

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2022 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER

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

WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER

12 Midday Communion Service
and lunch

SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER

8am and 10 am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher :
The Revd Wendy Robertson
5pm Twilight Conversations

Coming Up:

Parish Picnic 20 November, 10am-2pm
Pizza Night 2 December
Community Lunch 8 December

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The reign of Christ

The Gospel reading from Luke 23: 33-43 is the story of Jesus' crucifixion. This was death by torture; Rome was asserting its power. Crucifixion symbolised not just death but carried with it the dehumanising of the person being crucified. Power's ultimate authority was declared.

What is Jesus' reaction to this appalling torture and indignity? He prays. He affirms his identity before God and others. He continues to love and intercede on behalf of his accusers. In contrast the Roman soldiers cast lots for Jesus' clothing, reflecting the prediction of Psalm 22:18 *They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garments*. The religious are described as exulting in their victory over Jesus. The Roman soldiers join in mocking him. They offer sour wine, part of the process of ridicule. The sign put over his head *This is the King of the Jews* is meant to be ironic.

And yet, a criminal both defends Jesus and understands his mission. This man recognises the justice of his own position and upholds the innocence of Jesus. Here a marginalised felon recognises who Jesus is. Jesus receives this man's confession with a message of hope. He offers grace and forgiveness. Jesus humanizes and personalises the situation—*You will be with me*.

Rather than being cursed by being hung on a pole (Numbers 21:8-9) Jesus is able to remove the curse of death. God's salvation is found in the crisis. God does not need the systems of the world to provide salvation. God is our refuge and strength. God works in the face of utter trauma, and brings salvation in times of despair. God can be trusted when things are at their worst.

The reign of Christ is also the theme of the reading from Colossians 1: 11-20. Prior to creation it is Christ through whom and for whom all things are created and in whom they find their unity and coherence. It is in the humiliating death of Jesus that God reconciles all things to himself, whether on earth or in heaven by making peace through the blood of the cross.

Both Luke and the writer of Colossians see God's reign accomplished in what humanly appears the opposite. The reign of God comes in the shape of the Cross. The redemption wrought in Jesus Christ has cosmic significance in Colossians. Paul's Christological images powerfully emphasise the cosmic significance of Christ. *For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of the Cross.*

Clive Rodger

Fight for Family

H is a long-term St John's Care (SJC) client who has regularly accessed our services over several years. She is a single mother, looking after her four children whilst navigating through the long and exhausting legal process of gaining sole legal custody of her children, and financial support from her ex-partner.

Significant rises in the cost of food, petrol, utilities, and medical bills have impacted the family over the last twelve months. Despite some savvy financial planning and management, the simple truth is that the costs of raising a family of five heavily exceeds H's income.

When H first approached me approximately a year ago, she had discovered that she did not have the funds necessary to obtain legal representation. I was able to refer her to a free legal service which specialises in family law. After a thorough discussion about the family's financial situation, we agreed to support them on a more regular basis.

H regularly visited SJC for assistance with printing, sorting, and sending off her legal documents, but more importantly, someone to debrief and talk to. We spent hours discussing each court visit at length, talking about her hope of having her children in her care full time and the life she hoped to provide for them one day.

Yesterday, she came to SJC with a big smile on her face, and a thick stack of papers in her hands. As I walked over to greet her, she hugged me. We sat down and she handed me the papers she had been provided by the court. She now has full custody of her children, as well as financial support from her ex-partner.

It has been incredible to watch H dedicate herself entirely to ensuring the best possible outcome for her children, and to finally see some positive and encouraging results. Her constant battle to provide the best for her children despite the adversities she faces serves as a great reminder of the insignificances of my own daily anxieties and concerns.

We will continue to support H and her children over the coming months, and have booked them in to receive Christmas gifts, and a Christmas hamper from SJC in December. Thank you for all of those who continue to make contributions to our organisation in some way – we truly are grateful.

Items required: muesli, Cup-a-Soup, shampoo & conditioner, cooking oil e.g. canola, olive

Christmas items required: muesli bars, drinking chocolate, instant noodles, coffee 100 grams, cereal box

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 Bend** 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?

Choose a gift. Send a card.
Fight poverty!

We don't have a Tearfund Useful Gift Cards table this year. But you can still support Tearfund in your Christmas shopping. Check out the wealth of information and ideas about meaningful and sustainable giving at www.tearfund.org.au

tearfund

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.

2

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.

3

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.

WHERE YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Your skills and talents can make a great deal of difference in the following areas. If you are interested in helping out, why not talk to a member of the ministry team?

Member of Parish Council

Treasurer

Bookkeeper

Music team

Kids church helpers

Welcome and inclusion

Synod representative

Clergy Presentation Board

I'd like to help with something else

I have an idea that could benefit our community:

Name:

Contact details

(email or phone)

Wide, wide as the ocean

As the water fills the sea, the earth will be filled with an awareness of the glory of the Lord.

Habakkuk 2:14

On a recent trip to the South Coast, I spent some time just looking at the ocean, it's vastness and seemingly never-ending space and I recall some statistics I had read which said: There is approximately 236 million, trillion gallons of water on the earth and 98% of that is in the ocean.



Habakkuk the prophet compares God's glory to water that fills the sea. That's one heck of a lot of God's glory!

How often do you think about the glory of the Lord and try and take in its magnitude, its richness, its blessings? Next time you walk on the beach or paddle in the sea, reflect on Habakkuk's words and try and grasp some sense of the magnitude of the glory of the Lord.

Grace and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Anne, servant of the Lord.

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

As wide and vast as the Lord's glory

Farewell Libby!

We are very sad to be saying farewell to Libby Warren, who is leaving us and moving to Melbourne in the near future. Libby has been a valued member of our congregation and she will be greatly missed. But we are happy for this new chapter of her life. God Bless you Libby!



Reforming in-home aged care

The Department of Health and Aged Care have called for submissions on the initial design of the new program for in-home aged care. You can read the discussion paper and make your submissions here: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/a-new-program-for-in-home-aged-care-discussion-paper>

There's also a webinar to share with older Australians, their families and carers, and the aged care sector the feedback they received, and outline next steps for the reforms. More information on the webinar is available here: <https://agedcareengagement.health.gov.au/engagement/webinar:-reforming-in-home-aged-care-update/>

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

ALLELUJAH!

CHRISTMAS WITH BENJAMIN BRITTEN
THE COMPANY OF HEAVEN
A CEREMONY OF CAROLS



TLC
LLEWELLYN
CHOIR

Conductor
Rowan Harvey-Martin

Soloists
Sonia Anfiloff (Soprano)
Andrew Barrow (Tenor)

Speakers
Rohan Thatcher
Father Chris Lewis

WITH THE LLEWELLYN SINFONIA

7.30 PM SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER 2022

Holy Cross Anglican Church | 212 Antill Street Hackett
\$40 Adults | \$35 Concessions | Bookings essential via www.llewellynchoir.org.au

Aged Care Volunteers Needed

Could you find one hour a week (Monday to Friday) to make someone's day better? Commit to doing it regularly?

Betty Szuromi, the diversional therapist at Calvary Haydon Retirement Community in Bruce, needs volunteers to help her provide stimulating leisure activities to the residents. You might do a one-on-one activity like reading to a person with impaired vision; assist someone to go on a walk with a group, or play a game; help a sewing or craft group. Betty has many other great ideas, but needs others to help her implement them. Please contact Betty on 0401 433 499 or 6264



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.

Zoom meeting ID: 882 096 2366

Passcode: 033643

Community Christmas Lunch

Dust off your Christmas hat and check that your Christmas T-shirt is clean—it's time for the Community Christmas Lunch!

The party starts at midday on 8 December in the Worship Centre. There will be a light lunch, much singing of Christmas carols, and yummy cakes and slices for dessert.

RSVP to the office by 4 December, or add your details to the sign on sheet on the back noticeboard. Please remember to let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.



Covenant Care Memorial Service

Please join us for a non-denominational service remembering our loved ones. This year we celebrate the lives of: Pat Ewing, Eva Lawley, John Macnaughtan, Janet Williams, Zillah Williams and Christina Yan-Song Liew.

Monday 28 November 2022 at 10.30am.

Morning tea will be served after the service.

RSVP by 23 November:
nurse@holycovenant.org.au

Please let us know if you need help with transport

Parish Council Elections

Do you have a dream for Holy Covenant? How could we help people in our neighbourhood to thrive? How could we share in God's purposes better in the year ahead? If these are some things you think about, maybe you should consider joining Parish Council?

Parish Council is comprised of Wardens and Council members, both elected and nominated by the rector. Council helps our church both set our future direction and find ways to turn these dreams into reality.

Now is the time for all of us to prayerfully consider who God is calling to this ministry. Is there someone you think would be a good member of the Council? Why not talk to those people talk to Wayne or one of the current Council members about the roles available.

Nomination forms for Wardens and Council members 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



Elections for Synod representatives and Clergy Presentation Board (2023-2025) will occur at the AGM in February 2023. Synod representatives attend a meeting in Goulburn in September each year on behalf of the parish. The Presentation Board is the group of parish nominees who assist Diocesan representatives with selecting a new minister in the event of retirement, resignation or incapacity. These members help the parish identity present needs and future priorities for ministry.

What do we want in aged care?

Catalyst is an independent company researching what Australians want in aged care. Our studies examine Australians' expectations, needs and concerns. The Catalyst Report is read by over 50 providers as well as industry bodies as an authoritative source.

And now you're invited to contribute.

Take 10 minutes to give your thoughts on this important topic. You may be faced with having to look at aged care for yourself, a partner or a family member one day. You may have views based on visiting a nursing home in the past you can share. We're happy to hear about the good, the bad and the ugly and what you'd like to see for the residents of the future. It might be someone you love.

Your feedback will be confidential.

You can find the survey online at:

www.agedcarestudy.org



For the last time in 2022, please
join us for

Dinner Club

December 6 at 6pm
Jamison Southern Cross Club

RSVP TO HILARY: 6251 8166



Last Crafty Crew for
2022. Nearly 1000
Christmas cards created
for St John's Care!

NOV 21 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

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Thanksgiving for improving relations between Australia and China
- ⇒ A just end to the war in Ukraine, and withdrawal of Russian troops
- ⇒ Safety for protesters and improvements for women's rights in Iran

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Quickly receding flood waters and protection for communities
- ⇒ Strength and wisdom for first responders, emergency relief teams and those who have been evacuated
- ⇒ Sensible implementation of the NSW coercive control and ACT drug decriminalisation legislation

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Riverina:
- ⇒ Parishes of Cootamundra, Temora & Junee
- ⇒ Junee Correctional Centre
- ⇒ Those who work in the justice system.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including David and Mel Clark; Penny Clark and Emma Tindal-Clark; James Collier; Ursula Conan-Davies; and Mark and Allison Copper-Stanbury.
- ⇒ 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, Maggie Watts and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

Tuesday: **Adele Laura Carr (d. 2020)**

COLLECT for 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Eternal God,
you exalted Jesus Christ to rule over all things,
and have made us instruments of his kingdom:
by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved,
and to minister to all in need,
then at the last bring us to your eternal realm
where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy
and may worship and adore you for ever;
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

Monday: **Jemima Mordike**

Tuesday: **Michael Toner**

Saturday: **Jeremy Platt**

READINGS

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23.33-43

