

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2022
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

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

WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

12 Midday Communion Service
and lunch

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

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

Coming Up:

Parish Council 29 September
Parish Dinner 24 September
Pizza Night 7 October
Pet Blessing: 9 October
Parish Retreat: 21-23 October

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In the gospel readings for September we encounter Jesus offering a series of parables. These parables imagine and encourage a different orientation towards life, often described as the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus uses parables because they invite a range of meanings, arouse strong reactions and can be puzzling. A bit like a Buddhist koan which doesn't seem to make sense; the point is to stay with it until it reveals its meaning.

And so, we come to today's reading: the parable of the shrewd manager wedged in between the lost sheep/coin/son and the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16: 1-13). What is Jesus trying to draw our attention to here? I wonder if this parable is most helpfully read from the end, forwards? The last line "You cannot serve both God and Money" is like an interpretative key that assists in unlocking the meaning of the parable.

At the beginning of the story, we have a rich man who discovers that his manager is being wasteful, so he plans to dismiss him. The manager then defrauds the rich man even more. The surprise comes in verse 8 – the

master commends the manager for his shrewdness! Jesus is describing a worldview - one not unlike the dominant economic system we all live within. One where markets are manipulated, deals happen under the radar, banks are too big to fail and all other considerations are secondary to share value and companies' bottom lines. A worldview where the most vulnerable are of least value. The ones who know how to play this game are rewarded.

We are all implicated in this system. We all have money, we all use money. Jesus therefore encourages us to keep our eyes on serving God and use our money for eternal purposes. Looking ahead to next week's parable of the rich man and Lazarus, perhaps this is illustrating the point. The rich man could have befriended Lazarus.

How are we holding the tension of living within this worldview so alien to the Kingdom of God? Are we proving ourselves trustworthy with what we have been given? Remember that all life is a gift.

Sue Dunbar

Unfortunately the St John's Care bulletin didn't arrive in a readable format this week. So for a change of

pace, we are going to talk about the St John's Care Community Lunches.

A free lunch is held at St John's on the first Friday of every month. Besides being served a nutritious, home cooked, two or three-course meal, it is an opportunity to strengthen a sense of connectedness and community among the people who attend. Between 75-100 meals are served each month.

Here's a report from the Head Cook for the September lunch:

"Today's menu was Leek & Potato Soup, Chilli con Carne with rice and veg, and Self-Saucing Chocolate Pudding with ice-cream.

We were doing well on time until morning tea, but then I found I was missing a few ingredients, so there was a bit of a scurry to find things I could use. Ran out of chilli powder, and there was none at St John's Care, but I found a jar of chilli jam on the 'odd things' shelf, which did the trick!

Very busy through lunch service as we lost a couple of kitchen helpers to the floor, but we got it all out on time. 50 meals served and 35 packed for the freezer to give away during the month.

Local college kids were good, including two excellent pianists, and there was a great vibe in the room. And lots of positive comments on the food, including from a few people I'd never seen at the lunches before."

St John's Care are always looking for support for the community lunch. You may know a team or organization who might sponsor lunch one month, or be interested in helping out on the day yourself. For more information and to find out how you can get involved, email programs@stjohnscare.org.au

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.

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.

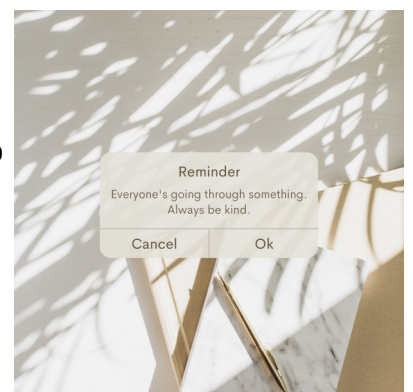
Queen's Memorial Public Holiday

Due to the Queen's Memorial Public Holiday on 22 September, there are multiple changes to the Parish Calendar.

Parish Council has been moved to 29 September.

Scrabble, EFM and the Leadership Team meeting

have been cancelled. It's highly likely that the De-cluttering Workshop will be rescheduled, but that was not finalised at the time of going to print.



A stilling prayer

Let us enlist our lives in continuous celebration of God's goodness and greatness. Psalm 145 (Psalms Now. L.E. Brandt)

The sacred space is again bathed in morning light with the coming of spring. It's soft, it's peaceful, it's quiet except for the joy of the twittering song of little birds that are also enjoying the change of season, such happy little things like balls of feathers on tiny stick legs. As for the spring flowers and blossoms, well they are just packed with love from God, full of colour and incense. If we stop long enough, I mean really stop long enough, we can feel the power of God holding it all together around us He is present. He is there. He is all in all. I often use this quote from Colin Arquhart as a stilling prayer at the day hospice:

The light of God surrounds me. The love of God enfolds me; The power of God protects me.
Where I am - God is.

Jehovah - shalom. The Lord is peace.

Anne, servant of the Lord.



Where I am, God is.

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

Meditation Service

Did you know that there is a Christian meditation service at Holy Covenant every Tuesday (except during school holidays)? Interested? Come along at 12.45pm on Tuesdays.



Parish Dinner– 24 September

The Parish Dinner is next weekend! 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 by the end of church on Sunday. (Or email the office and Megan will add your details.)

Many thanks to our volunteer cooks. Apparently the practice run on the chocolate mousse went well. We still need someone to make rata-touille and another someone to make some chocolate mousse. Recipes supplied and costs reimbursed—contact Megan at the office for details.

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.

Kitchen parties are the best parties! Volunteers are needed to serve dinner and deal with the dishes. Ideally no-one would be in the kitchen for more than one course. There's a sign up sheet on the noticeboard for these very important jobs.

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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.



SEPT 19
CRAFTY CREW
 RECYCLING CARDS TO GIVE AWAY
 ALL WELCOME!
 CONTACT
GILLIAN PAINTER 0447 480 503
 ALL EQUIPMENT AND MORNING TEA
 PROVIDED
**9.30 AM RAINBOW
 CENTRE**

Ask your FOGO questions

The ACT Government FOGO team will be out and about in our area this spring to answer your FOGO questions.

Macquarie Shops: 9am-12 midday 27 Sept*

Jamison Plaza: 9am-5pm 13 Oct

Cook Shops: 9am-5pm 9 Nov*

Jamieson Plaza: 9am-5pm 8 Dec

*weather permitting



Bishop's Executive Officer

Are you looking for an opportunity to integrate Christian faith and administrative excellence? With the imminent retirement of Ms Bev Forbes the Diocese is looking to recruit a new Bishop's Executive Officer.

The Bishop's Executive Officer is one of five roles in the Bishop's Office Team. The role is focused on working with the Diocesan Bishop to enable him/her to exercise his/her responsibilities and to oversee processes and communication relevant to the Episcopal role.

The successful applicant will be a key member of the Bishops Office Team, enabling and equipping the clergy and laity of the Diocese to fulfil their mission of engaging our world with the love and truth of Jesus.

Further details of the position and the application process can be found at www.anglicancg.org.au/bishops-executive-officer Bishop Mark would appreciate applications being received by Friday 23 September 2022.



Covenant Care 10th Anniversary

Monday September 12 was an exciting day at Covenant Care, as we finally managed to celebrate our 10th Anniversary. VIP guests from the Legislative Assembly, Canberra Southern Cross Club (CSCC), previous Holy Covenant and Holistic Care Nursing Ministry (HCNM) staff, and families of previous clients and previous volunteers joined with the current clients, volunteers and Holistic Care Nursing Ministry staff for a time of sharing, reminiscing and expressing our hope for the future. (And of course, there was a delicious lunch as well.)

We took the opportunity to promote Covenant Care to our visitors through displays of some of the clients' artwork, as well as our new banner.

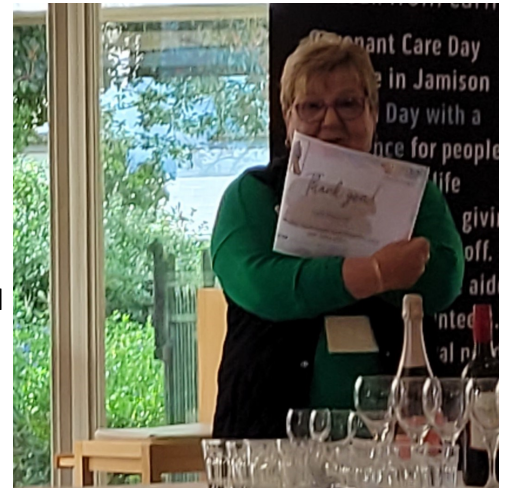


Bob Arthur spoke about the history of Covenant Care—how this ministry came into being, and how it continues to provide a unique service in supporting both our clients and their carers.

Archdeacon Anne spoke with passion of the work of the Covenant Care volunteers and the role of faith in this ministry. She also read a touching letter from Senator Katy Gallagher, who formally opened Covenant Care ten years ago in her then role of Chief Minister.

Stepping in at the last minute for Bishop Carol Wagner, Revd Wayne presented certificates and medals to our volunteers who have been with us through-

out this ten year journey, and certificates for staff and volunteers who have made significant contributions over an extended period. Not everyone was there on the day



to accept these, so keep an eye open at upcoming services and at Covenant Care for more presentations. (And if you are someone who has been with us from the beginning and we missed you—please let us know! Our records aren't as detailed as we might like.)

Minister Yvette Berry, (representing the Chief Minister) spoke

from the heart about her family experience of caring for her grandmother during the end of her life, and the challenges this presents.



She was joined in cutting the cake by Ian MacKay from CSCC. (The club has been providing free lunches for Covenant Care clients for many years.)

Thank you to everyone who made this event possible, particularly Rhonda Thorpe (previous HCNM Program Manager), Archdeacon Anne Ranse, Bob Arthur, Pauline Nicholson, Sue Jordan and Lyn Pascoe (RN). We thank God for the blessings that Covenant Care has provided and received across the last ten years, and look forward to the next ten years of Covenant Care's journey.

Megan Watts

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.

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

Global Hunger Crisis

Over 50 million people are on the brink of famine. Many countries around the world are becoming hunger hotspots. 8 million children are at risk of death from malnutrition.

How can we prevent 'crisis fatigue' from setting in? Here's five ways Tearfund have suggested for us to respond to this particular crisis.



Learn

Devote a little time to learn about the global hunger crisis and the driving factors.

[Global hunger: Five facts you need to know](#)



Pray

Praying for such a vast crisis can feel overwhelming, but prayer is powerful and can be part of the solution. [How to pray for the global hunger crisis](#)



Share

This coming World Food Day (16 October) raise awareness by sharing in your groups and networks. Use this information kit to spread the word: [Download the kit](#)



Give

Tearfund's partners are working in the countries hardest hit by the crisis, but they need support to continue their work.

Donate to [Tearfund's Hunger Crisis Appeal](#)



Advocate

\$150 million is needed to avert catastrophe in the worst-affected hunger spots. Australia can save lives if our government acts now. [Write to your MP and ask them to Help Fight Famine](#)

Parish Events (October—November)

October and November are busy months at Holy Covenant! There are multiple events on the Parish calendar, so please save these dates

Blessing of the Pets

This annual service is happening on 9 October. (A week later than usual, but we are sure St Francis won't mind.) More information to come, so watch this space.

Collection for St John's Care

Sunday October 16th is World Food Day. To commemorate this important date, we will be holding a food drive for St John's Care. Please bring your donations of non-perishable food to church with you on the 16th (or get them to the church earlier in the week).

Parish Retreat

The Parish Retreat is returning after its COVID hiatus. This year we are blessed to have Revd Susannah Paine leading us as we explore being at home in ourselves, in our landscape and in our spiritual practice.

Where: The Hermitage, 843 Old South Road Mittagong

When: 21-23 October

Cost: TBA

What to expect: A retreat provides participants with a reflective space away from the busy nature of daily life. A variety of input, prayer experiences, worship opportunities, silence, and shared experiences with our Church family are offered across the retreat.



A light dinner will be available at 5pm on Friday night, and our last shared meal at the Hermitage will be lunch at 1pm on Sunday. When booking, please ensure that you let us know about any specific dietary needs.

For more information, please look for the flyer on the back table.

Parish Fete

The fete is happening on 5 November—please see p.2 of this bulletin for information from Archdeacon Anne.

Parish Day Out

Let's have some fun at the Cotter! Bring some outdoor games, bring a picnic, remember the sunscreen.

When: From midday, 20 November.



And then Advent starts on November 27th. It's all go!

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Those mourning the death of Queen Elizabeth II
- ⇒ Safety for all those travelling to London and attending the Queen's funeral
- ⇒ Peace in Ukraine and continued withdrawal of Russian troops
- ⇒ Effective action by all governments, as half the world's population is now highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Family and friends of Uncle Jack Charles
- ⇒ Preparations for the third La Nina summer in a row
- ⇒ Timely access to supplies for farmers, builders and other industries

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of North West Australia
- ⇒ Yass Valley, Boorowa & Murrumburrah-Harden parishes
- ⇒ Christian unity at local, national and world levels, National Council of Churches in Australia, Churches Together NSW, ACT, ACT Churches Council.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Dave, Luke and Maddie Peebles; Jerry Platt; Barry and Carol Pogson, and Anne Ranse.
- ⇒ 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

Tuesday: Thomas Gould (d. 1997)

COLLECT for 15th Sunday after Pentecost

O God,
you are rich in love for your people:
show us the treasure that endures and,
when we are tempted by greed,
call us back into your service
and make us worthy to be entrusted with the
wealth that never fails.
We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus
Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sunday: **Ann Menzies**
Tuesday: **Belinda Wood, Geoff Buckland**
Thursday: **John Painter**

READINGS

Jeremiah 8:19 to 9:1
Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 3:14 to 4:6
Luke 16:1-13

