scripts and picked the medication up the following day from a local pharmacy which works closely with SJC.

When I returned to the family's home to drop them to E, she broke down in tears. "I am so grateful for everything you have done for our family", she said.

Although COVID-19 does not get the same focus in the headlines as it has over the last two years, there are still many families in Canberra who are impacted by the virus every day. SJC will continue to support this family and other Canberrans who reach out to us during these difficult times.

I would like to thank everyone in the Canberra Community who donates to our organisation or supports us in the many ways you do.

Robbie Speldewinde, Operations Manager

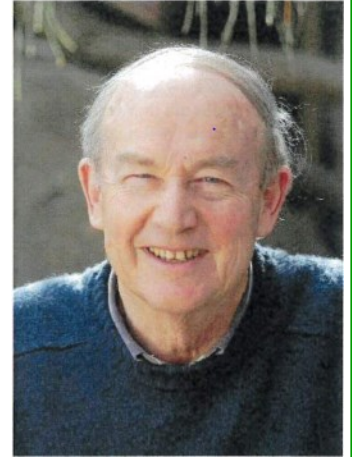
**Items Required:** Cooking Oil, Tomato Sauce, Cup-Noodles, Dishwashing tablets

**Farewell to Ted Lilley**

As advised via an all Parish email earlier this week, Ted Lilley passed away on Monday 4 July.

Ted and Penny have been long-term members of the 8am congregation. Ted had been in palliative care at Clare Holland House.

Ted's funeral will be held at Holy Covenant at 11am on Wednesday July 13th.



**JULY 18**  
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**9.30 AM RAINBOW CENTRE**

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 PARISH DINNER

**CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY**  
 SPEAKERS:  
**SISTER JANE KEOGH & FAISAL AMIN**

**30 July 2022 - 6-9pm**  
 89 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.*



## Turn your eyes upon Jesus

I had a passage of scripture running through my mind and it was something like this: 'Where ever you are I am'. I thought about the war in Ukraine; the earthquake in Japan; the unprecedented flooding in our country; the suffering of so many, and then I thought of the beautiful time with God captured on my recent silent retreat. O how one has to draw aside and take the grief and pain of the world into undistracted prayer!

From my sacred place this morning I thought of the deep love of God and saw that reflected in the creation and beauty around me. I sat staring at this love, manifested before me in the bright 'Ballerina' flowers of the fuchsia bush and I sat holding onto that love. In all the turmoil of our world peace only abides in this love. May our prayers from our sacred spaces hold the world in that love. May we turn our eyes upon Jesus.

Let the peace of Christ dwell in your heart.

Anne, servant of the Lord.

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



Ballerinas

## Safe Ministries Deadline—18 July



Thanks to the 60 people who have already completed their Safe Ministries screening requirements. Your commitment to making Holy Covenant a safe ministry space is greatly valued by the Parish Council.

There are still around 50 people who have yet to complete all required safe ministry screenings. If you have recently received an email from the team asking you to complete these activities, please respond by 17 July to ensure that you can continue contributing in ministry to our community.

**Please note that failure to submit the screening documents (Check, Declaration, WWVP, training certificate) by 18 July will result in the suspension of your ministry role.** If you volunteer in any capacity in the parish (even if you have no face to face contact with others in that role), and are unsure if you are up to date with your safe ministry requirements, please contact Anne, Joh, Allison or Megan. We are here to help, and want to ensure that all ministry activities can continue smoothly after 18 July.

Thank you for your prayers for Catherine Lorimer, a member of our 10am congregation who died on 1 July. Her life will be remembered and celebrated at 3pm on Monday 11 July at the Norwood Crematorium Chapel. Please continue to hold the Lorimer family in your prayers at this challenging time.



## A different kind of farewell

For those who are unaware, last week was Rhonda Thorpe's last week as the Program Manager for Holistic Care Nursing Ministries (HCNM). There were many plans for a special time at Covenant Care on Monday, but between the toilet dramas and people recovering from COVID, Covenant Care was cancelled. And the people recovering from COVID/otherwise being unavailable meant that the staff couldn't even get together for lunch. So all in all, it's been a less than satisfactory week for recognizing Rhonda's dedicated service to HCNM.



The speeches and presentations and bunches of flowers will all happen at some later stage. But on behalf of the wider congregation, the HCNM staff and all the clients and their families, it's important that we take this opportunity to recognise Rhonda's work, thank her for her dedication and professionalism, and wish her all the best for a relaxing retirement.

12 July is a 2nd Tuesday!



## 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.

If you think you should attend this event, and haven't received an email from the office, please contact Megan at

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

### Volunteers needed

As previously mentioned, Ted Lilley's funeral will be held here at Holy Covenant at 11am on Wednesday 13 July.

To send Ted out with love, and to support the family as they gather together, the following jobs need doing on the day:

- Setting up and packing up chairs for the service
- Sidespeople for the service
- Set up crew for food service (set up tables, tablecloths, plates & serviettes)
- Food and beverage service (the food itself will be provided by a catering firm)
- Cleaning up crew (clearing and packing up tables, dishwashing & drying, vacuuming etc.)

Please contact the office if you can help.

### Book Club Christmas in July

Book Club is celebrating Christmas in July on the 15th, so there will be no meeting on the 21st. Please contact Gillian for details of the Christmas celebration—0447 480 503



## Yarning Products



There has been lots of productive yarning happening at Holy Covenant recently! Some of these items have gone the Calvary Hospital, and others to St John's Care.

Many thanks to those parishioners who have donated wool and fabric.



## From Parish Council

At its meeting on 23 June, Council:

- was pleased to learn that Bishop in Council (BiC) had approved plans for the Rainbow Centre. This means that the Development Application will be submitted and the parish can proceed with seeking quotes from builders.
- noted that we will need to go back to BiC to seek permission to incur debt one the budget is determined
- reviewed how the budget was tracking in August
- noted the unplanned plumbing expense of \$5,500
- reaffirmed the importance of trust and accountability in ministry and the need for all involved in ministry to be up to date with safe ministry requirements
- discussed ways of improving the thermal comfort of the office

*Joh Sheehan*

*Chair, Parish Council*

## Staff Leave

Please be aware that several members of the Holy Covenant Ministry team will be on leave during July.

Revd Wendy is away from 15-22 July.

We note that Revd Anne Ranse's holiday was overtaken by COVID, and we hope that she will be able to reschedule that leave soon.

## National GRANDPARENT CONFERENCE

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17<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**WHERE**  
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## PRAYER POINTS

### IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Those imprisoned or under threat from unjust laws
- ⇒ Those who work to free political prisoners
- ⇒ Withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukraine

### IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ All those dealing with the impact of recent floods
- ⇒ Changes to systems that disadvantage rural and remote areas
- ⇒ Continued vigilance for our biosecurity

### IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Bishop to the Defence Force Grant Dibden
- ⇒ Defence Force Chaplains: Regular and Reserve
- ⇒ Service Chaplains from this Diocese Serving Elsewhere
- ⇒ St Philip's O'Connor
- ⇒ Churchwardens, members of Parish Councils and Lay Leaders.

### IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Douglas Guilfoyle, Zoe and Jamie Rose; Patrick Guinness; Clayton Gumbrell, Karen Bisley, Ethan, Jamie and Samuel Gumbrell; Digby Habel, and Jenny Hall.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button, Bev Barnes, Claire Whelband, Penny Lilley & family, Catherine Lorimer's family; Brian and Elaine Dennis; Carol Kubanek and anyone known to us personally

### COMMEMORATIONS

- Sunday:** Grace Watson (d. 2014)  
**Monday:** Doris Dudley (d. 2008)  
John Singh (d. 2014)  
**Tuesday:** Gerard Bacon (d. 2015)  
**Wednesday:** Laurie G Alexander (d. 2001)

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Monday:** Carol Pogson  
**Wednesday:** Elizabeth Troy  
**Thursday:** Quentin Grafton  
**Friday:** Jayne Murray, Neville Hurst  
**Saturday:** Frances Mackay,  
Maddie Peebles

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 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Eternal God,  
you have taught us through Christ  
that love is the fulfilment of the law:  
help us to love you with all our heart,  
with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength,  
and our neighbour as ourself;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## READINGS

Amos 7:7-17  
Psalm 82  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Luke 10:25-37

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