

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 18 JUNE 2023
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

<https://zoom.us/j/8820962366?pwd=YUpja05YTXFCN0N4MGRlSEVIRlI0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 882 096 2366

Password: 033643

SUNDAY 18 JUNE

8am: Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Revd Lynda McMinn

Preacher: The Revd Wendy Robertson

10am : Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Revd Connie Gerrity

Preacher: The Revd Wendy Robertson

WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE

12 Midday Communion Service and lunch.

SUNDAY 25 JUNE

8am & 10am: Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

Coming soon:

Thurs 6 July: Community Lunch

Bank details for direct debit:

Bank: Commonwealth

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BSB 062 907

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Trusting & Doubting

Genesis 18: 1-15

We are sometimes told to 'trust in God', that in keeping faith we will receive what we need, what we yearn for. We're similarly told that trusting in God's promise is opposed to doubting, that if we doubt we do not have faith in God. This is a rather unhelpful framework, because doubt is a natural and normal part of relating with God, as this reading from Genesis shows.

It's easy to sympathise with Sarah's doubt; it seems impossible to her that she could have a child, it's been impossible her whole life so far. There is so much bound up in this: a woman and wife of this period would have been expected to bear children, and a wife would be blamed if the marriage was childless. How many disappointments, tragedies, and heartbreaks would there have been for Sarah, before finally a time of resignation, that it was simply never going to happen. And now here is God, declaring it will happen, and next year! It seems so good to be true, and it is hard to give up the security of resignation for the possibility of

another heartbreak. So Sarah doubts, laughs to herself, and God overhears.

Two things we see in God's response to Sarah. God does not punish her. She is rebuked, called out for having doubted, but there is no declaration of punishment for her doubting, no signal that what she has done is sinful or immoral. Secondly, we can see that God does not retract the promise; Sarah's doubting and laughing does not lead to the decision to remove a blessing. Not only is Sarah not punished for her disbelief, but she also continues to be chosen for the blessing God had intended. Simply put, when we see these two together, we see that God isn't angry with Sarah.

This is to me, a heartening thing. God is not angry with us if we doubt at times if we struggle to believe in the promises or are reluctant to be vulnerable in belief. God will not rescind love and covenant just because we don't know how to take hold of them and keep them in ourselves. When we laugh, God simply laughs back, and tells us we've seen nothing yet.

Tobias Neville

Intersectionality

NJ and her three young children escaped family violence several years ago. Her ex-partner and his family members recently found NJ's location and began harassing her.

English is NJ's second language. She does not have any family of her own in Australia and reports not having any friends. She has trouble communicating in English. When her ex-partner tracked her down, she did not know who to turn to for support. As she has been coming to St John's Care for food relief for several years, she reached out to us again for assistance.

As well as providing emotional support, we referred NJ to police to report the violence and to the Domestic Violence Crisis Service for counselling support. The service can also help her with emergency relocation to safety, and attendance at Court to apply for a Family Violence Order.

Intersectionality Theory is a framework that considers how overlapping social identities can lead to marginalisation, victimisation and discrimination. For example, social identities might include race, class, ethnicity, culture, religion, disability, socio-economic status and gender. When a client experiences family violence, it is therefore very important that workers also consider how other factors impact the person and how these can increase their vulnerability and risk of experiencing violence.

As an immigrant who has difficulty speaking English, and a woman who is in a lower socio-economic category, NJ is at heightened risk of experiencing violence. Her limited English makes her less likely to be able to seek the help that she needs to locate support services or engage with a community. By considering these different intersecting social identities, workers can assist NJ by designing support that addresses these risk factors.

We also referred NJ to an organisation that provides free English language courses and could link her to a women's cultural community group to decrease her social isolation. We also helped NJ to secure an appointment with a Centrelink Worker to review her income support, as we suspect that she is not receiving all benefits that she is entitled to.

Our thanks to our wonderful community who continue to support the work of St John's Care. Without you, we wouldn't be able to provide support to vulnerable Canberrans and help them to make real and lasting change in their lives.

Belinda Ding Senior Case Manager

Items needed: small packets of sultanas, cooking oil, 1 litre full cream UHT milk, school snacks

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





WINTER COMMUNITY LUNCH

THURSDAY 6 JULY 2023

12 MIDDAY

HOLY COVENANT

ANGLICAN CHURCH

<https://events.humanitix.com/winter-community-lunch>

Winter Community Lunch

It's winter, it's cold, and sometimes it's a bit dreary. To change that last bit, come along to Holy Covenant for lunch on Thursday 6 July. Be warm, enjoy the company, and listen to Revd Wendy talk about what chaplains and pastoral care teams can do when a loved one visits hospital.

RSVP by Thursday 29 June 2023:

- Sign on sheet on the back noticeboard
- E: nurse@holycovenant.org.au
- P: 0491 086 242

Cost: \$5

Surprise and Delight

All creatures of our God and king. (TIS 100)

I recall lifting a garden pot from its resting place to be taken by surprise and delight at a tiny little brown, frog, its eyes wide open and looking at me just as surprised. I love it when we find the tiny creatures in their world, living their life, their way, like the tiny frog and a black and orange beetle burrowing in the vegetable garden soil. All God's creatures.

I read these words that were said to be written on ancient papyrus. They are said to be the words of Jesus Christ. 'God is down here with us in the world, not away up there.' When we look, when we seek, when we see, may we do so with real delight as we see what God sees.

Anne, servant of the Lord



A tiny brown frog

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



Let's work for real change
by respecting the
knowledge, culture and stories
of our First Peoples

Parish Dinner 2023

Our 2023 parish dinner will be with Genevieve Jacobs AM. Genevieve is a journalist who has built a career working in print and radio in the Canberra region, including a decade with ABC Radio Canberra and independent RIOTACT. She sits on the Cultural Facilities Corporation board and chairs the Canberra International Music Festival. She is a director of the Conflict Resolution Service, co-chair of the Reconciliation Council and board member of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. An active member of her Catholic parish, she is passionate about Canberra and how media can help build vibrant local communities.

When: 29 July, 6-9pm

Where: Holy Covenant Parish Centre

More information: <https://events.humanitix.com/parish-dinner>



Introducing Pocket Pals

Pocket Pals are compact dolls, intended to be held in a child's hand or pocket. They are created using 4mm needles, knitting 8 ply acrylic yarn in a rectangle of 30 stitches (16cms wide & 17cms high). Rotary are collecting Pocket Pals to provide to orphans overseas. If you would like detailed instructions on how to create your very own Pocket Pal, or to contribute to the Rotary collection, please contact Sandra Ross.



Christian Leaders

This week, we meet Jayne Ozanne.

Jayne is a remarkable leader. Jayne is a charismatic evangelical



Anglican who has worked in a variety of marketing, communications and fund-raising roles across the UK and Europe.

Her ministry as a layperson has been to help the Church of England better address its mission in the world. She has exercised this ministry as a member of the Archbishops' Council, General Synod, numerous local churches, and the Ozanne Foundation.

The Foundation believes in a world where 'all are accepted and equally valued.' It works with globally with religious organisations to eliminate discrimination based on sexuality or gender. She worked to help the Church of England ban conversion therapies (2017) aimed at altering a person's orientation.

Jayne writes of her own 20-year journey through a variety of harrowing conversion practices, including deliverance and exorcism ministry, in her book, *Just love: a journey of self-acceptance* (2018). Ironically, she found peace and a renewed spiritual life when she released her own self-condemnation and learnt to trust in God's love more deeply.

Fewer than a third of LGBTIQ+ Christians in the UK feel able to be themselves at church with many feeling constantly anxious and apprehensive about how they are treated. Jayne has helped me to understand why creating affirming spaces free from anxiety is important and the principles upon which it rests.

Wayne Brighton

Items for silent auction



One of the parish's main fundraisers is the silent auction (held in conjunction with the Parish Dinner). At a silent auction, items are displayed on tables and people place their bids on a sign up sheet.

Almost anything can be donated. Ideas include:

- Jewellery; cosmetics; vouchers for movies, coffee, a shopping spree at a garden
- alcohol or food – a hamper, chocolates, offers to bake a cake, host a meal
- skills – gardening, ironing, tutoring, babysitting
- good quality small household items – decanters, glasses, paintings
- a weekend at a holiday unit

Speak to Revd Wendy for further information.

In the **week before** the Parish Dinner, donations can be dropped off at the office marked 'for silent auction'.

Saturday 17 June 2023

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

It's all stations go for Saturday at the Jamison Centre! Many thanks to the wonderful people who have volunteered to create food, or to assist with encouraging shoppers at the Centre to add an additional item or two to their trolley.

Sue Dunbar will be at the church on **Friday night** between **4.00-5.30pm** to accept delivery of baked goods, jams and preserves. Don't forget to include a list of ingredients.

There's some re-usable shopping bags in the church office, but more won't go astray.

Please contact Carol Kubanek

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ST JOHN PASSION

JS BACH

BOOK NOW

30 June 2023
Llewellyn Hall



PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Peace in Ukraine and the withdrawal of Russian troops
- ⇒ Action against corruption in government and business

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ People impacted by the bus crash in the Hunter Valley
- ⇒ Food and housing security for all Australians
- ⇒ Willingness to listen to Australia's First Peoples and a successful outcome in the Voice Referendum
- ⇒ Refugee Week 2023

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of North West Australia
- ⇒ Yass Valley, Boorowa & Murrumburrah-Harden Parishes
- ⇒ Christian unity at local, national and world levels, National Council of Churches in Australia, Churches Together NSW, ACT, ACT Churches Council

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Mark and Allison Cooper-Stanbury; Anthony, Sandra, Audrey and Freddie Cuthbert; Catherine D'Cruz; Judith Ann Daniells; Lou Daniels, and Steve Daniels.
- ⇒ 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; Jacqueline Still, Sian Jackson and anyone known to us personally

COMMEMORATIONS

- 22 June Marjorie Baker (d. 1992)
24 June Ruth Eleanor Durie (d. 1029)
Michael Andrew Martin (d. 2019)

COLLECT for 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

All-powerful God,
in Jesus Christ you turned death into life,
and defeat into victory:
increase our faith and trust in him,
that we may triumph over evil,
in the strength of the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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BIRTHDAYS

- 19 June Estelle Robertson, Zara Indrele
24 June Jo James

BIBLE READINGS

- Genesis 18: 1-15
Psalm 116:1-2, 11-18
Romans 5:1-11
Matthew 9:35 to 10:8