

# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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## SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2022 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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### SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

8am and 10 am Holy Communion  
Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd  
Anne Dudzinski  
5pm Twilight Conversation

### WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

12 Midday Communion Service  
and lunch

### SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

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

### Coming Up:

Covenant Care 10th Anniversary: 12  
September

Parish Council 22 September

Parish Dinner 24 September

Parish Day Out: 15 October

Parish Retreat: 21-23 October

### Bank details for direct debit:

Bank: Commonwealth  
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### Luke 15:1-10

Today's gospel passage is about things being lost. Jesus offered stories of ordinary life – things familiar to his audience and indeed, familiar to us. How often do we see on the news a story of a lost child and get caught up in the search. The media, of course, is right there and beaming to us images of and interviews with distraught families. We watch as family, friends, neighbours, SES volunteers and police comb the countryside. We hold our breath with the parents, hoping the child will be found alive and if they are, we feel something of the wild rejoicing of the family and the searchers.

This leads me to wonder what Jesus might use of everyday Australian life if he was telling this parable today. Here's one musing; Suppose an overseas tourist decided to tour outback Australia. He hired a car and headed off. After a few days the roads disappeared into hazy tracks and his supplies of food and water were running out. When he didn't meet up with friends as planned, a search began. Police helicopters scoured the landscape and eventually spotted the tourist's car, but the

tourist had wandered away. He was almost dead when he was finally found. They rejoiced that they weren't too late.

Now we, as Australians, know the cardinal rule when travelling into the harsh interior is never leave the vehicle. Stay, wait, trust you will be found. And this leads me to reflect on our usual names of the parables above, what if we changed them to "the found sheep" and "the found coin".

As a spiritual director, I have people talking to me about their search for God - their discipline, their prayer, their spiritual practices and so on. Yet despite all this, God seems distant even hidden and so they intensify their search. Gently, I enquire; "What would it be like to consider that God is searching for you? All you need to do is allow yourself to be found." There's usually a sigh of relief.

As with all Jesus' parables there are many layers of meaning however today, let's consider this perspective of being the found sheep or the found coin. God is searching for you today. Allow yourself to be found.

*Sue Dunbar*

### A call for support

Yesterday I received a call from a person who we will call N. N has been staying

in a women's shelter for the past three weeks. As she is only able to work part time, it is very difficult for her to cover the costs of food, medicine, clothing and petrol to be able to transport her children to school.

N explained to me that she is also in the process of applying for support from Centrelink, as the sole caregiver of her four children. Our phone conversation was brief, but it was quite evident that she needed as much assistance as we could give.

N visited us that afternoon. Over a cup of coffee and some biscuits, N talked about how her husband physically and psychologically abused her over several years. As she was telling me this, she started to cry. She told me that she couldn't believe the situation she was in now, and felt she could no longer cope. She really needed help.

While we were talking, I was trying to encourage her and reassure her, letting her know that she is a strong human being, and it was understandable how she was feeling given the situation. Showing her empathy and being a good listener was a very good way to help her let off steam and feel as though she was being heard.

When N was calmer, we started working on a plan that would help her deal with the current situation. We agreed that she could get food, fruits, vegetables, meat, and bread on a weekly basis. If she needed more support with food and depending on our availability, we were more than happy to deliver some to her, so she wouldn't have to spend money on petrol. We also agreed to support the family with prescriptions for her younger child. SJC was also able to offer her a Big W gift voucher which she needed to buy some utensils, which would help to fill the kitchen in her current living arrangements. We provided N with some petrol vouchers, and I encouraged her to visit us whenever she felt the need to talk to a friend or just come and enjoy a cup of coffee.

We invited N to be part of our community lunch on the first Friday of each month and explained how it is a good opportunity to meet SJC volunteers, workers, and others in the community.

N came to SJC feeling totally overwhelmed and hopeless, but after our conversation and the support from SJC volunteers and workers, she told me that she felt the desire to move forward.

My thanks to St John's Care donors for their generous and wonderful help. Thanks to you we have been able to bring hope to N and her four children.

*Karen Medrano, Case Manager*

Items required: 1kg Plain & Self raising flour, tinned fruit, Shampoo & Conditioner, Sultanas

### Parish Fete - 5 November

Now is the time to be potting cuttings and plants for the fete, cleaning out the bookshelves for the book stall, and cupboards and shed for the trash and treasure; plus looking up the recipe books for some nice cakes and slices for the cafe.

This is our fete and our outreach into the community, welcoming them into our space on this great day.

Sign up sheets for you to volunteer your help will be on the notice board at the end of September.

For more information chat to Archdeacon Anne or email her at [anne.ranse@gmail.com](mailto:anne.ranse@gmail.com).

### Garden plan presentation—25 September

Please join us for a look at our plans to enhance the church gardens. Check out the plan on the wall near the kitchen and join us for a presentation and discussion on 25th September 11:30am, (after the 10am service), in the Purple Room at the Rainbow Centre. See Allison Cooper-Stanbury for more information about the event.

### 23 October—Save the date

This year marks the 21st anniversary of the SIEVX tragedy, when 353 asylum seekers drowned attempting to find refuge in Australia. The Canberra Refugee Action Campaign and The SIEVX Memorial Association ACT are jointly organising a ceremony on Sunday 23rd October 2022. Details TBA.

**Ever whispering God  
(Collect for 13th Sunday after Pentecost)**

Ever whispering God, whispering in our hearts and minds in the still of the night and the rush of day. Whispering in the gentle breeze. Whispering in the beauty of the blossoms of the prunus and wattle tree. Whispering in the sweet perfume of the spring flowers in the garden that greet me every time I open my front door. Whispering in the first bird call of the morning. Whispering in the love of a puppy.

Ever whispering God, keep our ears and eyes open to hear your whispering.

Jehovah - shalom. The Lord is peace.

*Anne, servant of the Lord.*



Whispering in the wattle tree

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

**IT Support**

The keyboard problem is fixed—thanks Anne Lange! Next challenge is the network access from the Rainbow Centre and the HCNM Office. Wish us luck. (And if you are a networking guru, please chat with Megan in the office.)



**Parish Dinner– 24 September**

Less than two weeks until the Parish Dinner! We need to finalise numbers for the cooks by **18 September**, so if you are planning on attending but haven't yet put your name down on the sign up sheet, please do so this week.

The menu (with thanks to Stephanie Alexander)

Entrée: Lentil soup (GF, Vegan)

Main: Roast chicken (GF) or Pumpkin & goat cheese quiche (Vegetarian)

Sides: Ratatouille (GF, Vegan), potato gratin (GF, Vegetarian), garden salad (GF, Vegan)

Dessert: Lemon tart (vegetarian), chocolate mousse (GF, Vegetarian), fruit plate (GF, Vegan)

There is still space for soup and vegetable cooks, so if you are up for cooking, please contact Megan at the office.

The silent auction is happening, and our thanks to those who have already made donations. There is still space for more, so please contact Revd Wendy if you have potential treasures to donate: ph 0481 458 037 or email [hccommunitychaplain@gmail.com](mailto:hccommunitychaplain@gmail.com).



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PARISH DINNER

**SUPPORTING REFUGEES  
IN CANBERRA**  
SPEAKERS:  
**SISTER JANE KEOGH &  
FAISAL AMIN**

**24 September 2022 - 6-9pm**  
89 Dexter Cres Cook  
Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCACV>  
Ages 0-4 free  
Children (under 18) \$5  
Adults \$25-\$30

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



### Setting Up Chairs

Thanks to everyone who helped out with setting up the chairs for worship over the last couple of months. Your work makes life much less stressful for the Sanctuary team in the early hours of Sunday morning!

There is a new sign-up sheet on the rosters board for setting up the chairs for worship for the rest of 2022.

If you haven't participated in this ministry before, there's a very helpful diagram for the layout on the rosters board.



### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY (ICE)

At the end of July I went to Jamison around 9am on a Saturday morning for my usual weekly shop. I can remember walking past Liquorland on the western side, then nothing until I awoke in Critical Care at Calvary Hospital.

But my daughter in Melbourne knew what was going on. Taren, the ambulance lady, had taken my phone out of my handbag, found my ICE numbers and let Kath know, plus asked her some relevant questions. She also found a list of the medications I was on that I had also put in my phone.

It's an easy thing to put ICE numbers in the contacts on your phone – please take a moment to do it.

**ICE Kath Melbourne**



Thank you so much for all your messages and well wishes. I have been overwhelmed by your kindness, offers of help and prayers.

*Libby Warren*

### Parish Council Update

Parish Council met on 25 August. A summary of the key points from their discussions:

- Digital donation plate options are being investigated.
- Looking at resuming morning teas in September
- Big thanks to Doreen, Megan, Paul, and Joh for their assistance with Parish finances.
- Landscaping/Grounds: Large format plans have been created for wider consideration in September.
- Rainbow Centre renovation: A DA has been submitted. Plans are being updated prior to approaching builders for quotes.
- Safe Ministry: Thank you to those who completed their training over August. Thank you to Megan for assisting in this.
- The Diocese is looking at scheduling face-to-face training.
- Wider Work distributions: Will be considered at the end of the year when we have a better understanding of our financial position at the end of the year.

Please contact Council Chair Dr Joh Sheehan if you have any queries regarding the work of the Parish Council.

### Safe Ministries Training

Are you thinking about taking on a new ministry that requires Safe Ministries training, but don't want to do an online course?

The Diocese is offering face to face Safe Ministries training again. The Canberra course is happening on Saturday 17 September at O'Connor. Please see <https://anglicancg.org.au/safe-ministries/safe-ministry-unit/safe-ministry-training/> for more information.

### An update from the Whelband family

Claire and her family thank you all for your prayers over the last 12 months. Claire is one year old, and while her future journey remains challenging, it is also bright.

Claire now weighs 5.5kg and has three teeth. She wears 000 clothes, rolls, and babbles incessantly. Her grip is improving, and she has three words.

The family have taken Claire off the prayer list, but you are welcome to pray for her anytime she is on your mind



### Holiday Happenings—Kippax Uniting Church

School holiday program for primary school aged children at the Kippax Uniting Community Centre, Hardwick Crescent Holt.

Thursday September 29 & October 6 2022, 10am—2pm.

Cost: \$5 per child, \$10 for two or more in a family (covers craft supplies and morning tea).

BYO lunch, drink bottle & hat. Do not attend if unwell.

Bookings essential: ph 6254 1733

# St Mark's OPEN DAY

## & Ordination Enquiries

**October 8, 2022**

**8:30am- 1:00pm**

- Campus Tours
- Meet lecturers & students
- Ordination Info Session (9-10:30am)
- Course & Study Info Session (11-12:30pm)
- Morning Tea & BBQ Lunch



**St Mark's**  
NATIONAL THEOLOGICAL CENTRE

[stmarks.edu.au/open-day](http://stmarks.edu.au/open-day)

### Book Launch– 16 September

The Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture (ACCC) invites you to attend the launch of Community Engagement After Christendom, Cascade Books by ACC&C adjunct scholar Dr Douglas Hynd. The book will be launched by Rev Graham Long, former Minister and CEO of the Wayside Chapel. Rev'd Dr Jeanette Matthews, senior lecturer at St Mark's Theological College will host the event.

- When: 16 Sep 2022 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- Where: Pavilion at the ACCC, 15 Blackall Street, Barton

See [the ACCC website](#) for more information.



## PRAYER POINTS

### IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ New governments and new leaders
- ⇒ Peace in Ukraine and the withdrawal of Russian troops
- ⇒ Those impacted by severe weather events

### IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ People facing cost of living stress
- ⇒ All those in insecure housing or sleeping rough
- ⇒ Canberra-Goulburn Anglican Synod meeting
- ⇒ Workers, employers and individuals impacted by industrial actions—fair wages, safe workplaces, good faith negotiation

### IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Gippsland
- ⇒ Gungahlin, Charnwood, St Simon's & St Paul's Parishes
- ⇒ Burgmann Anglican School, Gungahlin
- ⇒ South Sudanese Anglican Ministry (SSAM), and the Sudanese community
- ⇒ the wide range of exploratory ministries in this Diocese especially those that are emerging to full time ministry units.

### IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Di, Melanie, Ella and Lilly Mutch/Cantwell; Maurice Nevile, Tobias Nevile; Chris Olsson; Sue Paice; Des Pain; John and Gillian Painter; and Lou Passmore.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button; Bev Barnes; Brian and Elaine Dennis; Colin & Marilyn Tolano; John Arthur (Richard's dad); Libby Warren; Margaret Martin and family; Bea Duncan's family in the UK following the death of her brother Robert; Phyl Holmes, and anyone known to us personally.

### COMMEMORATIONS

**Sunday:** David Frew Durie (d. 1999)  
Thomas Winters (d. 2016)

## COLLECT for 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God,  
exultant you bring home the found:  
touch our hearts with grateful wonder  
at the tenderness of your forbearing love;  
grant us delight in the mercy that has found us;  
and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiven sinners.

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.

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## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sunday: **John Dau**  
Monday: **George Gerrity, William Wood**  
Tuesday: **Chris Olsson**  
Wednesday: **Bruce Barnes**  
Thursday: **Tanya Boulton**

## READINGS

Jeremiah 4:11-12; 22-28  
Psalm 14  
1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-19a  
Luke 15:1-10