

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 25 JUNE 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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SUNDAY 25 JUNE

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

WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE

12 Midday Communion Service and lunch.

SUNDAY 2 JULY

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

Coming soon:

Thurs 6 July: Community Lunch

Fri 7 July: Pizza Night

Sat 29 July: Parish Dinner

Bank details for direct debit:

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Being peaceful, bringing swords (Matt 10:24-39)

Jesus is sometimes called the Prince of Peace, and peace is among the fruits of the spirit listed by Paul (Gal 5:22-23). Christians pray for peace, work to build it, and Jesus blesses the peacemakers in the Beatitudes (Matt 5:9). And so, it is jarring when we hear Jesus say he's not bringing us peace, but a sword. It's tempting to say, "I'm sorry Jesus, what?"

The exact meaning of words like this have been debated, but it is safe to say that intent and tone matter in how we understand this statement. Consider Jesus' general attitude towards peace and war, his distaste for violence and his rebuking of Peter during the arrest. It is reasonable to conclude Jesus isn't excitedly announcing plans for conquest. I can't help but hear a sadness in Jesus' words, a kind of mournful commentary on the practical reality of preaching the Gospel and what that means for people. Some may hear these words of Christ and view them as commentary on what happens in evangelism, that spreading the good news sets families against

themselves. This is tempting to accept and does justify an aggressive approach to the Gospel – after all, if you expect to bring a sword to conversation, making people angry and causing conflict just means you're doing a good job! When we take this from Jesus' words, we view the sword and conflict as coming from a rejection of the Gospel and all that entails, a rejection of God.

What I've come to see Jesus; words is a conflict that comes from the rejection of peace. Jesus brings love, hope, peace, and salvation, but brings them to a world of violence, injustice, and power. And when you speak of peace and love in a violent and unjust world, it's likely your message will be received with hostility.

Jesus warns us that being peacemakers does not guarantee a life of peace, and will put us at odds with the powerful; those invested in the status quo. But we are nonetheless called to follow, even if it causes conflict, even if the price is high, because making the world better and just is the right thing to do.

Tobias Nevile

A listening ear

M had previously been a client of St John's Care (SJC) three years ago. She has returned, needing help for herself and her teenage son. M and her son have escaped domestic violence and are now in temporary accommodation. The main reason she had approached us was to seek help with food, and to see whether we could bring it to her home as she was unable to get to us.

M is pregnant and due to give birth next week. She explained how difficult the pregnancy had been due to her relationship and the stress of having to move. She has not been able to organise anything for the baby. Her eldest son did not have a winter uniform; M asked if we could help him with a school jacket. We discussed her due date and the items that she needed to care for the infant once it was born.

I organised a food hamper for her with everything they needed and gave her some Lowes vouchers so that she could buy a winter uniform for her son. Included in the pack were some winter blankets which had been donated that morning. I also contacted Roundabout to organise all the baby items that M needed. Roundabout were very helpful and said they could have everything ready for the following afternoon.

I called M and told her the good news and that I was going to bring all the items to her house. She couldn't believe it and was very grateful for the immediate support.

When I arrived at M's house the next day she was waiting with a big smile and a lot of gratitude. Along with the baby items, Roundabout had also organised a big box of winter clothes for her eldest son. She cried with joy as I handed her the items.

M thanked me for listening and for offering to help her. She said she is very grateful to SJC and to all its supporters who make it possible for those in need to be given assistance. I would like to thank the donors, supporters and volunteers who have contributed to our organisation, and who have played a part in helping people like M and her son.

Karen Medrano, SJC Case Manager

Items Required: cereal (e.g., cornflakes), sultanas, Vegemite, 1 litre full cream UHT milk, olive oil

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WAYS TO MAKE THINGS GREAT

BY HELPING AT HOLY COVENANT

jamming with the music team by playing or singing



helping with hospitality after services or pizza nights



reading, praying or leading in the sanctuary



creating small groups for fun, growth or study



pastoral care for those in times of need



welcoming guests and inviting them out



helping with kids church, youth group, camps or adventure activities



sound desk, cameras, computers, copying, service sheets & social media



These are our ideas. Maybe you have another gift or talent you'd like to share? Why not talk to Wayne or Wendy and see what happens



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

Constant Companion.

The Lord is my constant companion.....he touches me with eternal joy. (Psalm 23 from Psalms Now)

Our companionship with God can be refreshing and enlightening, He draws us into his world of wonder and delight; we don't have to travel the world to find it. It's right there and all we have to do is step outside.

This morning it was in his voice that the magpies on the fence were warbling notes of a morning song, serenading one another for our joy. It was in the ground, coloured different every morning, that is today dressed in glistening frosty white as the winter sun walked across it. and it's in the fragrance of the wet autumn leaves mulching the earth. William Wordsworth wrote 'It's the harvest of a quiet eye.'

May the faith that gives us hope. May the love that shows the way. May the peace that cheers the heart, be yours today (Unknown)

Anne, servant of the Lord

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



Morning has broken

Authentic spirituality is always about changing you. It's not about trying to change someone else.

Richard Rohr



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>



The menu will be up on the back noticeboard in the next few weeks. Volunteer cooks will be needed, and that frozen tomato pasta sauce that people prepared earlier this year will be in demand.

Anglican News

This month's edition of Anglican News is now available on the Diocesan website. It includes an article from Revd Wayne that we had a sneak preview of two weeks ago. You can access your copy of Anglican News at <http://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/>



Christian Leaders— John Bell

One of the most popular and influential musicians in church life today is John Bell. Now 73, John is a hymn writer, broadcaster, teacher, an ordained Church of Scotland minister and member of the Iona Community, a dispersed collective committed to peace and justice.

John has written many hymns often putting contemporary lyrics to traditional tunes. Much church music, John noted, features either the incarnation or the passion/resurrection. He sought to create songs about Jesus' life in between these moments.

In 2018, Bell received a Cranmer award from the Archbishop of Canterbury in recognition of 'his outstanding witness through hymn-writing, broadcasting and social action.'

John came out as gay at a large Christian festival in 2017. His self-disclosure was prompted by the suicide of a 14-year-old schoolgirl Lizzie Lowe, who took her own life rather than tell her devout Christians parents that she was a lesbian.

John remained single because having a partner would have comprised his ministry as many would have simply refused his gifts nor offered him the opportunity to exercise his talents. In 2021, John became a patron of the ecumenical Open Table Network, which offers a place of sanctuary to LGBTIQ+ Christians often excluded by their denominations.

Our hymn book, Together in Song, features 27 compositions by John and his long-time collaborator Graham Maule (d.2019), a total exceeded only by Charles Wesley.

John's captivating music holds an indelible place in worship at Holy Covenant. His music calls us to not only follow the Christ who calls us all by name, but who loves the 'you' we so readily hide from ourselves and each other.

Belinda Moss OAM

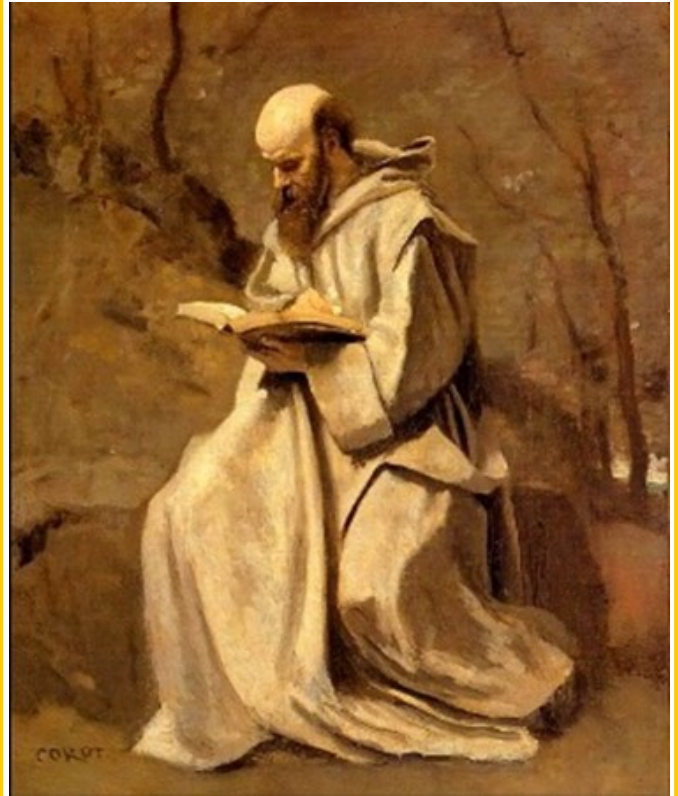
Our very own Belinda Moss was awarded an OAM for service to education in the 2023 King's Birthday honours list.

Belinda regards education as the greatest enabler of all. She has volunteered as chair and director on several Anglican school boards. She is currently the Chair of the Gabriel Foundation at Canberra Girls Grammar School (CGGS) and was previously Chair of the School Board at CGGS from 2011-2019. In both roles, Belinda was the first woman to hold these positions. She is also currently a member of the School Board for the South Coast Anglican Schools (St Peter's, Broulee and Sapphire Coast Anglican College, Bega).

Previously, Belinda was President of the P&F and Director on the School Board at Canberra Grammar School, where her children were educated.

Belinda is active in the Diocese, where she is a member of Bishop-in-Council, Chair of Committees, a member of the Finance Committee and a Lay Canon of St Saviour's Cathedral. She is also a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Thank you Belinda—you are a blessing to so many!



Winter Solstice Theology Book Fair

St Paul's Anglican Church Manuka

Friday 23 June, 2 pm to 6pm, Saturday 24 June 10am to 4 pm, Sunday 25 June after Evensong (supper included) (or by appointment)

To celebrate the turning of the sun back to our southern climes, St Paul's are holding another second hand theology book fair (many new donations have come in). A wide range of books on theology, church history, pastoral care, prayer, spiritual direction, and everything else. Bible commentaries. Many St Mark's text books.

Books \$3 each or four for \$10

For more info: kay@stpaulsmanuka.org.au



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

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'.

What a great day!

Saturday, 17 June was Holy Covenant's grocery collection for St John's Care at Jamison, as well as our fund-raising cake/jam stall for Holy Covenant. We collected an immense quantity of groceries – 225 bags with an estimated value of about \$16,000. This food was very much needed by St John's Care since there has been a large increase in demand for help.

Thank you to all – we had at least 27 parishioners helping as well as seven Radford students who were truly lovely. Not to mention our amazing cooks who stocked the stall so beautifully.

We also raised over \$500 in cash for St John's Care and around \$1,000 for Holy Covenant!

We will do this all again but it would also be lovely if we brought groceries in to church all year to be taken to St John's Care to help those in need.

Carol Kubanek

A huge vote of thanks to Carol Kubanek and Sue Dunbar for the organization of the stall.



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ST JOHN PASSION

JS BACH

BOOK NOW

30 June 2023
Llewellyn Hall



PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ The adoption of the world's first treaty to protect the high seas and preserve marine biodiversity in international waters
- ⇒ Peace in Ukraine and the withdrawal of Russian troops

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Preparations for the Voice Referendum
- ⇒ Food & housing security for all Australians
- ⇒ Staff and volunteers at food banks and welfare agencies

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of The Northern Territory
- ⇒ Cooma, Southern Monaro, Berridale and Snowy Mountains Parishes
- ⇒ The Village Church (TVC) Exploratory Chaplaincy Unit:
- ⇒ Premier of New South Wales and Leader of the Opposition, Chief Minister of the ACT and Leader of the Opposition, and their respective Governments and the Opposition parties.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Audrey Dargan; John Dau; Evelyn David-Hoole, Jey Hoole, and Elizabeth, Hannah, Mary and Sarah; Jenny DeBont; and Elaine and Brian Dennis.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer (often for long term needs) including Barry Button; Bev Barnes; Brian and Elaine Dennis; Glenys Wimmer; Ann & Peter Bazeos; Alice Farrington; Bev Chambers; Gracie Bonnett; Geoffrey Ross; Ewan Garside; Jacqueline Still and anyone known to us personally

COMMEMORATIONS

- 1 July Margaret Jena Winders (d. 1989)
Catherine Lorimer (d. 2022)

BIRTHDAYS

29 June Noah Indrele

BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10;16-17
Romans 6:1-11
Matthew 10:24-39

COLLECT for 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Gracious God,
we who were baptised into Christ Jesus
were baptised into his death:
we pray that, as you raised him from death,
so by the power of the Holy Spirit we may live the
new life to your glory,
knowing ourselves to be dead in sin
but alive for you in Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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