

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 4 JUNE 2023
TRINITY SUNDAY

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

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Meeting ID: 882 096 2366
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SUNDAY 4 JUNE

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

WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE

12 Midday Communion Service and lunch.

SUNDAY 11 JUNE

8am & 10am: Holy Communion
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Coming soon:

Sat 17 June: St John's Care stall at Jamison & Working Bee
Thurs 6 July: Community Lunch

Bank details for direct debit:

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Trinity Sunday & Reconciliation Week (Exodus 34: 1-8)

Humans are clever things. No fangs, claws, or wings; our super survival power is language. Language enables us to hear, see and cooperate with each other.

It was a critical moment for humanity when God told Moses to prepare two stone tablets containing the 10 commandments. God chose to disclose themselves through a human language. God told us their name. YAHWEH. At least, that's what we think it was because no one ever said it because of its holiness. It means I am who I am.

The enormity of this situation passes us by all too easily.

Class, ability, race, gender and sexuality become apparent when we open our mouths. We learn quickly whether to pay attention to someone based on the words, phrases, and sounds they use. This is why middle-class Australians paid money to learn to speak with the plummy Eastern beaches accent that featured so heavily on the ABC News. It's also

why many working-class kids lose the broad ocker accent at university.

God goes further. God passes in front of Moses and speaks about who they are. Nothing is said about God's appearance. What we hear are not words of majesty, imperial power or might. We hear words of mercy and grace and endless patience. These words enable us to have a relationship with God and each other.

Of course, hearing God is one thing. Listening is another. Just because God said something doesn't mean that people would pay attention. Jesus came to speak and show us God's ways (Matthew 28.16-20). For Jesus, the commandments were simple. Love God. Love self. Love neighbour.

As Reconciliation week draws to a close, Christians can show their willingness to love not only by speaking words of affection but being silent long enough to listen to voices that are not their own. After all, God is willing to enter our world, speaking words of love in all our languages be it Hebrew, Greek, English or Ngunnawal.

*Wayne
Brighton*

**My home is my car,
 and my pets are my
 family** N came to SJC
 looking for someone to
 talk to about his needs and his day-to-day life.

N had a very bad relationship with his family and living with them was not good for him. It was affecting him emotionally. Three years ago he decided to live in his car with his dog - his faithful friend as he calls him. N explained that he had previously been able to cope with the living situation. He could work part time while a friend took care of his dog. However, his situation changed a few months ago. He now has three dogs with him. Everything he receives from Centrelink is spent on pet food and petrol. After this he has very little money left to buy food for himself.

While we were talking, I asked N if he had tried to apply for government housing so that he could be more comfortable and might see an improvement in his quality of life. He told me that he had tried once but was told that the first thing he had to do was to get rid of his pets. N told me that this is something he is not willing to do. He needs his pets with him. He explained that they are the only family he has, and he does not want to lose them. This is why he was here because he needs help from St John's Care.

We came to an agreement that N can visit SJC twice a week. He only needs small amounts of food because he has no space to store it. We spoke the Rainbow Paws Program that provides free pet food and products in addition to subsidised boarding, desexing and vet care. I gave him information about CIT Dog Day Care. This program is more affordable than other programs offered in the community.

I provided information about the Early Morning Centre - who provide food, essential services, support and community activities with a focus on individual needs. We also discussed Pets in the Park - who provide free vet services for pets belonging to people who are experiencing homelessness.

N couldn't believe all the help and information he received, and it made him feel relieved that he could count on someone. Since that first visit N comes on Mondays and Fridays. On Fridays he comes to make use of the Orange Sky laundry service (Orange Sky Australia positively connects people experiencing homelessness through free laundry).

I would like to thank the donors, supporters and volunteers who have played a part in supporting people like N and his pets.

Karen Medrano, SJC Case Manager

Items Required: 1 litre full cream UHT milk, Up and Go, shampoo and conditioner, Thick 'n' Chunky soup

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



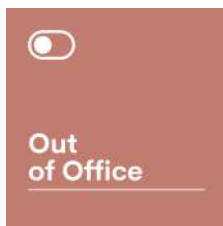
What is the symbol in the Yes logo?

This logo was created in collaboration with Lara Watson, a Birra Gubbi artist, who lives in Ipswich, Queensland. It depicts a group of men and women sitting together in a circle. They are focussed inwards and talking about things that matter, sharing concerns and discerning the way ahead. Through such patient and slow conversation, everyone moves when the time comes after a consensus has been achieved. That is the journey we are taking. This is the invitation to consider the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament.



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.



Coles points for Companion House

If you have enough Coles points for one of the saucepan offers, Companion House would happily accepted donations of saucepans for refugee families. For more information, please contact Revd Wendy.



**GOD COMES TO YOU
DISGUISED AS
YOUR LIFE,**

RICHARD ROHR

Retreat and rest

God has given you rest. Deut 25:19

It is lovely to have a retreat day away from the business of life. To step out of the normal and create something different. It's life giving and refreshing. This was the experience when I walked on the sand recently looking at the long sweep of the beach, listening to the sounds of the sea gulls, the waves rolling onto the sand and the wind bringing in the smell of sea air. The sights, the sounds, and the smells took me into a different realm - one of peace and calm. I read these lines from Ainslie Mears. 'It's all about on the mountain top, in the deep of the forest, on the curving sweep on a lonely beach and kneeling in the cool crispness of summers night.'

Do it. Take a day to visit your special place and you will find your sacred space is there, waiting.

Jehovah – shalom. The Lord is peace.

Anne, servant of the Lord

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



Language Matters

The language we use to describe a person shapes our views/attitudes and expectations of them. The words we use convey how people are to be valued and whether their voices are important enough to be heard or not.

How we refer to people living with a disability can promote equality, inclusion and full participation. Or it can contribute to society's negative stereotypes and even limit the person's own dreams and aspirations, preventing them from becoming the person God created them to be. *I came that you may have life, abundantly.* (John 10:10).

There are many models that seek to understand disability. The medical model locates the 'problem' within the disabled person. The social model views the 'problem' as the impediments society creates. Being 'disabled' occurs when the social circumstances a person finds themselves in exclude them from meaningful participation in social and political systems. Think installing stairs instead of a ramp; using small print font; failing to use a microphone.

People with disability are people first, people made in the image of God with talents, abilities and skills to love, grieve, create and live. In some cases they may do these things a bit differently, but isn't that the case with most of us?

The majority of us will experience disability at some time during our life: through accident, ageing, surgery. While some impediments are more difficult to eliminate, let us consider our language so that we can enable each other to live our best lives and be the people God created us all to be.

Dr Joh Sheehan

Christian Leaders

Those who belong are people who are valued, seen and heard. If anyone is not heard, they are not seen. If they are not seen, they don't exist and can be readily ignored or worse.

The Church has leaders that we chose to hear, see and value. At the same time, there are people with gifts that some Christians will refuse to listen to, recognise or consider part of God's community.

It takes maturity, compassion and wisdom to listen to Christian leaders who sound different, look unfamiliar or come from some place else. Nevertheless, when we accept, recognise and hear what they have to say we receive a gift that enables us to grow in some new way.

Over the next few months, we'll feature inspirational Christian leaders who are helping the global church be all that it should become. Some will be unfamiliar. Others will be challenging. No doubt, feelings of discomfort and impatience will arise as some may wonder, why are they here?

It's easy to shut our ears, avert our eyes and push someone away. Maybe we should listen to that discomfort. Notice when we turn away. Ask ourselves, why do I do that? For when we ask why, an opportunity to grow is uncovered.

If someone has inspired you, why not tell us their story? They might be a writer, a podcaster or an activist. Submit a story in about 200 words about who they are, what they've done and why they inspire you.

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 People and People of Colour
- August—Women
- September—Season of Creation—Ecology, environment, science & philosophy
- October—People with Disability
- November—the Creative Arts

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 presence 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.

Provocations: A New History of Australian Political Thought

Professor Wayne Hudson will discuss why there is no general history of Australian political thought and the research strategies which might enable such a history to be written. Australians have underestimated the range of political ideas that came to Australia, often misunderstood how these ideas were interpreted here, and been slow to grasp the originality of Australian political thought. Professor Hudson is currently writing a book designed to remedy this.

Date: 15th June, 2023

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

Time: 6pm

Cost: free

Bookings: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/provocations-public-lecture-tickets-628177284167>

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 Shorthair 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

Carers' Coffee Circle - Guest Speaker

This month, Cassandra Platts from Dementia Support Australia joining in on the coffee and chats.

When: Friday 9 June, 10.30am

Where: Canberra Southern Cross Club Board Room

Please contact Sandra for more details:
ph: 0408 438 770



PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Peace in Ukraine and the withdrawal of Russian troops
- ⇒ Lesly (13), Soleiny (nine), Tien Noriel (four) and baby Cristin who are lost in the Colombian Amazon after a plane crash that killed their family
- ⇒ Rebuilding works at Notre Dame

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ The new Premier of WA
- ⇒ Progress of the Voice Referendum Bill through Parliament
- ⇒ Practical assistance for those struggling with housing and food security
- ⇒ Willingness to listen to Australia's First Peoples and a successful outcome in the Voice Referendum

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Ballarat
- ⇒ North Goulburn, West Goulburn & Marulan parishes
- ⇒ Wollondilly Gardens Self Care Units
- ⇒ NSW Police Chaplaincy
- ⇒ F5 Refresh Ministries Chaplaincy Unit
- ⇒ Goulburn Correctional Centre
- ⇒ Spouses and families of clergy and lay ministers and stipendiary lay ministers (SLM)

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Peter and Ann Bazeos; John Blue; Graham and Graciela Bonnett; Harris and Helen Boulton; Heather Boyd; and Wayne, Meg and Iona Brighton.
- ⇒ 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, Ewan Garside and anyone known to us personally

COMMEMORATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 June Merrie Hepworth
- 8 June Lucy Wood

BIBLE READINGS

- Exodus 34.1-8
- Psalm Song of 3YM 29-34
- 2 Corinthians 13.11-14
- Matthew 28.16-20

COLLECT for Reconciliation Week

God of forgiveness and hope,
who sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to break down the walls that divide us from each
other:
grant that all Australians,
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
with later migrants from many countries,
may work together
to heal the wounds of injustice in our past,
and to build a community of care and compassion
for our future;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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