

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2022 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER

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

WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER

12 Midday Communion Service
and lunch

SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER

8am and 10am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher :
The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton
(10 am at Cotter Playground)
5pm Twilight Conversations

Coming Up:

Working Bee 19 November, 9am-
midday
Parish Picnic 20 November, 10am-
2pm
Community lunch 8 December

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A call to faithfulness

Jesus is often radical, disturbing and confronting. He honours the poor and inverts normal notions of charity. The poor widow's meagre offerings are worth more than the gifts of the rich. Jesus says this because her meagre offerings express more faith. Jesus honours and privileges the "least" and deprivileges grand and obvious expressions of power. The great Temple was a majestic structure that expressed Herod's wealth and civic generosity. It was a beautiful and inspired devotion. However for Jesus the visible richness of the Temple is a teaching device, cautioning listeners against putting their trust in false hopes and limited powers. Don't trust in beauty or apparent devotion. Don't trust the signs of success in this world. Even the great Temple will not last.

Jesus also warns against false prophets. Speaking with authority is not enough. Prophets need to reflect the values of Jesus as displayed in his ministry. What is so disturbing yet comforting in the Gospel reading (Luke 21: 5-19) is that the prophecy of the destruction of the Temple (70CE) was not evidence of God's rejection and disfavour, but was in fact the fulfillment of God's plan. Rather than injecting anxiety, Luke argues this disaster should instill expectation and hope. What might

bring terror should result in trust. God is still in charge. God is faithful and we should remain faithful.

Jesus describes a somewhat terrifying picture of persecution. Yet this was designed to inspire hope and trust. The early Church endured focused persecution under Roman Emperors and Governors, who sought to undermine Christian testimony about the supremacy of Christ. Yet persecution and humiliation is not a cue for discouragement but an opportunity for confession of God's kingdom. The book of Acts is full of stories of the power of God to transform difficult situations and give "Words and wisdom". Tertullian wrote "the blood of martyrs is the seed of the church".

How then do we interpret the assurance about "not a hair of your head will perish" with the statements about being put to death? We need to look at the Cross. Death is not end. As Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:54 *Death has been swallowed up in victory*. There is more to this story than the world knows and much more activity by God than we realise.

The emphasis in our reading today is on faithfulness. We are to trust, and in trusting we are to live with faithfulness. Redemption is drawing near but it takes eyes of faith to see and hearts of hope to trust.

Clive Rodger

A botched relocation

J is a single woman in her 70's who is reliant on the age pension. English is J's second language, and she was referred to St John's Care (SJC) after she had not eaten in two days.

SJC provided J with food. Assisting our clients with food helps them reallocate money towards bills and other essentials. It can also serve as a gateway to discussing a client's situation in more depth.

J advised that she had recently been relocated by Housing ACT to a new property. Unfortunately the removalists engaged by Housing ACT were abusive towards her and refused to place her furniture in the locations she requested. The removalists left her belongings dumped throughout the house in walkways, the bathroom - so that she cannot use her shower - and blocking access to her kitchen. The removalists also damaged items including the washing machine.

J has recently undergone surgery and uses mobility aids. J has had several falls and is struggling to safely move around her home. J is unable to move the items to where she needs them to be. She is taking heavy loads of washing to the local laundromat on foot due to the damaged washing machine. This is not assisting her recovery from surgery.

I assisted J to make a complaint to ACT Housing. Together we advocated for a Housing ACT Manager to attend J's property and hear her story. We also made a complaint about J's treatment by the removalists.

While the outcome from this meeting is pending, we hope that support will be provided to J with the location of her belongings, and financial compensation for the damage. We will also be working with My Aged Care to ensure that J has the correct level of support that she needs to remain in her home for as long as possible.

J expressed her sincere gratitude for the assistance that St John's Care has provided her.

Belinda Ding Social Worker student

Items required: tinned veg, microwave rice, jam, cereal, biscuits, shampoo + conditioner, pasta sauce

Christmas items required: milo/drinking chocolate, tuna bake, muesli bars, tea bags (50pack), coffee 100 grams, lollies

Parish Day Out—20 November

Because COVID has limited our options for a Parish Camp for the last three years, we are experimenting with an alternative event.

Sunday 20 November, the 8am service will happen as normal. But (weather permitting) the **10am service** will happen at **Cotter Avenue Playground**. It will be a brief communion service, followed by a picnic lunch and time of fellowship.



What to bring: hat, sunscreen, lunch, drinks, games, swimmers, towel, change of clothes (for people likely to get dirty or wet in the river), portable gazebo (if you have one), seating.

Who to bring: yourself, your family & friends.

Who will win the game of 'Pooh sticks'? Does anyone own a giant Jenga or Twister?

HELPING OUT

AT HOLY COVENANT IN 2023

EXERCISING FAITH BY HELPING OTHERS

Churches should be places of abundance and not scarcity. Abundance happens when we share our gifts. We feel energized and encouraged to trust God and explore new things.

How might you help others next year?

1

JOINING A SMALL GROUP

Work, rest and play are important things that fill up the diary. Feeding our souls by meeting God and others is also important as we discover more about God and our self. Groups for study, meditation, dinner, knitting and craft operate while new leaders are welcome.

HELPING WITH WORSHIP

Worship is an opportunity to meet with God. We love having new people in the sanctuary helping by reading, praying or with communion. Lots help behind the scenes to make Sunday happen especially with music, hospitality, greeting, audio-visual and web teams.

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PROVIDING SOME PASTORAL CARE

Everyone thrives when people care about each other. Caring can involve praying for others, helping with Holistic Care, Colours of God, writing cards, while welcoming newcomers over coffee is always fun.

JOINING THE COUNCIL TEAM

Identifying priorities, juggling priorities and helping with stewardship are just some of the ways the wardens, council members and treasurer help us to grow. Council is looking for people with the capacity to turn dreams into reality.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH*

There's a stampede when the kids and youth head for their programs every Sunday. When we have good leaders who want to see kids and young people grow in faith we have great programs. If you'd like to learn or help there are many opportunities to be found.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Being a good neighbour is our goal. That's why we have a garden, pizza night, well being sessions, dinners for women and men, play group, Halloween party and other events to build connections and friendship with people who don't go to church.

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CARING FOR OUR PROPERTY

The building and grounds are bigger than you think. With plans to renovate and refresh we need people who like to roll up their sleeves and make things special. Between gardening and odd jobs, there is always room for extra hands.

*Screening and safe ministry training requirements are necessary for many roles and often highest for activities involving children and vulnerable people. Role descriptions are available.

MY PLAN

for 2023

I'd love to help next year!

I'd be interested in talking to a team member about:

(please circle all that apply)

1 Joining a small group

2 Helping with worship

3 Providing pastoral care

4 Joining the Council team

5 Helping children & youth

6 Community engagement

7 Caring for our property

I'd like to help with something else

I have an idea that could benefit our community:

Name:

Contact details

(email or phone)

Joy in my heart

Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing, give me joy in my heart I pray. (New Harvest 58)

So many things wrap my heart in joy but nothing more so than the rising at first light. There is such an urgency and excitement about the dawn - its like a calling - 'Come, it says, come quickly before I pass and we haven't met.' The sweet song of the black-bird, first call of the morning is saying come, come quickly for my first song is just for those who choose to hear it. But best of all in this morning call is the love of God who fills it all.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Anne, servant of the Lord.



Glorious things of thee are spoken.

MORNING TEA ROSTER



CAN YOU HELP?
EMAIL
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Fete Update

A wonderful outcome from the hard work of Archdeacon Anne and her team of volunteers at the fete. As well as creating many opportunities for building relationships with our community, and a couple of potential new volunteers for Holistic Care Nursing Ministries, the fete raised approximately \$4700.

Great work team! (And hopefully Archdeacon Anne can now enjoy a well-deserved holiday.)



Thank You
Organisers and
Volunteers at
the Fete

Truth Telling—the Recognition Way

On 29 October, 87 people gathered at Kamay Botany Bay for the inaugural gathering of A National Act of Recognition.

There was truth telling—we brought early factual records that revealed our colonizing past into the open, and placed those records under public scrutiny.

We created a platform for the Voice of First Nations Peoples to be heard, as we listened to them speak freely about their experience of the impact of colonising actions on them and their people.

We created a platform for the Voice of all Australians of goodwill who labour to make wrong things right—for their voice to be heard alongside First Nations Peoples.

I came away with a sense that many of us felt we had taken a first step towards a great weight, a dark cloud being lifted from our nation. There was an air, an experience of being liberated, of being set free.

Although we spent the day naming and speaking to painful and ugly realities, we were brought closer

to each other. This closeness was based on a truth that binds us together—the truth of our common humanity. We are all brothers and sisters, and at Kamay that day it felt that we were all wanting to take care of each other the way brothers and sisters should.

Our heartfelt thanks to all who made Saturday 29 October possible. Some of you worked for weeks to make it happen. Some of you were present on the day. Others were not able to be. But we know who you are, and we want you to know you are the unseen heroes of Truth Telling – The Recognition Way.

And the next step? Recognition is a gift that belongs to everyone – with no one left out. Hence our next gathering will be open to all Australians. And we will replicate all the above – with tens of thousands present.

We will be delighted if you are one of them.

Reverend Lindsay McDowell

Co-Chair A National Act of Recognition

A word from Archdeacon Anne

A very special thank you to everyone who worked so hard and faithfully for the fete, in preparation and on the day. It is so much appreciated and made the day what it was, a wonderful get together with ourselves and a great atmosphere to welcome the local community to our church space.

From my perspective it was a very successful day and God blessed us with nice weather. It was also wonderful to see the interaction between some of you and the community people around the cafe space. Thank you all does not seem enough for all you have contributed with your time, talents and energy but know its heartfelt said.

On another note. I am taking holiday leave and will return on 8 December.

Blessings

Anne



“No, I’m pretty sure it’s do unto otters as you would have otters to do unto you.”

HOW HOLY COVENANT WORKS:

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY



what gifts are there?

Every church needs a mix of gifts in order to grow. Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers all play a role to help love grow in the world by encouraging people to develop a deeper relationship with God (Eph 4.11-13).

what is prophecy?

Prophets are people who help others understand God's purpose for the world and call to the church. They hear God's voice and speak of God's values in ways that encourage us to take action that are appropriate to God's character and presence.

why do we need prophets?

Prophets help us to see tomorrow's church today. They help us move forward by noticing how our purpose, mission and values align. They encourage us to become more authentic and effective about what we say and do.



what differences does it make?

Prophets believe that a better world is both possible and achievable. They help us to find opportunities for joining in with God's work birthing a new world that's just, fair and equitable.



where can I use this gift?

Holy Covenant has a long history of growing prophetic gifts, whether for women in leadership, environmental activism, disability ministry, justice with First Nation's people and LGBTIQ+ equality. If you want to see cultural change, this gift might be within you!



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

visit fivefoldsurvey.com to learn more

Parish Council Elections

Yes, the fete is over and now we turn our attention to the Parish Council elections.

The Council is the administrative arm of our Parish. Without the work of these wonderful people, important decisions around our future directions would not get made, and our bills would not get paid. We are deeply thankful for the work of our Parish Council members throughout 2022.

Now is the time for all of us to prayerfully consider who God is calling to this ministry. Please consider who God has placed in your mind as a potential member of the Council, and talk to those people about considering this opportunity.

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council, please talk to Wayne or one of the current Council members about the roles available.

Nomination forms are on the table at the back of the church.

Timetable:

Sunday 13 November: Nominations open

Sunday 27 November: Nominations close

Sunday 4 December: Election day

3
more
weeks



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Public Issues Commission

ULURU STATEMENT

voice. treaty. truth.

ON LINE DISCUSSION FORUM

**TUESDAY
NOV 29TH**

from 7.30pm



This forum will explore how we can help our communities understand the Statement and build capacity to participate effectively in the 2023 referendum.

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PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Real action from the COP27 conference, that brings hope for those battling the impacts of climate change
- ⇒ An end to the war in Ukraine, and the withdrawal of Russian troops

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ All those impacted by flooding

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Ministry with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island People of Australia: Aboriginal Clergy & People
- ⇒ St Paul's, Manuka & St David's Red Hill
- ⇒ St David's Close Self Care Units, Red Hill
- ⇒ Aged Care Chaplaincy: Baptist Care; Jindalee Nursing Home; Carey Gardens Aged Hostel Red Hill; Mountain View Aged Care Facility
- ⇒ Calvary John James Hospital
- ⇒ Parliamentary Christian Fellowship
- ⇒ The Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition, all members and senators, and reconciliation of First Peoples of Australia.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Wayne, Meg and Iona Brighton; Valda Bromhead; Lorraine and Geoff Buckland; Barry and Sandra Button; and John and Marg Christensen.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button; Bev Barnes; Brian and Elaine Dennis; Colin & Marilyn Tolano; Libby Warren; Phyl Holmes; Wendy Bloomfield and family; Glenys Wimmers; Anne & Peter Bazeos and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Friday: **Bruce Manning Pratt (d. 2010)**

COLLECT for 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Lord God of all the ages,
the One who is, who was, and who is to come:
stir up within us a longing for your kingdom,
keep our hearts steady in times of trial,
and grant us patient endurance until the Sun of
justice dawns.
We make our prayer 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: **Joh Sheehan**
Tuesday: **Jenny Hall**
Wednesday: **Valda Bromhead**
Thursday: **Tony Willis**
Friday: **Oliver Feitz**
Saturday: **Reg Holmes**

READINGS

Isaiah 65:17-25
Song of Isaiah (APBA p391)
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21.5-19