

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER 2022 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER

8am and 10 am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher :
The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton
11:45am Pet Blessing
5pm Twilight Conversations

WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER

12 Midday Communion Service
and lunch

SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER

8am and 10 am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher :
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5pm Twilight Conversations

Coming Up:

Wellbeing Night: 13 October
Parish Retreat: 21-23 October
Fete 5 November

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In honour of St Francis

It was the feast day of St Francis on October 4th. Here's a wonderful poem from Galway Kinnell to remind us that everything flowers.

*The bud
stands for all things,
even for those things that don't
flower,
for everything flowers, from
within, of self-blessing;
though sometimes it is necessary
to reteach a thing its loveliness,
to put a hand on its brow
of the flower
and retell it in words and in touch
it is lovely
until it flowers again from within,
of self-blessing;
as Saint Francis
put his hand on the creased
forehead
of the sow, and told her in words*

*and in touch
blessings of earth on the sow,
and the sow
began remembering all down her
thick length,
from the earthen snout all the
way
through the fodder and slops to
the spiritual curl of the tail,
from the hard spininess spiked
out from the spine
down through the great broken
heart
to the sheer blue milken
dreaminess spurting and
shuddering
from the fourteen teats into the
fourteen mouths sucking and
blowing beneath them:
the long, perfect loveliness of
sow.*

Revd Wendy Robertson



Empathy and Friendship

Two weeks ago, one of our recurring clients told us that she had a friend who was having problems with her eyesight, and needed our help. She told us that her friend needed to go to Sydney and that the appointment with the specialist would take two days. This was impossible for her friend to afford as this involved paying for accommodation, transport, food, parking, etc.

I asked our client if she could bring her friend to the St John's Care Centre. The next day our client showed up with her friend, who we will call T. T told me that she was single person and had no close family for support, instead relying on a small group of friends. She explained that a couple months ago she started having problems with her eyesight, and that it has been progressively getting worse, leaving her now partially blind. She was referred to the Sydney Eye Hospital, where she was to undergo two full days of complex and delicate testing.

T was seeking help with transport as she cannot drive and required the help of someone to get around the hospital premises. We discussed the possibilities of a close friend helping her; to which her friend (our client) said she would be happy to help. T was happy and relieved that a person she trusted could help her with transport and support. The three of us started to organise what we needed to make this happen. We called the hospital to ask for suggestions on accommodation and parking. The Hospital was very responsive, we were able to book accommodation and parking (location was very convenient). SJC provided petrol vouchers (Canberra to Sydney return) and a hamper with snacks, fruit, and other necessities for a two-day stay.

T was extremely grateful; she could not believe that everything was already organised for her to attend her appointment. We also thanked our client for bringing her friend to us.

SJC's goal is to create plans that address individuals needs and issues, usually related to housing; prescriptions; health; employment; food relief, and welfare matters. This is where the generous help of SJC's donors really counts. It enables us to focus on the specific help a person/family requires at any one a time. Thanks to SJC donors, volunteers, and workers that help individuals to solve problems and improve opportunities for everyone in the local community. Thank you so very much!

Warm regards, Karen Medrano, Case Manager

Items required: shampoo, conditioner, jam, tinned fruit

Parish Fete - 5 November

The fete is now less than a month away! We need volunteers for setting up street signage, collecting items for the Trash & Treasure from storage, setting up on Friday afternoon, and much more.

There are sign-up sheets on the board near the chapel for the full 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.





HOW DO WE READ THE BIBLE?

Join a conversation about reading these ancient stories of faith in the modern world

STARTING WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER. 7.30PM
contact Wayne for details

11 October is a 2nd
Tuesday

**2ND & 4TH
TUESDAYS**

**HAVE
A
GOOD
YARN**



Creation Blooms

The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field, the wind blows over it and it is gone. Ps 103:15-16

What a picture the whole of the spring countryside is. The wattle by the road side seems more yellow than ever. The pink blossoms are shedding their flowers, falling like confetti, leaving a floral artwork across the ground. As for the sacred space, well, what a place to sit and be with God in a garden of spring colours, perfume and delight, backed by a chorus of birds singing their morning songs. An elderly lady said to me recently, 'I look more deeply and with more delight every season. I pause taking it all in, the sights, the colour and think to myself enjoy, reflect, smell, stay awhile for I may not be here to enjoy it when it comes around again.' Just like the flowers, our life is short but oh so much richer if we stay awhile with God and pause and reflect.

Grace and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways Anne, servant of the Lord.



God's love

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

Carers' Coffee Circle

The next meeting of the 3Cs is happening on Friday 14 October at 10.30am at the Canberra Southern Cross Club in Jamison. This month there is a guest speaker from Nurse Next Door Home Care Services.

RSVP to Sandra Ross—

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21st Anniversary of SIEV X Tragedy

Everyone is invited to a ceremony at the SIEV X Memorial in Weston Park on Sunday 23rd October 2022 to remember the 353 innocent asylum seekers who lost their lives when their vessel sank between Indonesia and Australia on 19th October 2001.

The commemoration will begin with a BYO picnic at 12 noon with the formal ceremony to run from 1.00 to 2.30.



Useful Gifts

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 Council Report

Parish council met on 29th September, key discussion points:

- Council notes with thanks the success of the Parish dinner, with special mentions to Megan organising the event, the kitchen/cooks plus set up and pack up teams, and Wendy for the Silent Auction.
- Rainbow Centre renovation now at public notification stage (closed 4 October). Next steps are selecting quotes/builders and Diocesan approval.
- Landscape design plans posted on wall near

kitchen.

- Numbers of fully completed Safe Ministry training improved.
- Considered Holistic Care Nursing Ministries (HCNM) report, ongoing plans toward deductible gift recipient (DGR) registration, and proposals for other memberships.
- Some IT issues on the premises between buildings/offices.

Mick Lundie, Parish Council member

Please join us as we tidy up the Dexter Street garden for the Street Library



CARING FOR PEOPLE WITH ADDICTIONS

Fostering communication and connection

A panel discussion with:
Bill Bush and Dr Adele Stevens from Families and Friends
for Drug Law Reform, and
Chris Gough from Canberra Alliance for Harm
Minimisation and Advocacy

Thursday 13 October 7pm
@Holy Covenant Anglican Church
89 Dexter St, Cook

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ People affected by the stadium stampede in Indonesia
- ⇒ A just end to the war in Ukraine, and withdrawal of Russian troops

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Cybersafety, protection from phone and internet scams, and hackers
- ⇒ Schools, teachers and students in Term 4

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn: Bishop-in-Council and the Ministry Executive, the Anglican Church Property Trust and ADS Board
- ⇒ The Pelican Foundation
- ⇒ Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture
- ⇒ Diocesan Public Issues Commission: Chair Wayne Brighton
- ⇒ All Saints' Ainslie & All Saints College
- ⇒ Growth of the Anglican Investment Development Fund and The Pelican Foundation.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Caroline and Richard Taylor, Pam Steele and Oliver; Michaelee Thornton; Rhonda Thorpe; Rick and Fran Tilden; Marilyn Tolano; and Jenny Tomkins.
- ⇒ 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, Anne & Peter Bazeous and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Sunday: Alexandra Marion (Lexie) Winders (d.2020)

Monday: Ross Hughan (d. 1995)

Saturday: Daphne Watts (d. 2000)

Francis Thomas Freeman (d. 2003)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday: **Eli Lundie**

Friday: **Helen Boulton, Patrick Stark**

Saturday: **Phyl Holmes**

READINGS

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalms 66:1-11

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

COLLECT for 18th Sunday after Pentecost

O God,
you have made heaven and earth and all that is good:
help us to delight in simple things
and to rejoice always in the richness of your bounty;
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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