

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 30 APRIL 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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SUNDAY 30 APRIL

8am & 10am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

(Kid's Church & Youth Group resume at 10am)

WEDNESDAY 3 MAY

12 Midday Communion Service and lunch.

SUNDAY 7 MAY

8am & 10am Holy Communion

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Coming soon:

Friday 5 May: Pizza night 6pm

Sat 20 May: Working Bee

Fri 26 May: The Stones Cry Out—
Movie and Q&A

Sat 27 May: Planning Day &
Women's afternoon tea

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An end to poverty? Acts 2:42-47

Remember then Prime Minister Bob Hawke's 2017 pledge that by 1990, no Australian child would be living in poverty? It was a bold declaration, and one that neither Hawke nor any politician since has been able to achieve. In 2022 761,000 Australian children (one in six) were living in poverty.

Compare those poverty rates with the experiences of the early church: *"All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need" (Acts 2: 44-45).*

By contrast, we are living in a time of unprecedented economic disparity between the rich and poor. The bottom 90% of Australians receive just 7% of economic growth per person, while the top 10% of income earners receive 97% of the benefits. Average pay for a CEO in Australia is about 132 times the average worker's wage.

Let's compare this situation to the ethic of early Christians. Basil the Great (330-379 CE) said *"If someone steals a person's clothes*

we call them a thief, but shouldn't we give the same name to the Christian who has more than they need while their neighbour goes without?" And a little closer to our time, John Wesley (1703-1792) said that when he died *"if I leave behind me ten pounds ... you and all mankind [may] bear witness against me, that I have lived and died a thief and a robber".*

Shane Claiborne suggests that generosity cannot be forced. It has to be provoked by love. He says: *"We will never make poverty history until we first make poverty personal."* Modern consumer culture tries to insulate us from the suffering of others —we need to live with the vision of family we see in the early church, where everyone belongs.

Whether it's support for St John's Care or Companion House; participating in a tool library or a street library; joining the Raise the Rate for good campaign, or whatever works for you, we are called to live lives of joy, love and freedom. There's great joy in sharing. The good things in life are too good to keep for ourselves.

Megan Arthur

No Income or Support

J came to the St John's Care (SJC) Centre seeking food support. He had cycled from the other end of Canberra to get to us as he had no vehicle and no money for bus tickets. J has been cycling everywhere since he had lost his job in late 2022.

J having a few casual/ad hoc jobs for a few days at a time here and there, but nothing continuing or substantial. In addition, J advised me that he had applied for income support with Centrelink, but that he was getting the run-around and had been told something different every time he spoke with a Centrelink worker.

J explained that his accounts were now drained of funds, and he was in arrears with the majority of his bills. He was incredibly worried that his electricity was going to be disconnected, as the Canberra weather has just turned very cold.

I was struck by J's strength and resilience in persevering on his own for as long as he had. I reflected this back to him; he became quite emotional and said that it was so refreshing to hear some kind words and words of encouragement.

He disclosed to me that when he lost his job, it was a blow. But when the unemployment persisted and he was unable to obtain financial support, this had adversely affected his mental wellbeing. J told me that he thinks he has been depressed for some months.

We connected J with the social work team at Centrelink and arranged for him to have weekly food support until his situation changed. We also provided bus tickets to assist him to get to his appointments, and linked him to a bulk-billing GP practice so that he could obtain a mental health plan.

J was incredibly grateful for the support that SJC was able to give him. He told me that, before visiting the Emergency Relief Centre, he had not eaten in three days. He now has hope that he can turn his situation around, and finally move forward with his life.

Belinda Ding Senior Case Manager

Items required: Oil, milk, laundry powder, shampoo & conditioner, tinned tomatoes

Hearing the Voice

Australians will soon be asked to vote to enshrine an Indigenous voice in our nation's constitution.

Many communities will need lots of help if they

are to understand, engage and support the referendum. This training event is for local people who wish to travel with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and to see this vital initiative succeed. Participants will:

1. explore the history and significance of the Uluru Statement from the Heart
2. understand why including the Voice in the Constitution matters
3. appreciate how the Voice could improve life in local communities for First Nations people
4. gain confidence and know-how in leading local conversations with friends, families and communities
5. reflect theologically with Christians from a range of perspectives about the Voice's importance.

Morning tea will be provided. Participants are advised that lunch will not be provided as there are many cafes in the vicinity providing a range of options.

This event will be facilitated by the Revd Canon A/Prof. Glenn Loughrey.

Glenn is a Wiradjuri man. He is a leader at the Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University in Canberra and the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne's Educator and Advocate for the Voice. He is the chairperson of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council, the vicar of St Oswald's in Glen Iris and artist in residence at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral in Melbourne.

Tickets available from - <https://events.humanitix.com/hearing-the-voice>



Ministry Opportunity: Colours of God

Colours of God (CoG) is a ministry of Holy Covenant that reaches out to adults with intellectual disability. It acts as a friendship group for anyone who wants to talk about God in an uncomplicated way. We are searching for new leaders for CoG. Are you someone, or do you know someone, with a passion for inclusion and a desire to help bring the joy of God to adults with intellectual disability?

The main aim of this ministry is to support people with disabilities and to share the love of Jesus; to encourage them on their faith journey into a closer relationship with Christ; to help them understand and apply God's Word to their lives, and to give them also an opportunity to serve others and have fellowship in a way that is meaningful to them.

CoG has been ably led by Archdeacon Anne and Revd Anne for many years. But for all things there is a season, and it's time for a change. Archdeacon Anne has already stepped away, and Revd Anne is looking to complete her time of leadership with CoG. We thank both of them for their service to this ministry.

Please contact Revd Wayne for more information about this important ministry.



Autumn Beauty

Lost in wonder love and praise. (Charles Wesley)

Autumn is stunning! The colours; the sunlight through the tree branches, the carpet of leaves on the ground— just beautiful. All I could do in front of a tree dressed magnificently in red was to stand still and be astonished.

Wow, what a God, what a creator! I like these words from Paul Kelly. 'God, you take our breath away when we see such beauty every day. Our hearts are filled with more than words can say, you take our breath away, you take our breath away.'

May the peace of God fill your life every single day

Anne, servant of the Lord



Glorious

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

Thanks for the Easter Eggs!

All those Easter eggs that were donated in the lead up to Easter were very much appreciated. Packages of eggs were made up and delivered to our



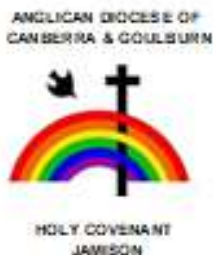
neighbours. The Saturday afternoon Easter Egg hunt was lots of fun, with children looking in all sorts of unusual places for eggs.

Name Tags

Are you a newcomer to the Holy Covenant family? Or maybe you are someone who has worshipped with us for a while, and you've put your name tag in a very safe place, never to be seen again?

Wearing a name tag is a great way to help people talk to you by name. It's fantastic for those of us who deal with many, many people over the course of a week, and/or have a dreadful memory for names. Wearing a name tag also helps people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard near the office if you would like your very own Holy Covenant name tag. The people serving communion will thank you!

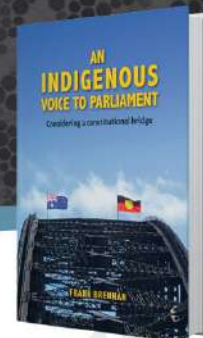


Hosted by the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture:

BOOK Launch

An Indigenous Voice to Parliament

Considering a constitutional bridge



Australians will soon be asked to vote in a referendum asking:

"Do you support an alteration to the Constitution that establishes an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice?"

6pm, Monday 1st May,
Chambers Pavilion

RSVP to acc-c@csu.edu.au



St Saviour's Cathedral Restoration Appeal

A letter from Bishop Mark and details of how to donate to the appeal are available on the noticeboard nearest the PA desk in the Worship Centre

Scam Alert!

There are scams circulating at present that we encourage our Holy Covenant family to avoid:

1. A text message is sent to your mobile phone – purporting to be from your son or daughter. The texts claims the phone has been dropped in the loo and tells you to save the new temporary mobile number. The damaged phone’s been put in rice, but in the meantime there is no access to the online banking system. There’s an urgent bill needing to be paid, the amount of the ‘supposed’ bill is sent, and you’re asked if that’s OK. A further text asks “Can you help me?” question? On confirmation that the amount is OK Bank details including BSB & A/c no. and name are sent; your asked to do a mobile transfer (i.e. via Osko.) The language used mimics that of a son or daughter seeking help from their Mum or Dad.
2. An email purporting to be from Revd Wayne. There are several fake addresses, including pastor8329@gmail.com, rec-tor.holycovenant.au@gmail.com and other variations on those themes. Rest assured that Revd Wayne will never ask you for money, or for you to send him gift cards, or phrase a request like this: “Are you available to spare me some of your time now? Kindly respond to this email.”

There’s lots of useful information about avoiding scams and keeping safe online at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>



Anglicare Volunteers



Anglicare is urgently seeking

volunteers at the retail op shop in Phillip.

The store sells quality recycled clothing and household items at affordable prices. Profits generated are used to support the work of Anglicare and to support the outreach of the Anglican Church.

Anglicare are seeking people who can help our customers find that perfect bargain, assist with displaying items and help out behind the scenes sorting and processing donated goods.

Flexible volunteering options are available, helping out for just a few hours each week. T

he team would love to hear from you!

Phone 6281 4796 and ask for Nadia or Tanya or pop in to the store at 41 Colbee Court Phillip. Shop trading hours are Monday-Friday: 10.00am-4.30pm and Saturday: 10.00am-2.00pm.

Kids’ Ministry Helpers

A new school term means a new roster for the Kids’ Ministry at the 10am service. This is another of those very valuable ministries that cannot happen without volunteer support. Can you give up one Sunday a term to support the kids and our wonderful Childrens’ Worker?



Please contact Lou via phone on 0411 338 361 or email holycovenantkids@gmail.com if you can help out. WWVP card and Safe Ministries training are required for this position—if you don’t have those yet, we can help you arrange them.

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Peace in Ukraine and the withdrawal of Russian troops
- ⇒ A peaceful return to democracy in Sudan
- ⇒ The coronation of King Charles III at Westminster Abbey

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ NT & NSW flood evacuees still in emergency accommodation
- ⇒ Willingness to listen to Australia's First Peoples and a successful outcome in the Voice referendum

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Mission Agencies
- ⇒ Missionary Work of the Church in Australia & Overseas
- ⇒ Deacons in their specialised ministries
- ⇒ Diocesan Clergy currently on Long Service Leave, Study Leave or Exchange; Retired Diocesan Clergy
- ⇒ Clergy widows and widowers
- ⇒ Pray for: Vocations to missional service both at home and overseas.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Mandy Squair; Eileen and Ian Sykes; Caroline Taylor-Steel, Richard Taylor and Oliver; Michaellee Thornton; Rhonda Thorpe; and Ric and Fran Tilden.
- ⇒ 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; Alice Farrington; Bev Chambers, Anne Drummond, Gracie Bonnett, Lou Daniels, Geoffrey Ross and anyone known to us personally

COMMEMORATIONS

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| 30 Apr | Jean Metters (d. 2017) |
| 4 May | Gladys Matilda Gordon
Williamson (d. 1994) |
| 6 May | Mavis Roberts (d. 1994) |

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 May | Isaac James |
| 3 May | Prue Wedgwood |
| 4 May | Isobel James |
| 5 May | Luke Peebles |

BIBLE READINGS

- Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:1-10
John 10:1-10

COLLECT for 4th Sunday of Easter

God of all power,
you called from death our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep:
send us as shepherds to rescue the lost,
to heal the injured,
and to feed one another with understanding;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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