

# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone

For we are God's fellow workers.

You are God's field.

You are God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:9



**SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2023**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

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

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## **SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY**

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Celebrant : The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

Preacher: Revd Connie Gerrity

5pm Twilight Conversations

## **WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY**

12 Midday Communion Service and lunch

## **SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY**

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Celebrant : The Revd Wendy Robertson

Preacher: The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

5pm Twilight Conversations

### **Coming up:**

Parish Picnic: Sunday 19 February, 12 midday, John Knight Park

### **Bank details for direct debit:**

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## **Deuteronomic tradition**

Today's Old Testament reading is from Deuteronomy. I want to place this reading in a context, guided by Walter Brueggemann (*An Introduction to the Old Testament*, 2003). In the Pentateuch's first four books we see God's creation story move towards entry of God's chosen people into the promised land. This sweeping narrative concludes in Joshua with the people entering Israel. But in Deuteronomy, this narrative movement suddenly pauses. Deuteronomy unfolds within Moab. Brueggemann argues that Deuteronomy "*contains some of the richest, most important, and most eloquent interpretation in the entire Old Testament*" (p86) and is a "*focal point for the ongoing dynamism of the Torah tradition of Mount Sinai*" (p86)!

Broadly Deuteronomy is organised as three great speeches of Moses, as Israel prepares "*for entry into the land of promise*" (p86). It offers a distinctly different theological and interpretative tradition than the priestly voice found in the earlier books of the Pentateuch and in Joshua. Our reading (Deut10:12-22) comes from the second speech (Deut4:44-28:69) which is considered the heart of the Deuteronomic theological interpretation. In an act of "*immense interpretive imagination*" (p90), Judaism as a

community is directly addressed by God and their life must be lived in response. Their whole lives must reflect and enact Torah commandments and practices of covenant: "*Israel must act out its distinctive theological identity as YHWH's people in the concrete exercise of political-economic power*" (p89): theological claims cannot be divorced from public ethics of neighborliness.

Today's reading opens with a fundamental theological question: *O Israel, what does the Lord your God demand of you?* (Deut10:12). The response encompasses reverencing God; walking God's ways; loving God; serving God fully; and keeping God's laws (Deut10:12-13; 20). Life-shaping principles are articulated: all creation belongs to God; God's love for his chosen; avoiding stubbornness; God being great, mighty and awesome, showing no favour, taking no bribes; God's care for the marginalised - fatherless, widow, alien; and God's demand that Israel love the alien (Deut10:14-19). A succinct summary of God's requirements, this reading is included in some Jewish prayerbooks and is worth reflecting on. Is our theology reflected in our ethics, the way we deal with our neighbours, including refugees, indigenous and other marginalised people?

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## Dance for joy

*Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them falls to the ground apart from the Father.*

Matthew 10: 29

So many things can put a smile on your face and can brighten any dull day. The magpie warbling, feathers all brunched up, dancing around and under the sprinkler on the lawn with sheer delight and joy on a hot morning. A speckly brown sparrow on a fragile tree branch that's rocking up and down in the wind, quite unperturbed, in fact enjoying it. (Can a sparrow smile? I thought I caught a glimpse of one) So much about us can bring a smile to our face.

Morning stillness had me reflecting on our creator God and I thought "How can anyone think that God doesn't care about the life of these enjoyable creatures, or see them as his creation? Ah, they don't know God at all."

May the peace of God fill your life every single day.

Anne, servant of the Lord.

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



Dancing around and under the sprinkler!

## Des Pain—Service of Thanksgiving

A service of thanksgiving for Des Pain was held on Wednesday 8 February. Des was 97 and a member of the parish for many years. Please keep Susanna and Nikolai in your prayers. A recording of the service is available at - <https://livestream.com/iv/despain>



## Garden Morning 18 February 9am to 12 noon

We are making fantastic progress weeding the south-west corner of the block. The Community Hub has been installed and is already being used.

The next steps are for the wonderfully creative youth team to paint their design and for us to get ready to do some planting in April. There is a bit

more weeding to do, some more pruning and the planning for where we will ultimately have the path and the plants.

If you are able, please bring your hat, sunscreen, gardening gloves and gardening tools. The following will be particularly helpful: whipper snipper; spades; pruners/loppers; wheelbarrows, and a trailer



## Nowhere else to go

D visited St John's Care (SJC) last week after being encouraged by a friend to do so. D became homeless after losing their job a few days before Christmas. D has shared custody of their child, but due to being homeless, has not been able to see them for quite some time. Prior to losing their job, D was renting a room, however once they could no longer pay, they were asked to leave the property. As they had no income, D began sleeping in their car.

After a long and drawn-out process with Centrelink that left them without any income for two months, D was finally able to obtain financial assistance. This has helped to alleviate their situation somewhat, however looking for work while living in a car is posing numerous challenges for D. They are concerned that their financial assistance will be cancelled as they are not meeting their job seeking requirements. There are no feasible private accommodation options when surviving on \$555 per fortnight.

D's current priorities are to get a roof over their head so that they may see their child, as well as seeking support to improve their mental health.

SJC was able to supply food, clothing and bedding. We also sought supported accommodation for D. Unfortunately, there are no vacancies, but at least D is now on the wait list, and will be prioritised due to sleeping rough. We were able to set up an appointment with D's GP, who agreed to bulk bill them while D is experiencing homelessness and financial hardship.

The ever-increasing cost of living is placing a huge strain on both singles and families, particularly those already under significant financial stress. Many are at risk of homelessness and some have been pushed into homelessness. The people we are seeing more of are not necessarily of the demographic that we usually see. Increasingly, we are seeing people with jobs (including well-paying ones) presenting as they cannot afford to purchase food or pay for their accommodation or utilities expenses. The demand for our services is growing each day.

These are hard financial times, and the Canberra community is incredibly fortunate for the generosity of St John's Church and Canberra community. The staff and volunteers at St John's Care thank you for your ongoing support.

**Items required:** Muesli, Olive Oil, Tomato Sauce, Pasta Meals, Deodorant

## A Retreat in Daily Life

30 April to 28 May

Revd Susanna Pain is inviting those interested to join her on a five week retreat in daily life.

The retreat involves optional Sunday afternoon gatherings for reflection, prayer, meditation and listening. Retreatants meet with a spiritual companion for about half an hour about four times during the retreat period. During the week, retreatants are expected to continue their normal daily activities while keeping the allocated retreat time as free as possible from unnecessary distractions, to listen, to notice, to reflect and to pray.

For more information contact  
Revd Susanna Pain  
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## St Mark's Commencement Lecture

27 February—7pm

Celebrate the achievements of the theological students, and hear St Mark's Director, the Revd Associate Professor Andrew Cameron explore the complex and often confusing intersection between emotions and ethics and how Christian theology can offer guidance on this important subject.

The event will be held in the Durie room and over Zoom (<https://charlessturt.zoom.us/j/5426137945>)

If you are coming in person please RSVP for catering to 02 6272 6252 or email: [admin@stmarks.edu.au](mailto:admin@stmarks.edu.au)

## Annual General Meeting

How is it possible that Lent starts in less than two weeks?



Having grasped that reality, we have Shrove Tuesday to look forward to.

**When:** 21 February, 5.30pm

**Where:** Worship Centre

**What:** bring your favourite pancake toppings

And after the pancake extravaganza, it's the Annual General Meeting.

**When:** 21 February, 7pm

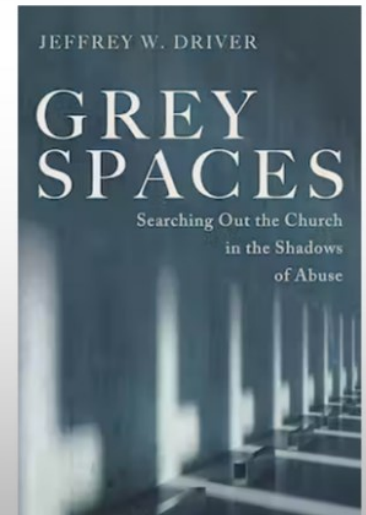
**Where:** Worship Centre

**What:** bring your (already read) copy of the annual report, and any questions you have for the outgoing Parish Council.

Copies of the annual report will be available for collection and email distribution on Sunday 19 February.

## Grey Spaces: Searching Out the Church in the Shadows of Abuse

By Bishop Jeffrey  
W. Driver



6pm Wednesday 15 February 2023  
The Chambers Pavilion, 15 Blackall Street, Barton  
Please RSVP by 14 February 2023



## Nungalinya College

*Empowering Indigenous Christians*

Across Christmas & New Year there has been much building work at Nungalinya. Multiple projects were completed: new dining room floor, disabled unit bathroom and kitchenette, asbestos veranda roofing removal, and the old and faithful servant- unit 2-demolished completely! Much painting, plumbing and electrical work was also completed. Thank God for this provision and for the property and residential team who worked so well together!





## Position Available—All Saints College

All Saints College Council wishes to appoint a new Warden to the College.

The residential College is situated in the grounds of All Saints, Ainslie. The leadership required is relational and will involve working with student residents, external providers of College maintenance and other services, the rector of All Saints parish, and the College Council.

The position is *part-time* with the hours assessed at 20 hours per week. It comes with a current fortnightly gross salary of \$1830 (i.e. before tax) plus superannuation of 15.8% and annual leave based on this part-time rate.

The Warden may live independently away from the College or 'live in'. A Warden who chooses to 'live in' the College will receive a rebate of 25% of total accommodation.

The period of appointment is for three years with an option to extend with the approval of All Saints College Council.

If you are interested, please contact Dr John Gilchrist, [johnsgilchrist@hotmail.com](mailto:johnsgilchrist@hotmail.com) or 0409463451 to obtain further information and the selection criteria.

Applications close on **Friday 10 March 2023**

## Kids Ministry Update

Hello Everyone,

My name is Lou Passmore, (they/them), and I'll be running the kids' ministry program in 2023. I'm currently studying an education degree at UC and I've been involved with the youth group here at Holy Covenant since 2021. I'm excited to start working with the kids in our community and giving them a safe environment to learn and grow in this year.

If you have any questions about the kids' ministry, feel free to email me at: [holycove-nantkids@gmail.com](mailto:holycove-nantkids@gmail.com)



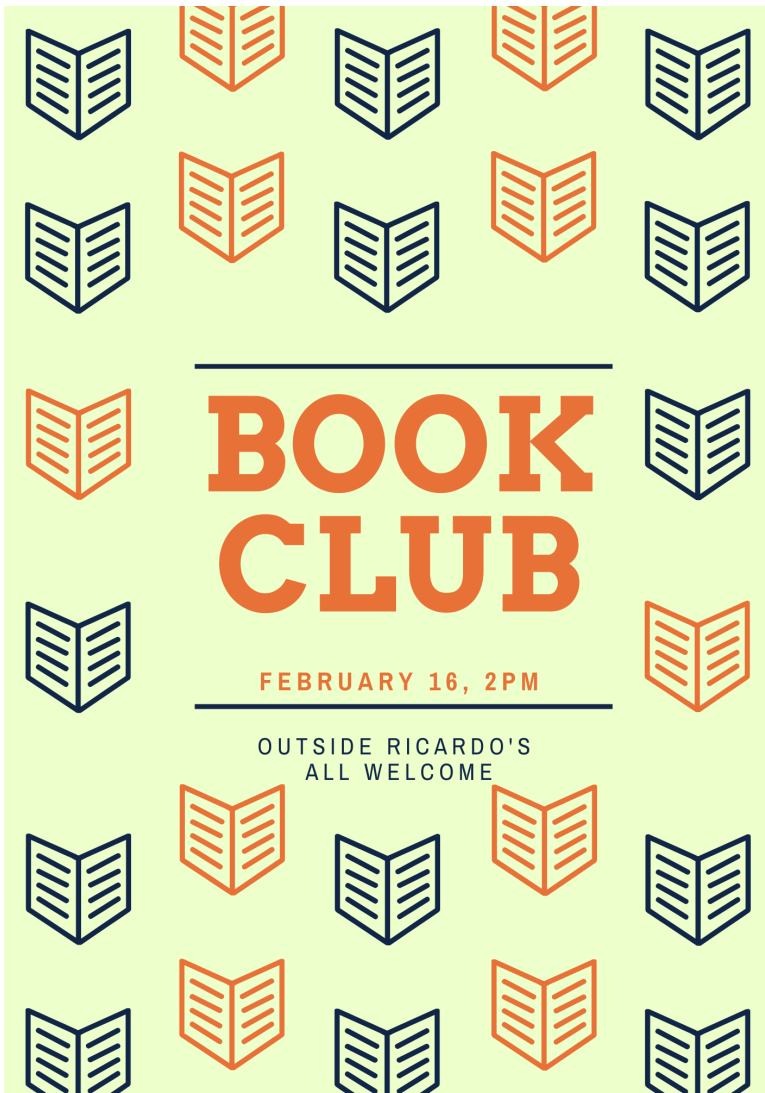
## FEB 20 CRAFTY CREW

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



## Exploring Faith, Renewing Life

Have you ever wondered about the meaning or direction of your life? Are you new to the church or need a fresh vision of Jesus?

Being With is a short course designed to help new people discover faith and explore Christianity for the first time. So if you want to know more about God's presence in the world or to rethink the life and work of Jesus in a fresh way, which not come along?

Join in online each Wednesday night from 15 February for 10 weeks from 7.30pm.

<https://adcg.zoom.us/j/8820962366?pwd=YUpja05YTxFcN0N4MGRiSFVIRlI0Zz09>

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## PRAYER POINTS

### IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Rescue and relief operations in Türkiye and Syria
- ⇒ Trial of Hong Kong democracy activists
- ⇒ Peace in Ukraine & withdrawal of Russian troops

### IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ People struggling with the cost of living
- ⇒ Political unity on the Voice to Parliament
- ⇒ The Northern Territory: safety & security, and needs based funding for family & domestic violence programs

### IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Grafton
- ⇒ Christ Church, Hawker
- ⇒ Calvary Hospital, Bruce: Anglican Chaplaincy Team
- ⇒ Clare Holland House (ACT Hospice), Barton:
- ⇒ St John's Canberra Clergy
- ⇒ Coral Park/ Bill McKenzie Gardens
- ⇒ St James', Holt:
- ⇒ Anglicare activities in caring for and supporting older people in both in home and out of home care including nursing homes, hostels, independent living units and in the general community; for staff; and volunteers.

### IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Pam Lane; Anne and Martin Lange; Jenny Lange; Chris Lee; Penny Lilley; and Lorna Loadman.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button; Bev Barnes; Brian and Elaine Dennis; Colin & Marilyn Tolano; Glenys Wimmer; Ann & Peter Bazeos; Maggie Watts; Alice Farrington, Bev Chambers and anyone known to us personally

### COMMEMORATIONS

- 13 Feb Phyllis Elizabeth "Teddy" Oldfield (d. 1994)  
14 Feb Julie Ann Shelley (d. 1978)

## COLLECT for 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Almighty God,  
you gave the law to guide our lives:  
grant that we may never shrink from your  
commandments,  
but, as we are taught by your Spirit,  
may fulfil your law in perfect love;  
through Christ our Lord and Master,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

## MINISTRY TEAM CONTACTS

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## BIRTHDAYS

- 13 Feb Bea Duncan  
15 Feb Ken Wedgwood, Jean Main  
16 Feb Jenny Lange

## BIBLE READINGS

- Deuteronomy 10:12-22  
Psalm 119:1-8  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Matthew 5: 21-37