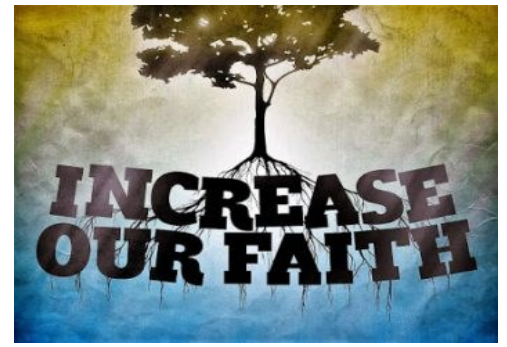


HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER 2022
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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Kids Church and Twilight

Conversations are taking a break over the school holidays

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER

8am and 10 am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher :

The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

3.30pm Colours of God

WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER

12 Midday Communion Service and lunch

SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER

8am and 10 am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher :

The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

5pm Twilight Conversations

Coming Up:

Pizza Night 7 October

Pet Blessing: 9 October

Parish Retreat: 21-23 October

Bank details for direct debit:

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Juxtaposition

There's some very interesting juxtapositions of ideas in this week's readings. In the Psalm and Lamentations we encounter the pain and humiliation of the Israelites when they are defeated, conquered and exiled. In the New Testament we see the impact of a life of simple faith, and a servanthood philosophy that expects no undue reward for living a faithful life. Is it possible that both Testaments are saying the same thing?

Often we see bad things happening to good people, and that can make it difficult to live in faith and faithfulness. It's one thing to know that the arc of the moral universe bends towards justice (thank you Revd Martin Luther King, Jr.). But it takes so long! It's very tempting to use any means, however undesirable, to achieve what we are longing for. (Looking at you, Psalmist.) But when we live out our lives in faithfulness, and pass our faith on to those who follow us, all these small, ordinary, daily acts of goodness and justice do change the world into a place where the Kingdom of Heaven is here.

It is easy to get frustrated and impatient when looking at the challenges that face our world: hunger, poverty, human rights abuses, human trafficking, disease, climate change, and more. But if we take up any strategy that gets quick results, we can easily become what we seek to overcome. As Orwell says, power corrupts. The principles that our readings encourage this week are the power of small acts of goodness and justice, and the need to think systemically and for the long term. I think here of Uncle Jack Charles, who spent much of his later life campaigning for justice. He was the first Indigenous Elder to speak at the Yoorrook Justice Commission—Victoria's Indigenous truth-telling commission. What long term commitments to justice can we embrace or renew this week?

Can we refuse to live according to the materialistic, self-centred, expedient values of the world around us? Can we live Kingdom lives, true to our heritage of faith and justice? What can we do to inspire and sustain small, long-term commitments to justice in our communities?

Megan Watts

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A new door opens

Earlier this week, we received a visit from a long-term client. P is a middle-aged woman and has been at risk of homelessness for several years. Over the past 18 months, she has been staying at a woman's refuge.

During this time, P has regularly visited the Centre for food support and, with the food we have provided her, has run cooking classes within the refuge for other women. During her visits to SJC she often showed us photos of the delicious meals she had prepared. P has referred many of the women she lived with to our service, and over the past two years we have formed a relationship with those we have supported.

When P visited this week, her demeanor was even more upbeat than usual. "They have found me a house to live in! Robbie, I really cannot believe it, but they have found me a house, I am almost lost for words", she said. Tears of joy streamed down her face as she shook her head slowly in bewilderment, sipping her tea occasionally. It was clear how much this moment meant to P, and I felt incredibly proud of how she had persevered for so long in the face of adversity.

We got together some bowls, plates, cutlery, and other kitchen utensils for P's new place. We also gathered blankets, sheets, and pillows to make a bedding pack, and some fresh new towels which had kindly been donated.

P asked me if she could visit the Centre weekly for the next month, as she was required to pay a bond, and two weeks of rent upfront prior to moving in. Although she had covered most of the bond, there was still two weeks of rent to find, and this was due. P was concerned that if she was not able to come up with the money, she would lose the opportunity and someone else would take her spot.

I contacted the relevant housing agency, and St John's Care helped her cover the rent and the remainder of the bond owed. We gathered a few large bags of fresh fruit and veg, dairy, bread, meat, and non-perishables, and I helped take them to her car.

As we loaded the groceries into her boot, P thanked me for everything our organisation has done to support her and the other women who lived at the refuge. She emphasized how big of an impact the support had made in their lives, and that she would continue to work with disadvantaged members of the community to bring positive change.

I look forward to seeing P over the coming months and am eager to hear about the next chapter in her life.

Robbie Speldewinde, Operations Manager

Items Required: pasta and rice meals, shampoo & conditioner, powdered milk, 1 litre full cream UHT milk, small pkts of sultanas.

Parish Fete - 5 November

The fete is now just over a month away, and the excitement is building!

There are sign-up sheets on the board near the chapel for the range of volunteer jobs that need doing for this event. Some stalls still need a coordinator, and all stalls need volunteers to staff them.

A reminder for the Trash & Treasure— we are not accepting donations of electrical goods, large furniture items or bikes.

Now is the time to be potting up plants and cuttings for the plant stall.

For more information chat to Archdeacon Anne or email her at anne.ranse@gmail.com.



Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings. Psalm 17:8-9

It's interesting to observe in the bird life how it's often the male that is charged with the responsibility of looking after the babies. I think of the blue wren as an example, keeping watch over a flighty clutch of babies, trying to keep them safe from harm while at the same time learning how to live in a big world. How like our Heavenly Father nurturing and caring for us and keeping us safe. I love the image of keeping us under the shadow of his wings, a place we can run to when we are in need of protection and shelter or simply comfort, a place to snuggle into. With that image I also reflect on a family of swans I see at the lake who keep their babies close by so any signs of danger or any need for comfort they just go for shelter 'under the wings' of a parent. May we stay close enough to God to be well within reach of his comfort and shelter. 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>



Staying close by

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

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.

Useful Gifts

tearfund

Are you looking for a short-term volunteering commitment? Perhaps you could be this year's coordinator for the Useful Gift Shop?

Our previous coordinator is happy to advise and back up a 2022 volunteer. The Useful Gift Shop is well equipped by Tearfund, and well supported by the congregation.

If you are interested, please contact Elaine Gifford, Revd Wayne, or Megan in the office.



Parish Dinner Update

Huge thanks to everyone who helped make the Parish Dinner happen last Saturday night! You are all wonderful. I could definitely feel Sister Jane's "bubble of love" in the work of the many individuals who made the night such a success.

A particular shout out to Revd Wendy for running the Silent Auction and Revd Wayne for supervising set up, pack up and being our MC during the event.

I have had a few requests for the recipes, so I have uploaded them to the Parish Google Drive. You will find them here: <https://drive.google.com/file/>

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The financial report is yet to be finalised, but we can say that once everyone completes their auction payments, the event will have raised over \$4500.

Megan Watts



OCTOBER 4TH 2022
6PM
DINNER CLUB

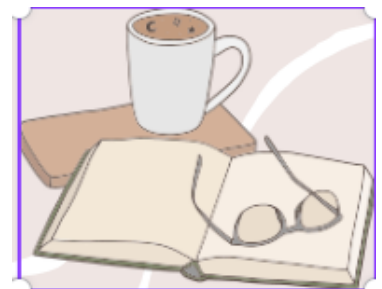
Good Food! Good Company! Good Vibrations!
At the Southern Cross Club in Jamison
Please confirm attendance with Hilary 6251 8166

How do we read the Bible?

Bible study resumes on Wednesday nights from 12 October, 7.30pm. Location is yet to be determined.

Come along for an 8 week conversation about the lenses people use to read Scripture. Bring your questions, doubts and problem passages and share this journey together.

Please contact Revd Wayne for more information.



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 at 11.45am in the Community Garden (weather permitting). Whether your pet walks, flies or swims, why not bring them out for something special?



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



World Food Day

Sunday October 16th is World Food Day. To commemorate this important date, we will be holding a food collection 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). We are working with the Jamison Centre to arrange a public collection later in the year

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: \$428 per person.

For more information, please look for the flyer on the back ta-

ble. **Bookings must be confirmed by 6 October**

Wellbeing Priori-Tea

Morning tea at the Worship Centre at 11am on 27 October. Entry by donation—funds raised will be donated to the STEPS adolescent residential mental health program. If you

are able to provide a plate of food for this event, that would be greatly appreciated. Please encourage your friends, family and neighbours to join us for morning tea and a chat. RSVP to Revd Wendy.

Parish Fete

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

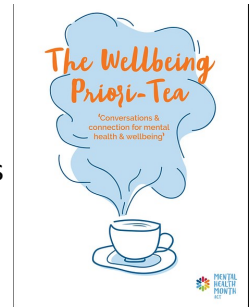
Parish Day Out

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

When: From midday, 20 November.



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



PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Recovery efforts from natural disasters, particularly in Pakistan, the Philippines and Vietnam
- ⇒ Safety for Iranians protesters calling for change
- ⇒ Protection for the world's most vulnerable people from cost of living increases

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Sensible debate around the ICAC legislation and the Voice referendum

- ⇒ Victims of the Optus hack

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Adelaide
- ⇒ Archdeacons and Area Deans
- ⇒ Professional Standards Board and Committees
- ⇒ Victims of physical and sexual abuse and the continuing implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission including the National Redress Scheme and the implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care and the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Richard and Maureen Scutter; Joh Sheehan; Paul and Heather Shelley; Carol Sherman; Ruth and Riley Sparks; Mandy Squair and Eileen and Ian Sykes.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button; Bev Barnes; Brian and Elaine Dennis; Colin & Marilyn Tolano; Libby Warren; Margaret Martin and family; Phyl Holmes; Phil Bloomfield, Glenys Wimmers, Helen Boulton and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

- Sunday:** Stephen Conan-Davies (d. 1998)
Portia Lillian Lloyd (d. 2015)
- Thursday:** Lewis Berian James (d. 2002)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Sunday:** **Caroline Taylor-Steele**
- Tuesday:** **Carol Kubanek, Barry Pogson**
- Wednesday:** **Wayne Brighton**
- Thursday:** **Anne Ranse**
- Friday:** **Doreen Matters, Colin Lyons**

READINGS

- Lamentations 1:1-6
Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:1-10

COLLECT for 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Faithful God,
have mercy on us your unworthy servants,
and increase our faith,
that, trusting in your Spirit's power to work in us
and through us,
we may never be ashamed to witness to our Lord
but may obediently serve him all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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