

# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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**SUNDAY 31 JULY 2022**  
**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

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Meeting ID: 882 096 2366  
Password: 033643

Morning Tea after morning services is postponed until the current COVID wave passes.

## **SUNDAY 31 JULY**

8am and 10 am Holy Communion  
Celebrant & Preacher:  
The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton  
5pm Twilight Conversation

## **WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST**

12 Midday Communion Service and lunch

## **SUNDAY 7 AUGUST**

8am and 10 am Holy Communion  
Celebrant and Preacher:  
The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton  
5pm Twilight Conversation

## **COMING UP**

**Pizza Night: Friday August 5th TBC**

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

Bank: Commonwealth  
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## **Shaping a new creation**

Brueggemann, in *An Introduction to the Old Testament*, argues that today's Hosea's reading (11:1-11) is "among the most remarkable oracles of the entire prophetic literature" (p218). It captures God's deep love and yearning for and clinging to Israel: "How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel?... My heart recoils within me" (v8). Hosea daringly reaches deep into God Himself and finds His deep passion and compassion for Israel (v1-4, 8-9), despite Israel's shocking infidelity to God, which elicits God's anger (v5-7). Brueggemann contends that: "the poetic tradition of Hosea reaches down into the poetic-rhetorical-emotional depths that move past any simple formula of disobedience and punishment or any other quid pro quo. We cannot trace how this depth perception has come about; the tradition of Hosea is indeed a disclosure of YHWH's deep capacity for grace, a grace rooted in YHWH's own life, but defining for Israel ..." (p219). That tradition refuses to allow deserved punishment the final word. Instead the final word is one of hope, of a renewed relationship with God, of a returning home (v11); not to the home we knew and have mourned for, but to an alternative consciousness, a renewed vision of home.

This hope of newness, of renewal, shaped by anguish and yearning, is God-given through the prophetic word, and is always a source of amazement (Brueggemann, *The Prophetic Imagination*, p79). Brueggemann argues that "Jesus is remembered and presented by the early church as the faithful embodiment of an alternative consciousness. In his compassion he embodies the anguish of those rejected by the dominant culture .... Jesus has the capacity to give voice to the very hurt that has been muted and therefore newness could come." (p88). We see this renewal in today's Colossians reading: "you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!" (v9-11).

May God make us willing to critique our world in grief and lament, and give us energy to play our part in developing this alternative consciousness, that we may become truly a new creation, praising God in astonishment at the new world we are being offered.: *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever* (Ps107:1).

*Merilyn Clark*

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Two weeks ago, we received a call from one of our clients who we will refer to as S. He has been using the services of St John's Care for many years and is a long-term patient at the mental health ward in the hospital. Most recently S has been there for over six months. Over the last couple of weeks, his experience within the ward has been increasingly difficult as he has no family or friends, and minimal social contact.

S called SJC to see if we could drop some personal things (clothing, hygiene items etc.) to him and whether he could talk to someone about his feelings, concerns and thoughts. I arrived at the hospital to drop some items off, and we had a long conversation.

He explained that he was feeling down, and that it often felt like time had not gone by or was going by incredibly fast. He asked whether I would like to go for a walk on the grounds and enjoy a moment of leisure. Although I was unable to do so at the time, I promised him that I would talk to his case worker to organise a day out, to go for a walk and grab a coffee. That same afternoon I contacted his case worker to inquire and discuss the possibilities of organising an outing with S. We had an amiable conversation and we were able to organise a suitable day and time that suited us all.

A few days later, I went to pick up S from the hospital and found him waiting for me in the reception. He looked very happy to see me and greeted me warmly. We began walking to the shops to purchase what he needed and after that we went and got a coffee. As we walked around the shops S told me some anecdotes of his life.

It was a good experience to interact with S outside of a hospital and professional setting. We talked very openly, and I felt that we were able to develop a strong connection, whilst talking about life in general. Although our lives are very different, we had some shared experiences, and this presented an opportunity to strengthen our rapport.

Looking at S's case, we can see how important social interaction is - it can lighten your mood and make you feel happier. Positive and respectful relationships allow individuals to confide in others and promotes a sense of safety and belonging.

SJC will continue to support those in need, specifically those people who have no family or friends around them; those who need to be heard, those who have fears and concerns, and those who would simply like to have a cup of coffee and a pleasant conversation.

I would like to thank all supporters for their contributions. St John's Care is a fantastic organisation which provides holistic support to individuals.

**Items Required:** Honey, Disinfectant, Pasta meals, 1kg or 2 kg Washing powder

## Companion House

Companion House is a non government community based organization, that works with adults and children who have sought safety in Australia from persecution, torture and war related trauma. They provide free access to services that respect, empower and promote recovery for people who have survived torture, trauma and human rights violations.

Do you have a free hour or two to help out refugee families connected to Companion House? The Revd. Wendy has been in conversation with the organisers at Companion House, asking how can Holy Covenant be a good neighbour? She is looking to gather a team that can be called on occasionally to have a conversation, drop off some groceries, or perhaps mow a lawn. Please chat to Wendy or email [warobertson4@gmail](mailto:warobertson4@gmail.com) for more information.



**COMPANION HOUSE**  
Assisting Survivors of Torture and Trauma

## DINNER CLUB

1st Tuesday of the Month  
Is meeting on 2 August at 6pm  
Good Food! Good Company! Good Vibrations!  
At the Southern Cross Club in Jamison  
Please confirm attendance with Hilary 6251 8166



### Let Us Pray

*The hand of the Lord God fell upon me there. Ezra 8:1*

Macrina Wiederkehr wrote: “When there is nothing left to do and nowhere else to go - remember your knees. There is something humbling about falling on your knees before God. Try it!” For me it takes me back to the beginning of my friendship with God - the child who knelt by the bed every night to talk to him, to put my body and soul into his care and protection while I slept. I never felt closer, or more comforted by God than when I was on my knees.

Kneel before the Lord your God and humbly pray.  
Anne, servant of the Lord

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



Let us pray

### Peter Sherman's Funeral

Many thanks to the volunteers who made Peter Sherman's funeral happen. Your ministry to Carol and the family is appreciated.



### 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 are arranging refunds for everyone.

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.





## PRAYER POINTS

### IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukraine, and a just end to the war
- ⇒ Political and economic stability in Sri Lanka
- ⇒ Family and friends of democracy activists executed in Myanmar
- ⇒ Anglican bishops from around the world attending the decennial Lambeth Conference (26 July - 7 August) for mutual understanding and collaboration

### IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Increased uptake of COVID vaccinations
- ⇒ Strength and endurance for healthcare workers

### IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ The National Council of Churches in Australia
- ⇒ Council of the Church in South-East Asia (Anglican) and the Christian Conference of Asia (Ecumenical)
- ⇒ ACT Churches' Council Inc
- ⇒ Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia
- ⇒ Partner relationships between our Church and other Churches of Asia and the Pacific especially those in Indonesia

### IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Russell Judd, Jayne Murray and Emma; Peter Kelley; Rosemary and David Kennemore; and Gabriel, Steve, Jocelyn and Vinnie Kiereth.
- ⇒ 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

Sunday: **Graeme Neil Johnson (d. 2013)**

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**Tuesday:** Pam Lane  
**Thursday:** Bryan McGuinness,  
Lorna Indrele

## READINGS

Hosea 11:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-9; 43  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21

## COLLECT for 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Living God,  
Judge of us all,  
you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own:  
through your Spirit give us wisdom,  
that our possessions may not be a curse,  
but a means of blessing in our lives.  
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for  
ever and ever. **Amen.**

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