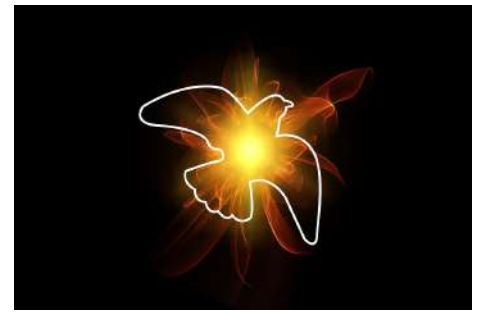


HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 28 MAY 2023
PENTECOST

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

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SUNDAY 28 MAY - Pentecost

8am : Holy Communion Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

10am: Youth and Kids Church leading service, Holy Communion Celebrant : The Revd Wendy Robertson

WEDNESDAY 31 MAY

12 Midday Communion Service and lunch.

SUNDAY 4 JUNE

8am & 10am: Holy Communion Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

Coming soon:

Sat 24 June: Women's Afternoon Tea
Thurs 6 July: Community Lunch

Bank details for direct debit:

Bank: Commonwealth
Branch: Jamison Centre ACT
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Name: Holy Covenant Anglican Church

God's Story, Episode 4 Pentecost

Have you ever noticed how Christians tell God's story, which they sometimes call the Gospel? Typically, they present it in four parts: creation – fall – redemption – judgment. The Gospel, thanks to Sam Wells, is better seen as a five-part drama: creation – Israel – Jesus – church – the eschaton or the end. This version emphasises the promise of invitation rather than the threat of destruction.

Creation is the ongoing presence of God in our world.

Israel is the invitation to humanity to live as part of creation. Like our namesake, we wrestle with our true selves and with God. Entering the promised land means facing up to who we are and what we've done. Sadly, many run away, preferring exile because of stupidity, trauma or hardness.

Thankfully, the Creator sends the Redeemer to find and retrieve those lost in exile. What matters is not the size of our problem but the wonder of the solution. In Jesus grace is embodied and life

is unchained through resurrection.

Next the church arrives with Pentecost. Forgiveness is modelled as the descendants of Isaac and Ishmael come together. God's Spirit is poured out on everybody. The Holy Spirit refreshes creation by stirring up a new humanity.

Pentecost is God's reminder that all of humanity is included in salvation. We are not a problem to be fixed but people empowered to continue Jesus' mission in the world. The church is not about me but us. God is able and willing to work through anyone no matter their age, ability, gender, ethnicity or orientation because 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved' (v.21).

God's story ends not with a threat or the smell of sulphur. It ends where it all began, with God - our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier - who made, searches and welcomes those home who want to be found.

If you'd like to know more about this story, why not speak to me about baptism or confirmation?

Wayne Brighton

Simple support Great achievements

I received a call from a Case manager who, in the past, has brought many of their clients to St John's Care (SJC) for support. He told about a young man named Y. Y had moved to Australia last year to study at CIT. He was living on income support and barely managing to scrape by each fortnight.

In Y's first two terms, he topped his class and was subsequently offered a job opportunity through CIT. The job he was offered would earn him enough money to begin saving each week. It would also allow him sufficient time to continue studying.

The stumbling block that Y was facing was that he could not afford to pay for the training course he was required to complete, nor could he afford the clothes he needed to wear to work. Y was about to turn the offer down, until an educator from CIT encouraged him to reach out for support.

A few hours after the phone call, Y came into the SJC Centre with the support worker. We sat down and discussed ways in which we could assist him. I organised a couple of large bags of groceries for Y complete with meat, fruit and veg, hygiene products, cleaning supplies and non-perishable items. I called the training provider and was able to arrange a student discount. SJC then paid for the course and purchased some new clothing for Y using vouchers which had been donated to us.

Yesterday Y called to let me know that he had been working at his new job for a couple of weeks. He told me that he no longer needed to receive income support. He explained how gaining employment had motivated him further, and that it had truly changed his life. He thanked me for my help and the generosity of SJC. He hopes to be in a position to donate to St John's Care in the future.

As I reflected on my interactions with Y, I thought about the barriers that people face when on income support, and how one act of kindness can spur them onto much greater things.

Robbie Speldewinde, Operations Manager

Essential Items: Sweet biscuits, Vegemite, 1kg Flour (plain and self-raising), small packets of sultanas, Up and Go

Confirmation Classes

Coming Soon

7 REASONS FOR CONFIRMATION

COMING IN JULY
SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Helps us to grow in faith, understanding and wise living



An opportunity to ask the minister tricky and awkward questions



To make a fresh start by having another go



Work out what's important



A chance to change your mind



Learn how to read the Bible wisely



Discover more about Jesus' life, work, death and resurrection



Wayne will be running a group for young adults (12-18 years) and another for older people (19-95 years).
Email for more information



Reconciliation Week 2023

27 May—3 June

The theme for this year's Reconciliation Week is 'Be a Voice for Generations'. As part of my exploration of this theme, I want to empower the voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian leaders like Aunty Jean Phillips.



Aunty Jean is one of the most senior Aboriginal leaders of all denominations. She was born on Cherbourg mission over 80 years ago, and is still doing full time ministry. Aunty Jean's start in ministry was with the Aboriginies Inland Mission, and her focus has consistently been on justice and service to those living in poverty.

If you do an Internet search for Aunty Jean Phillips, you will find a wealth of information, including lots of interviews. My favourite is her 2018 NAIDOC Week interview with Brooke Prentice, which you can find on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u7Y64lTf8nA>. Ten minutes watching this video is time very well spent!

May we all join Aunty Jean in praying for a nation built on truth, justice, love and hope.

Megan Arthur

Late Autumn Blessings

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father above. James 1:17

The sacred space is carpeted with hundreds of multi coloured autumn leaves; a kaleidoscope of colour! The birdbath is filled with floating leaves like little ships in a port. The gentle breeze flutters the remnants of leaves from the near naked trees, which fall gently like confetti. God is filling the sacred space with his blessings.

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

Anne, servant of the Lord



Like little ships in a port

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

PS: Thank you everyone for helping me celebrate my 25th ordination anniversary. It was very special to share the occasion with you.

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It's time to recognise
Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander people
in the Constitution

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Join Common Grace in Canberra

Voice & Justice Training Event

Common Grace will be holding an in-person evening training for Listen to the Heart on Tuesday 30 May, 7pm-9pm on Ngunnawal and Ngambri Country. If you live close by or know someone who does, please share and register online today. The team from Common Grace are looking forward to meeting with you and sharing about how you can be a voice in your local community.



- **Date:** Tuesday 30 May
- **Time:** 7-9pm
- **Place:** Canberra Baptist Church, 11 Currie Crescent Kingston
- Register: https://www.listentotheheart.org.au/canberra_training_event

If you are interested in staying up to date with the Listen to the Heart campaign, Common Grace have a [Pledge for Voice and Justice](https://www.listentotheheart.org.au/pledge) that will help you do just that—<https://www.listentotheheart.org.au/pledge>

Save the date:

Saturday 17 June 2023

St John's Care Groceries Collection and Cake Stall at the Jamison Centre

This year we are recommencing a collection of groceries and cake stall at the Jamison Centre to support the work of St John's Care. St John's Care helps those who are homeless and/or in financial stress and provides emergency relief, case management and a range of other services.

We would love your assistance on the day to invite shoppers at Coles and Aldi to purchase extra items to donate, or to do a shift on the cake stall. We have found a volunteer to coordinate the cake stall but still need some willing bakers to donate cakes, jams, and other goodies to sell.

Please feel free to add your name to one of the two rosters which are located on the back wall. The first is the roster that encourages shoppers to donate groceries whereas the second roster is to help to sell cakes/slices/jams. In the meantime, please talk to Carol Kubanek E:Carol.kubanek@gmail.com if you would like to assist or have any queries.



Welcome Lynda McMinn

Lynda McMinn is joining the Holy Covenant team as an Honorary Assistant Priest. She has provided us with this introduction. Please take the time to make Lynda welcome when you see her at church.

I have recently retired from full time parish ministry as the Rector of Ainslie, and am very happy to find a new spiritual home here at Holy Covenant, and to help out as part of the team from time to time. A key part of my role here will be to work with Wayne as we build and strengthen a network of 'broad church' Anglicans across the Diocese, people who have a heart for diversity, compassion and justice and for living out the Gospel call to love. A key ministry passion is for hospitality, where sharing food and drink isn't just an optional



extra to parish life, but central to all we do together. As we share food at God's table, so we share food together. Over food shared with love, we not only meet one another, but we meet God

I am very grateful to be living in a delightful retirement unit in Brindabella Court in Downer, where I

share the space with two independent franchisees, or British Short-hair cats, Monty and Chester. There is no doubt that the old adage is true – dogs have masters, but cats have slaves! I also now have eight grandchildren of various ages, who are an ongoing delight.

Peace and blessings,
Lynda

2023 Tax Appeal



Anglicans in Development's partners are experiencing severe economic downturns and the impact of local disasters such as cyclones, droughts or political conflict. These come on top of the pre-existing issues of extreme poverty—hunger, lack of money to send children to school, gender-based violence, alcoholism and conflict over scarce resources. Children are particularly impacted, since without good nutrition and education, they cannot break the cycle of poverty.

Donations to this appeal may be made online at: www.abmission.org/Tax2023

Thank you from the Shelleys

We want to thank you for your love and prayers following Paul's medical "incident" at last Sunday's 8 am service. He is grateful for the attention and support from our in-house medical team of Ian, Anne, Eileen and Steve, and then from the ambos. He spent some hours in emergency at Calvary being monitored and tested, and saw his GP on Tuesday. The initial conclusion is that it was a low blood pressure problem. He is taking action on this and will have more blood tests next week to check progress.

Love from Heather
& Paul



Reduced Office Hours

Due to post-COVID fatigue, Megan is reducing her time in the office until after the June long weekend. If you need to speak to her, it's probably best to ring to check if she's in.



Church Finances

In recent months, Holy Covenant has paid several large annual expenses. Bank balances in both the church's main accounts are slowly going down; the movement is small but more money is going out than coming in. Covenant Care have also had a significant increase in expenses, to ensure the present of a Registered Nurse during Lyn Pascoe's extended sick leave.

Now would be a great time for a review of your planned giving to the Church. There are boxes of offering envelopes near the PA desk, and the direct debit options are listed on p.1 of the bulletin.

We are also looking for people to join a dedicated fundraising team, to seek out possible grants and other forms of funding for our mission. Interested people should contact Joh, Wayne or Wendy.

Focus on Christian Leaders

Theology is a work of the people. Sadly, 'theology' is often associated with old things that never seems to change because the contribution of so many is overlooked or marginalised. Theology becomes a conversation when all manner of people can bring their insights, knowledge and experience to help us all understand God's reality better.

An inspirational leader will feature in the weekly bulletin over the next few months. Some may write books while others are activists that inspire us by their lives. They might be from a tradition or a people unfamiliar to you. We hope that you might find their voice enriching and enlarging. Who inspires you? Our first inspirational leader is Aunty Jean Phillips who has inspired Megan Arthur.

If someone has inspired you, why not tell us their story? Submit a story in 200 words about who they are, what they've done and why they inspire you. Don't forget their photo!

Each month will have a different focus in order to broaden our vision to see God's work in all the world:

- June—Pride Month—LGBTIAQ+ people
- July—First Peoples & People of Colour
- August—Women
- September—Season of Creation—Ecology, environment, science & philosophy
- October—Disability
- November—the Creative Arts

An evening considering Christian political engagement

Join the Lachlan Macquarie Institute for an important evening with one of the world's leading thinkers in the area of Christian political engagement. Professor David Van Drunen's book *Politics After Christendom* has been hailed as a landmark in political theology for its careful integration of biblical theology and political insight. Professor Van Drunen seeks to help Christians in a context of declining cultural influence and rising secularism develop a positive yet humble vision for life in the world.

Date: 13th June, 2023

Location: The Chapel at The Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture

Time: 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Cost: \$10 per person

Bookings: <https://profvandrunenseminar.eventbrite.com.au/>

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Peace in Ukraine and the withdrawal of Russian troops
- ⇒ The new government of Timor-Leste

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Rehabilitation of Juukan Gorge by traditional owners
- ⇒ Reconciliation Week: strength and grace to forgive, accept and love one another; spiritual and social change to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities, especially the disadvantaged

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Bishops and the Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; Pihopa o Tairawhiti and Pihopa o Aotearora Anglicare Australia
- ⇒ Synergy Youth; Synergy Camping Coordinator
- ⇒ Specialist youth ministry teams as they speak with parishes
- ⇒ Peace in the world, for interreligious engagement and for the challenge of the management of climate change and energy sources.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Rika and Roger Amos; Bob and Kath Arthur; Richard and Megan Arthur; Merri Bacon; Bruce and Beverley Barnes; Trish Barnes; and David Barrott.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer (often for long term needs) including Barry Button; Bev Barnes; Brian and Elaine Dennis; Colin & Marilyn Tolano; Glenys Wimmer; Ann & Peter Bazeos; Alice Farrington; Bev Chambers, Gracie Bonnett, Geoffrey Ross and anyone known to us personally

COMMEMORATIONS

- 28 May** Patricia Bonnett (d. 2015)
29 May Ken Mugford (d.2005)
2 June John Philip Lane (d. 2012)
3 June Isabel Hazelwood (d. 1994)

BIRTHDAYS

3 June Lorraine Buckland

BIBLE READINGS

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:26-36
1 Corinthians 12:1-13
John 20:19-23

COLLECT for Pentecost

Almighty God,
at the feast of Pentecost
you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the
gospel:
empower us with that same Spirit
to witness to your redeeming love
and draw all people to you;
through 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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