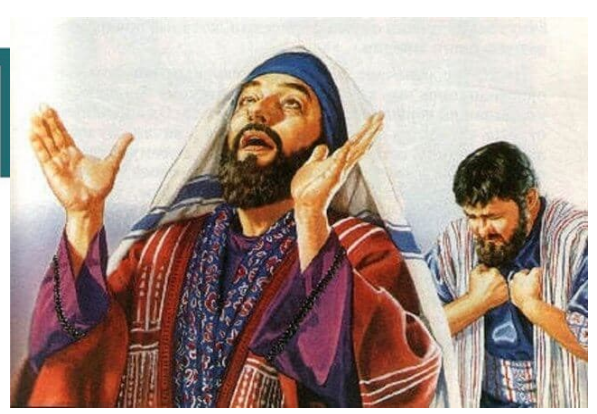


HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER 2022 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER

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

WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER

12 Midday Communion Service
and lunch

SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER

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

Coming Up:

Parish Retreat: 21-23 October
Fete 5 November

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Keeping perspective (Psalm 119.97-104)

It's easy to lose perspective when we're feeling tired, hurt, lonely or afraid. In this state our world shrinks; life becomes a matter of surviving more than thriving.

Today's Psalm draws our eye away from predicament and towards God's presence.

A feature of Hebrew poetry is its parallelism. This is where an idea is expressed in two balancing parts. The first introduces the topic while the second restates, extends or offers a contrast. The contrast drawn in today's Psalm is between God's word and our response. Each verse builds and enhances what God's word means to us, intellectually, socially, ethically and emotionally as the pronouns move rhythmically from 'you' to 'me'.

God's law may not be something we love, nor is it always something on which we meditate or reflect slowly. To us, the law sounds foreign and harsh being little more than a long list of prohibitions. God's Torah or law is the first five books associated with Moses, everything from Genesis to Deuteronomy. There's drama and story, poetry and genealogies, instructions and commandments. All of it is a delight to the Psalmist.

They present an idealised vision of how God's people could and should have lived with God. The hope that exists even now seeps out of the story by which the people's foundations are told. The glory and shame of each generation is observed. The heartache, longing and disappointments are

recounted alongside the joys, wonders and mountain top experiences. The people yearn, listen, grow deaf and are reminded again and again about God's goodness.

God speaks to those who want to hear and are open. This voice brings wisdom and understanding, teaching and delight. Such words enable someone to grow and be capable of discerning wise and sensible ways from those that are false and destructive.

Anglicans can struggle with this vision because we fail to appreciate what's involved with meditating on God's law. Leaders suggest that obedience to law is what matters most. While the Psalmist follows God's precepts, such action is the result of chewing on God's character more than blindly following ancient requirements that barely fit today's world. If you want to see how ridiculous the literal approach can be, just read A.J. Jacobs, *The year of living biblically* (2008).

The word translated as meditate means to mutter or murmur because in the ancient world there was no such thing as reading silently or privately. Reading aloud is the first step for thinking aloud. For the rabbis it involved arguing, grappling, contending and even shouting at God and each other. None of this polite indifference that Anglicans are famous for!

The greatest gift we have are these 66 books printed on paper and bound in leather. It is a story that confounds intellectuals, worries tyrants, and upended our world several times over. Read it, meditate on it, argue with it. You might not live the same way again.

Wayne Brighton

A Broken Family

L had lived with her partner W, and their daughter U, for 11 years.

About two years ago W lost his job due to COVID-19, and his mental health began to deteriorate. "He was sitting at home just drinking all day, and I could see the frustration and anger building up inside of him. He was becoming a different person and would snap if I was home later than normal or if the house wasn't clean. I would get in my car after work and know that if I was late, I was in trouble", L explained.

W's angry outbursts began as verbal abuse, but escalated. U walked home from school every afternoon and would often go straight to her room to avoid any attention from her father. One afternoon L finished work late and returned home to a quiet house. She went to the kitchen to make dinner, but as she did so, she was confronted by W. He pinned her against the wall and struck her repeatedly. Hearing the commotion from outside her room, U came to the kitchen to see her father beating her mother.

L knew she had to escape but was concerned for the safety of both her and her daughter. A few days later after returning home from work, L found U badly beaten in her bedroom U told her mother that she thought she was going to be killed. The pair waited until W passed out, and left that night, seeking refuge at L's colleague's house. They reported the abusive incidents to police and contacted DVCS for support.

DVCS are supporting the family with finding safe accommodation. We provided L and U with plenty of fresh food, school snacks and school supplies (new backpack, books, pencil case and stationery). We also paid for the family's prescriptions and provided them with a bus card so that U could travel from her new home to her new school. We will continue to work closely with L and U and will advocate on their behalf to ensure they have a positive future, and ultimately feel safe.

There are many things we take for granted – food, warmth, shelter and even a sense of safety. Thank you to our donors, volunteers, and supporters for bringing a sense of safety back into this family's life.

Operations Manager Robbie Speldewinde

Items Needed: 1 litre UHT full cream milk, toilet paper, tinned fruit, shampoo & conditioner, microwave rice packets

Parish Fete - 5 November

Three weeks left until the fete! 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.

Book Stall:

Books (in good condition), DVDs & CDs can be left at church from Monday 31/10 after Covenant Care (4pm) to Friday 4/11 by 3pm. Clean shopping bags are useful too. NO BOOKS ACCEPTED ON SATURDAY!



30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in the Anglican Church

2022 is a very significant year in the history of women's ordination in the Anglican Church. It has been 30 years since the first women were ordained to the priesthood in the Anglican Diocese of Perth on the 7th of March, 1992. This was followed by the ordination of eleven women from the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn on the 23rd of December 1992. These eleven women were those who had previously been 'turned back at the post' on February 2nd, due to a court injunction.

The Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn is hosting a diocesan service of celebration to mark the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women, which will be held in St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn, on the 5th of November at 2.00 pm. The preacher will be Bishop Genieve Blackwell, from the Diocese of Melbourne.

Our first women priests in this diocese travelled a difficult road to fulfil their call. We recognise the pain of that journey, but also the great gift they gave our diocese as they have continued to

serve with wisdom and grace. We greatly value the legacy they created which continues to encourage women who feel called to the priesthood to pursue their call. It is fitting that we celebrate their ministry to us in a diocesan Eucharist.

At Holy Covenant, we note that many of the first eleven ordained in our Diocese are known to us personally as members of our church family. Our thanks to Anne Dudzinski, Elaine Gifford and Ruth Dudley for their determination to follow God's call on their lives, and for their loyal service to the church in the 30 years since their ordination. We also recognise Susanna Pain, who was ordained in Adelaide two weeks earlier.



OCT 17 CRAFTY CREW

RECYCLING CARDS TO GIVE AWAY
ALL WELCOME!

CONTACT
GILLIAN PAINTER 0447 480 503

ALL EQUIPMENT (APART FROM
SCISSORS) AND MORNING TEA
PROVIDED

9.30 AM RAINBOW
CENTRE

Reflection

As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart. Proverbs 27:19

There is nothing more stunning than seeing a beautiful reflection in still water. Sometimes it difficult when looking at a reflection to see which is the real and which is the reflection. In a beautiful way we can also look at ourselves and see what our heart reflects about us in the eyes of those looking on. Does it reflect the life and love of Jesus? - Reflect on this for a moment - Imagine looking into a pool of still water and not seeing the reflection of your face instead you see the face of Jesus looking back at you!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Anne, servant of the Lord.



By still waters

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

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.



Fête

November

5, 2022

9.30am -

1.30pm

READING THE BIBLE TODAY

How do we read ancient stories faithfully for spiritual growth and social change?

AN ONLINE CONVERSATION
STARTING WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER. 7.30PM
contact Wayne for details

HOLY COVENANT'S HALLOWEEN PARTY MONDAY 31 OCTOBER, 5-7PM

Halloween is a great chance to get to know the neighbours. Everyone can get dressed up and be in a safe space



As a church, we want to get to know people we wouldn't usually meet so we're having a party

We'd love it if you came along, dressed up with kids of course! There'll be a BBQ, treats and face painting too!



Why not carve a pumpkin with family and bring it along? Bake a scary pie or some terrifying treats?

Christians can worry about Halloween. As Jesus has risen from the grave, we can rejoice that death has lost its sting



Contact Wayne or Wendy for more information

Sister Jane, Faisal Amin, the Brigadines and Bangladesh

We have had a request for some more information about the work that our Parish Dinner guest speakers are doing in Bangladesh.



Here's a photo from earlier this year of the 100 food bags that were put together for 100 needy families so that they all had something to eat at night during Ramadan. And another of Faisal with some of the students from Cox's Bazaar that are sponsored to keep them in

school in Bangladesh.



Parish Council has

contributed \$500 from the wider works program funding to Jane and Faisal's work in Bangladesh. If you would like to make a contribution yourself, the account details are:

Brigidine Sisters

BSB 062904

Acct 1060 2969

Reference : Bangladesh

HOW HOLY COVENANT WORKS:

SPIRITUAL GIFTS



what is a spiritual gift?

God gives people spiritual gifts to help us and our community to grow. Gifts reflect our passions, skills, personality, interests and needs.



what gifts are there?

The Apostle Paul identified many gifts in varied lists including apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers (Eph 4.11).

how do they grow?

Gifts grow like seeds. When we plant them in faith, hope and love good things can grow. They open up new ways to see and understand God in the middle of our busy lives.



How do I find my gift?

Sometimes our gifts are buried beneath all the stuff we do for work and family. There might be a yearning or a stirring to try something new or make a difference. Talking to the team can help.

Do I have to go on a roster?

Rosters are how churches get things done. Yet our gifts are more than a 'job.' They are an opportunity to discover what God can do in and through us. What does God want to do in you?



How Holy Covenant works, next week: the gift of teaching

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

Feedback From Plant Therapy

Many thanks to Dr Joh Sheehan, Anne McDowell and Revd Wendy for putting together last Saturday's plant therapy workshop. We received this feedback from one of the participants:

"I just wanted to share my appreciation for the Plant Therapy workshop held on Sunday. This has been the only activity that I've been able to engage in recently besides grocery shopping and work. Thank you again for the opportunity to connect with others and participate in something positive."

Well done Joh, Anne and Wendy!

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Survivors of the Russian bombing in Ukraine and those working to support them
- ⇒ A reduction of tensions between North & South Korea, and Japan

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ People isolated or otherwise impacted by floods
- ⇒ The 20th anniversary of the Bali bombings
- ⇒ Year 12 students preparing for and sitting final exams

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Newcastle
- ⇒ St George's Anglican Life Centre, Pearce, Arawang, St Matthew's, Wanniasa, Lanyon Valley Anglican Church & St Mary-in-the-Valley, South Tuggeranong
- ⇒ Renew Anglican Church Mission District
- ⇒ Anglicare activities in partnership with parishes and with government: child care, foster care, young people and families; for staff and volunteers in regional offices and in Goulburn; for clients, for Anglicare Appeals, and recovery work.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Anthony, Susan, Elizabeth and Michael Troy; Hugo Walker; Peter and Wendy Ward; Libby Warren; Megan Watts, and Susan Webb.
- ⇒ 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 & Wendy Bloomfield; Glenys Wimmers; Helen Boulton, Anne & Peter Bazeos and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Tuesday: Dawn Jane Hardman (d. 2020)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sunday: **Kath Arthur, David Meggs**
Monday: **Bob Arthur**
Tuesday: **Dave Peebles**

READINGS

Jeremiah 31: 27-34
Psalm 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:10 to 4:5
Luke 18:1-14

COLLECT for 19th Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord,
tireless guardian of your people,
teach us to rely, day and night, on your care.
Drive us to seek your justice and your help,
and support our prayer lest we grow weary,
for in you alone is our strength.
We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord
Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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