

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2022
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Kids Church and Twilight

Conversations are taking a break over the school holidays

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

8am and 10 am Holy Communion

Celebrant : The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

Preacher: The Revd Wendy Robertson

WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

12 Midday Communion Service and lunch

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER

8am and 10 am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher :

The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

3.30pm Colours of God

Coming Up:

Parish Council 29 September

Pizza Night 7 October

Pet Blessing: 9 October

Parish Retreat: 21-23 October

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The Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)

Today's gospel is another of Jesus stories: the rich man and Lazarus. Jesus paints vivid before and after pictures of the rich man and Lazarus. It's interesting that we meet Lazarus by name, but the rich man remains anonymous. Perhaps this is already suggesting where God's priorities lie. There is, of course, many ways we could explore this passage. What drew my attention this time was the mention of food from the table and dogs. This reminded me of Jesus encounter with the Syrophenician woman (Mark 7:24-30) where crumbs from the table and dogs also feature.

I wondered if there were any common threads here. The story of Jesus and the Syrophenician woman is a remarkable one and is a rich text for reflection. One striking aspect of the story is that the woman demanded that Jesus SEE her, really see her, as a unique individual who was loved by God and someone with a specific need. This led me to reflect on the quality of seeing in today's text. In his earthly life, the rich man didn't see Lazarus at all although Lazarus was placed

at his gate every day. Did he avert his eyes every time he went to and from his house or was Lazarus completely invisible to his blinkered gaze? After death, he only saw Lazarus, through the lens of his own need. He didn't even directly address Lazarus but rather spoke about him to Father Abraham. Lazarus was still just a means to an end for him.

I wonder if this parable is inviting us to extend our gaze, to be seers, to see as God sees. Jesuit theologian, Walter Burghardt, describes contemplation/prayer as taking a "long, loving look at the real." This is a core spiritual practice of paying attention or seeing. Staying with something or someone for long enough to see them as they are, not through the lens of our need, desire, prejudice, cultural bias and so on. "Who do I see?", "How do I see?" and "What do I see?" are questions worthy of reflection. Do I only see those I want to see? Can I extend my gaze? Do I see others through the lens of my needs, my agenda, my bias or do I see them for themselves?

I invite you today to take a "long, loving look at the real".

Sue Dunbar

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Last month we received a call from ActewAGL, who made us aware of an elderly person who was struggling to pay her utility bills. They told us that she lived alone, her electricity bill was overdue by months, and that she was also seeking support with food and prescriptions.

Immediately after talking to the ActewAGL staff, I called the woman, and we were able to have a very pleasant conversation. She asked if I could bring some fruit and vegetables to her as she had a strict diet and getting fresh produce from shops was too expensive.

She explained to me that her electricity bill was much higher than usual because it has been cold, and she had been using her heater all day long.

That same afternoon, I went to visit her, bringing her everything she needed. When I arrived, she was happy to see me, but she started to cry. She started to tell me that she felt very lonely, that her close circle of friends were no longer around, and she really missed socialising with others.

She invited me into her house to have a cup of tea with her, to which I immediately agreed. We started to talk while she prepared some tea, and she began to tell me about her work experiences in various jobs in her past. She was very excited to describe different trips that she had been on across the world.

While she described her experiences, I offered her my full attention. She was delighted to share her wonderful stories with me, and I was delighted to listen. She told me that she would like me to visit her often, so I agreed to visit her every Monday with fresh produce, and to have a cup of tea and a chat.

Three weeks have already passed, and every Monday I visit her and bring her the fruits and vegetables that she likes best, as well as the medications she needs. She is always smiling and waits for me at the entrance.

She is like many other clients who we see every day. Socialising keeps people young at heart, emotionally vibrant and mentally sharp. As older adults continue to enjoy life, it remains important that they have a social life to help maintain physical and emotional wellbeing.

This is a clear example of how SJC helps individuals by using a holistic approach to care. Human beings not only need food, shelter, water, housing, but also to socialise, interact with their community and have a sense of belonging.

Karen Medrano, Case Manager

Items Required: pasta or rice meals, shampoo and conditioner, sweet biscuits, Vegemite, laundry liquid, washing powder

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.

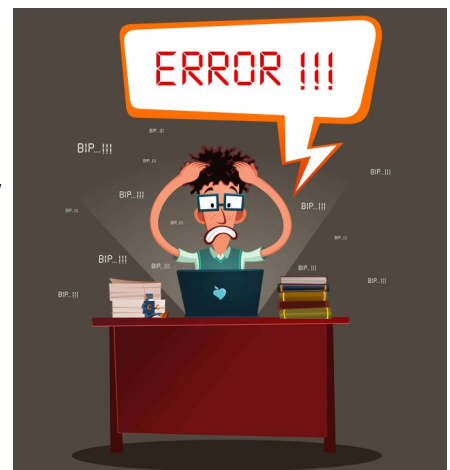
Garden plan presentation—25 September

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.

A new and interesting office IT issue

Hello IT gurus! Thanks to Anne Lange for resolving the issue with the keyboard on the Volunteers computer. Here's the next challenge:

St John's Care have changed the way that they deliver their weekly newsletter. When we click on the link, the download doesn't happen. Clearly something in our security is blocking the download, but we don't know how to stop it doing so. Help gratefully accepted.



So that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company. Romans 15:32

I recall a drive down a country road taking a day of respite from work and refreshing with a 'spiritual journey' where just God and I in the car set off to see his wonders in creation. At one stage I came to a stop and paused in the moment to look on the flowers growing on the side of the road. As Joyce Rupp would say, 'I was side swept by their loveliness.' With nothing except me and them, all other thoughts had left and my mind was now filled with beauty and a kaleidoscope of colour - A God moment. Did I go home refreshed? Indeed, I did. Going for a drive or a walk does wonders for the spirit.

May the Lord of Peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. Anne, servant of the Lord.
<https://comewalkwithme-reflections.blogspot.com>



Roadside blessings

Rainbow Badges

Have you seen our new badges? Many thanks to Gemma Stark for arranging them for us.



If you would like one of your own, please contact the office to arrange a time to collect your badge.

A message of thanks

My family and I want to say a big thank-you to all the kind and caring folk at Holy Covenant for their messages of condolence and love on the death of my husband Ron.

Margaret Martin

Not the only Clay in the Village

A GROUP EXHIBITION OF LGBTQIA+ CLAYWORKERS IN THE ACT REGION



Our very own James Collier is one of the exhibitors. You can see his gorgeous work at the Canberra Potters Gallery from 14 Octobers—6 November.

Find out more at <https://canberrapotters.com.au/project/not-the-only-clay-in-the-village/>

September 27 is a 4th Tuesday!



2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS

HAVE A GOOD YARN



Holy Covenant Youth Camp

The Holy Covenant Youth Camp is coming up at the end of this month! The young people will be traveling for a weekend at Silver Wattle Quaker Centre, to spend time reflecting, having fun, and thinking about God.

Prayers for the health of campers & leaders is appreciated!

Campsite: Silver Wattle Quaker Centre

Dates: September 30- October 2

Theme:
Moses &
the *Prince of Egypt*



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.

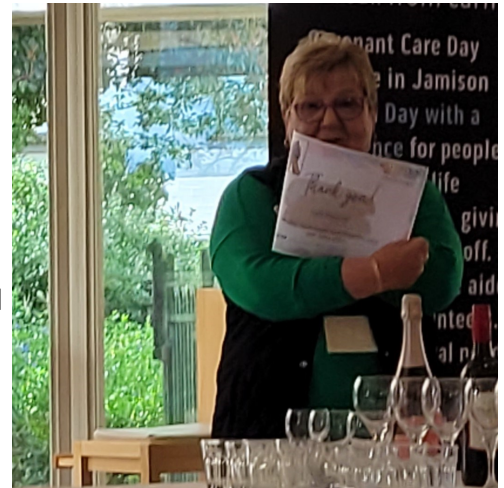


Bob Arthur spoke about the history of Covenant Care—how this ministry came into being, and how it continues to provide a unique service in supporting both our clients and their carers.

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

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](#)

Holy Covenant will be holding a food drive for St John's Care on World Food Day, Sunday October 16th.

Anglican News

The September edition of Anglican News is available on the Diocesan website. You can download a copy:

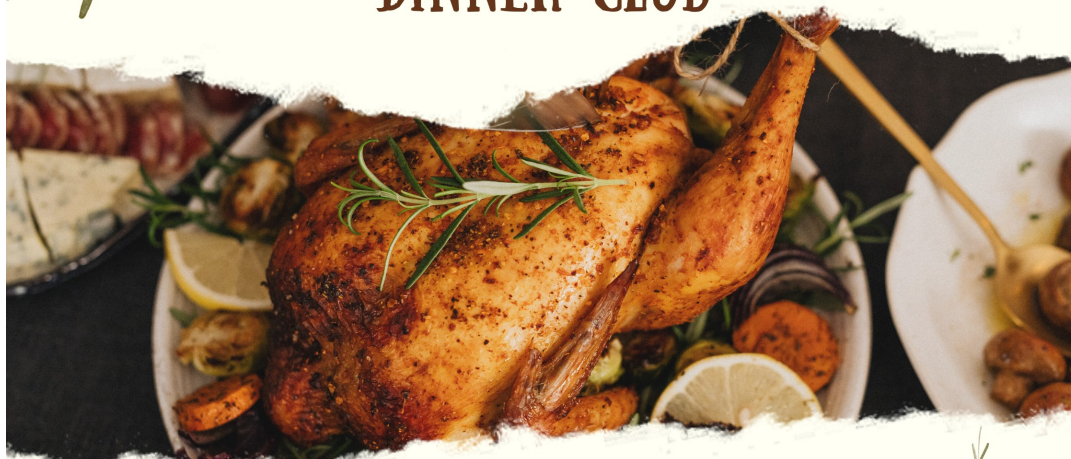
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OCTOBER 4TH 2022

6PM

DINNER CLUB



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



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.

Plant Therapy



9 October, 2pm at the Rainbow Centre. After the pet blessing is some time in the garden. Plant therapy is good for your wellbeing, your pocket and the environment. To ensure your

free wicking bed, please register at <https://www.trybooking.com/CCR11>

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.

Wellbeing Priori-Tea

Morning tea at the Worship Centre at 11am on 27 October. More details TBA.

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

- ⇒ An end to the war in Ukraine, and withdrawal of Russian troops
- ⇒ Respect for the human rights of prisoners and detainees

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Engagement with the Uluru Statement from the Heart and an Indigenous Voice on policy affecting first nations peoples
- ⇒ Safety for people with disability, as COVID restrictions continue to ease
- ⇒ Teachers, students and families across the school holidays

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of The Northern Territory
- ⇒ Cooma, Berridale, Snowy Mountains and Southern Monaro Parishes
- ⇒ The Village Church
- ⇒ Premier of New South Wales and Leader of the NSW Opposition, Chief Minister of the ACT and Leader of the ACT Opposition, and their respective Governments and the Opposition parties.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Wendy, Lachlan, Estelle, Isla, Lainie and Tahli Robertson; Clive Rodger; Luc Rose, Maxine Rose, and Sandra Ross
- ⇒ 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; Phyl Holmes; Phil Bloomfield, Glenys Wimmers and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

COLLECT for 16th Sunday after Pentecost

O God,
from whom light rises in darkness for those who seek you:
grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties,
the grace to ask what you would have us do,
that in your light we may see light,
and in your narrow path may not stumble;
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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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Saturday: **Fran Tilden**

READINGS

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalms 91: 1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31