

# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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**SUNDAY 24 JULY 2022**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

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Kids' Church and Youth Group recommence 24 July. Morning Tea after morning services is postponed until the current COVID wave passes.

## **SUNDAY 24 JULY**

8am and 10 am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

5pm Twilight Conversations

## **WEDNESDAY 27 JULY**

12 Midday Communion Service and lunch

## **SUNDAY 31 JULY**

8am and 10 am Holy Communion

Celebrant:

The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

Preacher:

Venerable (EM) Anne Ranse OAM

## **COMING UP**

Parish Dinner : **POSTPONED**

## **Bank details for direct debit:**

Bank: Commonwealth

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## **Hope and amazement**

Today's OT reading focuses on Hosea, who also radically critiques Israel in the last decades before the exile of Israel. Hosea's critique turns on Israel's faithlessness to their Lord (YHWH) as they turn to Baal worship. Hosea shapes imagery of "sacred" marriage to drive home Israel's infidelity to YHWH; YHWH's pain and yearning for His bride of the desert, and His willingness to re-woo and remarry Israel. Hosea's imagery is rooted in the covenantal (Exodus/Mosaic) traditions and his own marital experience: "Hosea's bold theological articulation is deeply rooted in a personal experience of broken and restored relationship that the prophet receives and reports on as revelatory of the divine character and divine intentionality" (Brueggemann, An Introduction to the Old Testament, p215). Under divine instruction he takes a wife who prostitutes herself (Hos 1:2). His children bear harsh prophetically significant names: *Jezreel*, an indictment against Israel's kings for Jehu's violence in that place; *Lo-ruhamah* ('No pity') testifies to God's judgement; *Lo-ammi* ('Not my people') testifies to total breakdown in the covenant relationship between Israel and their Lord (Hos 1:4-8).

Hosea balances his harsh critique with words of hope. In Ch 2 the terrifying symbolism of the

covenantal break between God and his people is reversed: "And I will take you for my wife forever; I will take you for my wife in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy" (Hos 2:19). The prophetic thrust of Hosea's children's naming is also reversed (Hos 2:21-23).

Hope acts as an energising force in our consciousness. Brueggemann argues that given despair "It is the task of prophetic imagination and ministry to bring people to engage the promise of newness that is at work in our history with God ... despairing people do not anticipate or receive newness" (The Prophetic Imagination, pp62-63). Further, "The hope-filled language of prophecy, in cutting through ... despair and hopelessness, is the language of amazement." (Brueggemann, p78). Amazement shapes newness, with God at the centre, and with newness comes celebration, doxology, joy, public justice, family humaneness, and corporate repentance.

Let us sing with the psalmist "Restore us again, O God of our salvation... May steadfast love and faithfulness meet, righteousness and peace kiss each other, faithfulness spring up from the ground and righteousness look down from the sky." (Ps 85:4,10)

*Merilyn Clark*

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I met E approximately two years ago when he was released from the Alexander Moconochie Centre and referred to our service. He had just finished his third prison sentence for non-violent crimes and had been in and out of the 'system' for most of his life. He grew up in NSW in a small community, and at a very young age, saw his dad and older brother sent to prison for committing violent crimes.

When I first met E, he had very little self-confidence or self-efficacy, and he had a negative perception about himself and his future. Over the months that followed, St John's Care worked closely with E, providing him with case management, food, bedding, and other necessities.

We started the process of applying for housing and were thrilled when E was given a one-bedroom apartment. We assisted him in getting furniture and were able to provide him with basic kitchen supplies like cutlery and crockery. E was elated, and it was becoming clear that he was intent on turning his life around and continuing to effectively integrate back into society. His demeanor had changed, and he started to express some of his goals to me – one of which was to get a job.

We referred E to a job agency and assisted him with his applications. A few weeks later, he was offered a casual role in the construction industry which he accepted. We began seeing E less frequently at our Centre as the level of support he required diminished.

A few months ago, E began visiting more regularly, citing the increased cost of food, bills, and petrol as reasons he was seeking assistance. He had recently been diagnosed with a heart condition and was now required to purchase medication each month which he simply could not afford. To afford the medication he needed, E had stopped making contributions towards his gas and electricity bills and purchasing phone credit to stay in touch with friends and family. I assured E that we could pay for his monthly medication, that we could support him and catching up on his overdue bills, and I purchased some credit for his phone.

E was extremely thankful for our support and was relieved to be free of the financial pressure he was under. As he left the Centre, he said "There must be so many other people who are struggling at the moment, everything is just so expensive!"

I sat at my desk and looked at the client numbers from last month, E was right, there are so many people who are currently struggling. In the month of June, we saw the highest number of clients at our Centre (apart from Christmas) recorded since I started working here approximately two years ago. This story serves as a reminder of the adversities that many of our fellow Canberrans are facing due to the rising cost of living, and how they are often forced to choose between things that are necessities like bills and medication.

**Items Required:** Disinfectant, Pasta Meals, Large Tinned Fruit, Jam, Vegemite

**Thank you!**

Another brilliant effort from our Parish family in ensuring that Penny Lilley and family were



wrapped in love at Ted's funeral last week. Deacons, musicians, PA operator, chair & table movers, food & beverage servers, and particularly all those involved in the clean up process—very well

**Safe Ministries Update**

Thank you to all who have completed their safe ministries requirements. Your ministry and care for others is greatly appreciated. One month ago 106 people had outstanding safe ministries requirements. This is now down to 11. We are currently:

- supporting 2 people who have commenced their refresher training
- continuing to encourage one person to do their training and apply for a WWVP
- awaiting promised checks or declarations from 9 people

Sadly, we have had to advise 3 people that they cannot volunteer until they complete their requirements. Many thanks to Anne, Joh and Megan who have worked tirelessly on this task.

**Peter Sherman's funeral**

Peter Sherman's funeral will be held at the Worship Centre on Friday 29 July at 1.30pm. As always, volunteers are needed to support the service. Please contact the office if you are able to assist.

### Sing with Intent

*The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. Bless the Lord, O my soul.....for all your goodness, I will keep on singing like never before: ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.*  
(Paraphrased, Christian song. 10,000 reasons.)

Does your day start by making space to hear and see things of God? This day He made with the solo song of the beautiful Rufus Whistler, his rusty orange feathered chest puffed out in joy as he sang from the sacred space, his song full of intent to please his creator, as if he knew it was so. Do you begin your day with singing? Singing a song so full of joy and intent to please our creator? *'Whatever may pass, whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.'* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Anne, servant of the Lord.

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



### Bush Church Aid

The Bush Church Aid Society (BCA) has a heart for people living in remote and regional Australia. BCA is committed to going the distance to reach Australia for Christ.

Simon and Angela Owen serve with BCA in Cloncurry. Cloncurry has a population of 2900 and is located 780km south-west of Townsville. The region has tiny groups of Christians and many who are yet to hear the gospel.

Simon and Angela's prayer request for July is that God will give them wisdom for how best to utilize the cooler time of the year. Please join Christians across Australia in praying for BCA.

### Parish Dinner Postponed

Given the increasing rates of COVID in the community, and the risks associated with 80 people spending 3 hours unmasked together, we have regretfully taken the difficult decision to postpone the Parish Dinner.

The new date is yet to be determined, but will be at the end of September or start of October.

Many thanks to all those who have already paid for your tickets—we can transfer those payments across to the new date once it's finalised. If you would prefer a refund, you can arrange this by cancelling your booking through the Trybookings site. If you wish to receive a refund, please cancel your booking prior to 30 July

Those people who have already donated physical items for the silent auction, we will store those until the dinner happens. For those who hadn't finalised their contributions to the auction, you now have some more time to sort that out.



Please contact the office if you have any questions about the postponement, or the new date.

August 9th is a second Tuesday!

**HAVE  
A  
GOOD  
YARN**

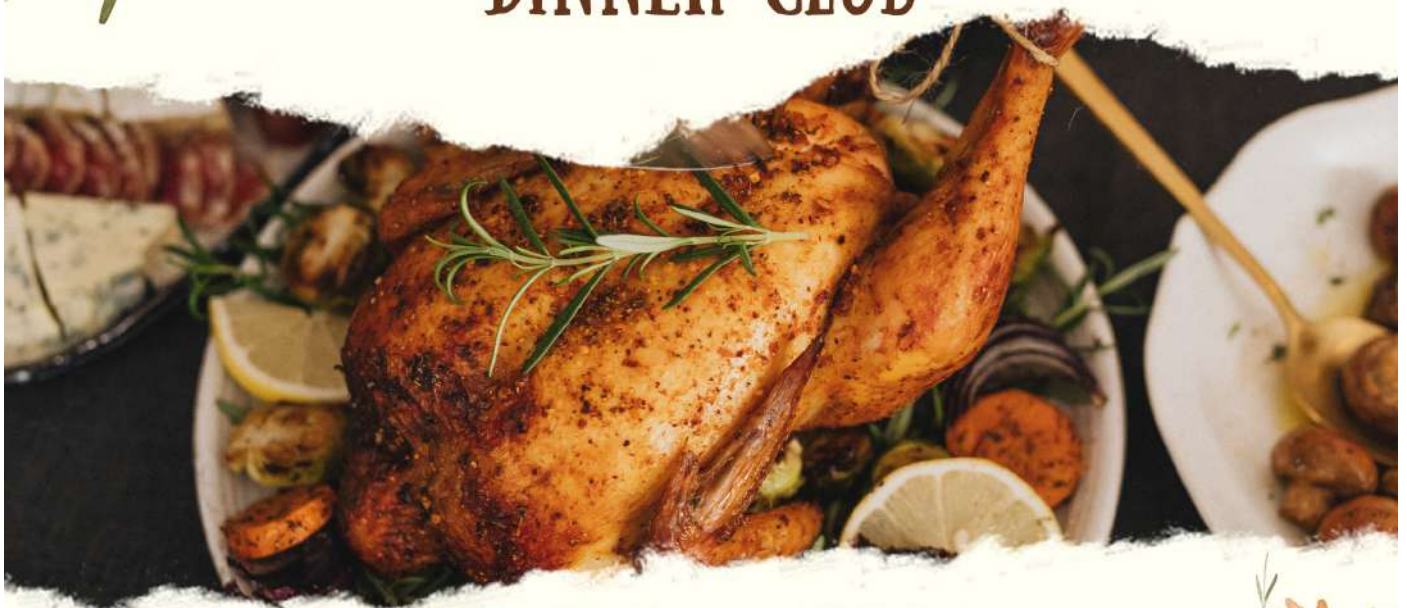
**2ND & 4TH  
TUESDAYS**



**AUGUST 2ND 2022**

**6PM**

**DINNER CLUB**



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



## PRAYER POINTS

### IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ The impacts of extreme heat in the Northern Hemisphere
- ⇒ Peace in Ukraine, and the withdrawal of Russian troops
- ⇒ The people of Micronesia, facing their first COVID outbreak

### IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ The opening of Australia's 47th parliament
- ⇒ Increased uptakes of vaccines and other COVID management strategies
- ⇒ Integrity in leadership at all levels of society

### IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of The Murray
- ⇒ Tumut, Adelong, Tarcutta Parishes
- ⇒ South-West Slopes Ministry District (the Parishes of Batlow and Tumbarumba)
- ⇒ Ministry to prisoners and prison officers; Kairos ministry.

### IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Nilantha Hulugalle; Neville and Dorothy Hurst; Deranie and Phoebe Jackson; and Gareth, Jo, Elanor, Hannah and Issac James.
- ⇒ 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, Carol Sherman & family, and anyone known to us personally.

### COMMEMORATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**Sunday:** Ellie Wedgwood  
**Friday:** Sophie Amos, Barnaby D'Cruz

## COLLECT for 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Provident Father,  
with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips,  
we ask, we seek, we knock at your door:  
help us so to seek that we may truly find,  
so to ask that we may joyfully receive,  
and so to knock that the door of mercy may be opened  
for us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## READINGS

Hosea 1:2-10  
Psalm 85  
Colossians 2: 6-19  
Luke 11:1-13

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