

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 17 JULY 2022
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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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 17 JULY

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

WEDNESDAY 13 JULY

12 Midday Communion Service
and lunch

SUNDAY 24 JULY

8am and 10 am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher:
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COMING UP

Wellbeing Night: 21 July
Planning Afternoon: 23 July
Parish Dinner: 30 July

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The prophetic task: To shape in our imagination alternative realities against dominant worldly paradigms and values

In today's OT reading, Amos employs another God given poetic image to open a radical critique of Israel. (Using poetry and images is characteristic of Israel's prophets.) Almost shockingly, a beautiful image of ripe summer fruit - an epitome of successful harvest and full bellies - is turned upside down to show instead an end of such bounty and the inbreaking of disaster, including famine (Amos 8:2-3,11). So, instead of praise and thanksgiving for God's gracious provisioning, Israel will break into anguished grief as doom descends on them (Amos 9-10). In uncompromising language Amos, delivering God's word, outlines a shocking, pointed social critique (Amos 4-6): a fracturing of law concerning love of neighbour - dishonest business dealings, and exploitation and oppression of the poor and vulnerable, both in everyday life and in the courts. The powerful and wealthy are responsible for this disaster. Even more terrifying for a people defined by covenant, the prophetic word will be silenced in the forthcoming disaster: *they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it* (Amos 8:12). In the process of radical critique, the prophet must name the unconscious

or suppressed fears and terrors of the people (Brueggemann p50).

The prophet's vocation is *"to keep alive the ministry of imagination, to keep on conjuring and proposing alternative realities to the single one the king wants to urge as the only thinkable one"* (Brueggemann p45). In order to shape this alternative reality, God's prophetic word not only has to deliver a radical critique, but also a word of hope. Both are intrinsic to this alternative reality of the people: *"it requires that we have not finally given up on the promises spoken over us by the God who is free enough to keep his promises."* (Brueggemann p45). This flip from critique to hope is marked: almost shocking. Symbols or poetic images not only capture the horror of injustice and impending punishment, but also the hope of a future reconciled with God (Brueggemann p49-50). Today's Psalm shows this flip after a critique of an enemy of David's: *"But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever"* (Ps52:8).

May we join with David, praying: *"I will thank you forever, because of what you have done. In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name because it is good"* (Ps52:9).

Marilyn Clark

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Providing a helping hand

Last month St John's Care received a call from a new client who we shall call N. She was asking if SJC was able to support her with financial assistance/counselling, help with her rent and utility bills, and to perhaps assist with some food and nappies.

She explained that her husband doesn't work the same hours he used to. His hours had been cut and the only car they have was currently broken down. Her husband needs the car to work and they have had to use the money set aside for paying their rent, food, and bills, to get the car fixed.

N told me that she has a 15-month-old baby and so they needed some help with nappies, wipes, and lactose free formula. She also mentioned that she needed help to buy some new winter gear for her husband. He is a painter and works mostly outdoors.

We encouraged N to come to the Centre to discuss possible solutions for her family. She came that afternoon with the aim of working together to find some temporary - but seeking permanent - solutions.

Whilst chatting with N, we agreed that SJC could offer her food (meat, fruits and vegetables) plus non-perishable food, nappies, wipes and baby food on a weekly basis. This would enable the family to save the money usually set aside for these everyday costs and pay the money they owe elsewhere.

We also made use of ActewAGL vouchers to put toward their electricity and gas bill. For the remaining outstanding amounts we contacted ActewAGL (Financial hardship Program) to obtain a payment plan to suit the family moving forward. SJC also offered N a Woolworths gift voucher so that she could buy lactose free formula for her baby.

SJC then referred her to Thread Together Clothing Hub@Vinnies. This would allow them to access the winter gear they need for N's husband to be able to continue to work.

After our conversation and all of the assistance SJC was able to give, N was extremely grateful.

Once again, we would like to thank all our supporters, your support is instrumental in enabling us to assist families within our community.

Karen Medrano, Case Manager

Items required: Vegemite, honey, pasta meals, jam and tomato/barbeque sauce.

Thank you!

Another brilliant effort from our Parish family in ensuring that Penny Lilley and family were wrapped in love at Ted's funeral this week. Deacons, musicians, PA operator, chair & table movers, food & beverage servers, and particularly all those involved in the clean up process—very well done!



JULY 18
CRAFTY CREW

RECYCLING CARDS TO GIVE AWAY ALL WELCOME!

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ALL EQUIPMENT AND MORNING TEA PROVIDED

9.30 AM RAINBOW CENTRE

HOLY COVENANT
ANGLICAN CHURCH
a place for everyone
 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.

I am the rose of Sharon, a rose of the valley.

(The Shir Hashirim Song of Songs 2:1)

What is it about the very last rose of winter that buds then blossoms in the midst of the cold? The last one on the bush like a light shining in the darkness and its bright yellow like a warm smile. As I meditated on its beauty, I thought of an elderly lady who sometimes comes by my place with the walking group from the nursing home. She is a lovely Chinese lady always with a smile and always in just shorts and a tee shirt. I asked her one day if she was cold and with a beautiful smile she said, "No, I have Jesus in here, (pointing to her heart) and he keeps me warm! " Like the last winter rose, isn't that just beautiful?

God's peace be with you. Anne, servant of the Lord.

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

Yellow, like
a warm
smile



Safe Ministries Screenings

Today is the final day to complete the Diocesan safe ministry screening requirements before we are required to suspend unscreened people from ministry. If you are involved in ministry in any capacity, from serving morning tea, reading the scriptures, leading a study group, or providing pastoral care you will have received several emails advising you of the things you need to do to complete your safe ministry screening. If you have done these, thank you. If you have not, please respond to the emails ASAP. Emails suspending people from ministry will be sent in the next week.

If you have completed your safe ministry check or declaration online and have not advised the office, it would be very helpful if you could do so.

Parish Dinner Preparations

Less than two weeks to go until we gather over dinner, listen to fascinating presentations from our guest speakers, and raise some funds for our mission at Holy Covenant.

Hudson's Catering have put together a delicious two course meal for us, and haven't increased the cost even though their costs have risen dramatically since we booked in April. (They have also waived the weekend surcharge, as their contribution to our fundraising.)

If you have special dietary requirements, please let the office know, so that we can make sure that Hudson's have a meal for you. The meat courses are gluten and dairy free, and there are gluten free dessert options.

Rev. Wendy is organizing the silent auction. If you have a contribution to donate, please let her or the office know.

Many people have already signed up for the dinner on the Notice Board—thank you. Please don't forget to also book your tickets online (<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=915363&>), and prepare to liaise with your table host about bringing some nibbles or a drink. If you haven't registered yet, there's still time. A new and improved table based sign-up sheet (incorporating previous registrations) is going up on the Notice Board this week.

Thank you to those who have offered to host a table. We will be in touch with you in the week leading up to the event with the details of the people on your table.

While this event is a fundraiser, it is also about building community. Please don't let affordability be a barrier to your attendance. If cost is a challenge, please contact Rev. Wayne.



The Labyrinth—Meditation in Motion

ANSD Quiet Day Saturday 20 August 2022,
9.30am—3pm at The Chapel, Centre for
Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall St Bar-
ton.

Cost \$30

RSVP by Friday 12 August to
ansdact@gmail.com

Enquiries: Annie Patterson 0450 488 278



Coping with Life's Curveballs

Feeling overwhelmed by the curveballs life throws?
Looking for new coping strategies?

A discussion
including tips to
help us cope with
life's problems will
be facilitated by:



Anne McDowell
Psychotherapist,
Family Counsellor
& trauma and grief
specialist

7pm Thursday 21 July
@Holy Covenant
89 Dexter St, Cook

All welcome

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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 Par-
ish, 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

Yarning Products

There has been lots of productive yarning happen-
ing 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.



PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Continued vigilance against COVID and other infectious diseases
- ⇒ Unconditional withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukraine
- ⇒ An end to political instability in Sri Lanka, and improved access to food and fuel for the people

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Strength for health care workers and first responders, and capacity in our hospitals
- ⇒ Teachers and students returning to school

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of North Queensland
- ⇒ Queanbeyan and District Anglican Church
- ⇒ Community of Celebration and Mary's Place
- ⇒ Canberra Region Anglicare Retail Outlets
- ⇒ Alexander Maconochie Correctional Centre
- ⇒ The Anglican School Googong
- ⇒ Work amongst needy, unemployed and homeless people of all ages.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Gwen Hallows; Hilary Harris; Merrie Hepworth; Beth Heyde; Phyl and Reg Holmes, and Lucian, Joshua and Lulu Horciu.
- ⇒ 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; Paula Percival, Colin & Marilyn Tolano and anyone known to us personally

COMMEMORATIONS

- Thursday:** Harry Reece Sharpe (d. 1994)
Friday: Trevor Charles Lawrence (d. 2019)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Monday: Samuel Gumbrell

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

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

COLLECT for 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Eternal God,
you draw near to us in Christ
and make yourself our guest:
amid the cares of our daily lives,
make us attentive to your voice
and alert to your presence,
that we may treasure your word above all else.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

READINGS

Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-29
Luke 10:38-42

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