

# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



**SUNDAY 30 JULY 2023**  
**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

<https://zoom.us/j/8820962366?pwd=YUpja05YTXFCN0N4MGRlSEVIRll0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 882 096 2366  
Password: 033643

## **SUNDAY 30 JULY**

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

## **WEDNESDAY 26 JULY**

12 Midday Communion Service and lunch

## **SUNDAY 6 AUGUST**

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

## **Coming soon:**

Fri 4 August: Pizza Night  
Sat 12 August: Women's Breakfast

## **Bank details for direct debit:**

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## **So that all may know**

This week's reading from Romans begins: "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words" (v.26). Have you noticed how often art also expresses those "groanings too deep for words"?

An example of this is the work of Daniel Hernandez-Salazar, a Guatemalan photographer and still life artist whose work centres on historical memory. His piece that I want to explore today is known as 'So That All May Know'.

This is one of many of Salazar's expressive, life-size images commemorating the Guatemalan civil war. It is an angel, one of four images of a bare-chested man with distinctly indigenous features, posed to show the country's peculiar affliction: see no evil, hear no evil and speak no evil. But the fourth image depicts the angel with his hands cupped around his mouth, shouting to

break the silence. To connect the angel to history, Salazar made the angel's wings from shoulder blades exhumed from a civil war mass grave. More importantly, he has taken that final image to other sites of genocide, including Bosnia, Auschwitz, and Hiroshima.

There has been much breaking of the silence in Australia in recent years. Royal Commissions into Institutional Sexual Abuse; Aboriginal Deaths in Custody; Aged Care; Robodebt and the Disability Sector. Current inquiries into Price Waterhouse Coopers and other consultancy firms. But there is still much more silence to be broken, more groanings too deep for words to be interpreted.

I pray that the lead up to the Voice referendum provides us with opportunities to listen as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians break the silence of genocide. May we open our hearts to the groanings of the Spirit, and respond in generosity and love.

*Megan Arthur*



## It's Our Birthday!

And a birthday is a great opportunity to say "Thank you". So to everyone in the Holy Covenant community who has ever:

- provided music or other contributions to a worship service
- attended a worship service or event
- cooked food
- cleaned up
- visited someone
- been on one or more of our many rosters
- provided financial support
- been on Parish Council
- preached
- celebrated Holy Communion
- or helped out in any way.



## Christmas in July

The St John's Care (SJC) team have been laid low by illness for the last week or so, and there was no weekly update in time for this edition of the Bulletin. So, we are focusing on the SJC Christmas in July lunch this week. Photos and text are courtesy of a member of the SJC Community Lunch team.

Christmas in July, which our clients love. We started doing this to use up leftover hams, puddings etc. from Christmas, but this year there were none. Luckily we'd had someone who wanted to pay for the whole lunch, so we could afford fresh hams and pre-cooked chickens.

This year's menu was minestrone soup, ham, roast chicken and vegetables, gravy and the vegetarian option was roasted baby beetroot & brussel sprouts. Dessert was plum pudding and custard—one of the clients came in with a huge home-made pudding left over from another 'Christmas in July' event, so that was used first, to her delight.

The College kids came in to help serve again - on their own time, since it was school holidays! It was the busiest day we've had since Covid. Street Law and ACTWAGL were there to assist clients, and were well occupied. The centre had 38 client sessions. The kitchen team of four prepared 90 meals, plus two dozen packed meals for later in the month. And had many compliments on the food, which is always a buzz.



**Items needed:** UHT Full Cream 1 litre milk; Powdered Milk; Jam/Honey/Vegemite; Tinned Fruit; Cooking Oil; Canned Tuna; School Snacks; Packet Soup; 1kg Rice; Tinned Chunky Soups; Pasta Sauce; Milo (or drinking chocolate); Toothpaste; Shampoo & Conditioner; Coffee 100gm jar

# 9 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

## Anglican News

The August edition of Anglican News is available on the Diocesan website: <http://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/>. The Covenant Care Nurse advertisement is included—don't forget to share it with anyone you know who might be interested!

## Holy Covenant's Orchestra

Did you know that Holy Covenant has its own orchestra? Well, almost.

Musica da Camera, a local string chamber orchestra, has been rehearsing at Holy Covenant on Wednesday evenings for the past 23 years and performs three or four concerts here each year.

Their concert a couple of weeks ago was a real buzz! Under musical director Sally Greenaway, the orchestra played seven contemporary Australian compositions. Five of the composers were present in the audience and spoke briefly about their works. Our own Jodie Petrov was the flute soloist in two of the works.

Several members of the Holy Covenant community are regular attenders at the concerts. If you would like to be on the email list, please contact Paul Shelley. The next concert will be on Saturday 9 September directed by one of Australia's top cellists, David Pereira.



## Cover the day with prayer

*Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath! Psalm 116:2*

Every day is a prayer. All day is a prayer. I wonder, do you see it like that? To wake up with a prayer on your lips of thanking God for the gift of a new day. To gaze out the window at a snow white frost while holding a steaming hot cup of tea warming the hands and thanking God for the beauty you behold. To be blessed by two beautiful Rosellas on the garden path outside the gate, and pause in the sacred space to lay before God the day and all those he will put in your path who may need your help. Francis de Sales said: 'Sprinkle a seasoning of short prayers on our daily living. If you see something beautiful, thank God for it. If you are aware of someone's need, ask God to help - you can toss up prayers all day!'

May the God of life, bless you and keep you today and always .

*Anne, servant of the Lord*



Morning delight



**Some of the things Australians hope for:**

- a future that's different to the past
- the chance to be heard, seen and valued
- a say in laws that affect our communities

**To find out more, read the *First Peoples Constitutional convention's, Uluru Statement from the Heart***

## Free webinar: Spirituality and Elder Abuse

Elder abuse is a serious issue that affects many older Australians, causing harm and distress within relationships built on trust. Join the Centre for Christianity and Culture for a thought-provoking webinar led by Dr. John Gilchrist, and delve into the legal position and redress for victims, with a special focus on financial abuse and neglect. Prof. Elizabeth Mackinlay will shed light on the spiritual and psychological aspects of abusive behaviour. Register now to secure your spot. Together, let's raise awareness and promote understanding about elder abuse.

**Date:** Wednesday, 16 August, 2023

**Time:** 3:00pm-5:00pm

**Register:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/webinar-lets-talk-about-spirituality-and-elder-abuse-tickets-577828118457>



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## Christian Leaders—Revd Canon Aunty Di Langham

The Revd Canon Aunty Di Langham is a Boandik woman, whose country is in southeast South Australia around the Mount Gambier region. Di was ordained in Newcastle Diocese in 2000 with much of her ministry spent working as a chaplain in a variety of juvenile justice and prison settings. She is currently the Director of Reconciliation for the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle and secretary to the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council.

Di is alert to the importance of equality and the reality that no one encounters a level playing field. When it comes to spiritual matters,

Aboriginal thoughts, objects and practices often cause other Christians anxiety. She encourages people not to put anyone in a goldfish bowl but to give ourselves permission to swim on the ocean of God's love and care for all of creation.

Di has sought to live more like Jesus, who taught inclusivity, practiced mercy and demonstrated justice. She is helping Newcastle Diocese understand the Uluru Statement from the Heart and its call for a Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. She hears concerns for treaty but does not see them as exclusive categories. 'You can't have a treaty when you are not even recognised in the constitution as being Australia's First Nations people.'

As she sees it, 'the Voice would allow indigenous people to tell government what we, as a people, want to happen to us' instead of committees and politicians making those calls. 'At the moment, I don't feel like anybody is listening.' Di is hopeful that this constitutional amendment will lead to practical, long-lasting change. It will encourage our nation to find ways of working better together because better decisions and outcomes for Aboriginal people start when people listen to their concerns, needs and cultural dynamics.

Edited from an interview with Newcastle Diocese's *Encounter Magazine*, Easter 2023 available online: [https://issuu.com/anglican care/docs/encounter\\_easter\\_2023/s/21980773](https://issuu.com/anglican care/docs/encounter_easter_2023/s/21980773)



# Delight and Joy

## as spiritual practice

19 August 2023

9:30am – 3pm

with Susanna Pain



**Where:** Chambers Pavilion, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall Street Barton

**When:** Saturday 19 August, 9.30am—3pm

**Cost:** \$30 via electronic transfer to “Australian Network for Spiritual Direction” BSB 032-719 Account 301 994 Reference: <Surname>QD.  
Cash only on the day.

**RSVP:** by 11 August to [ansdact@gmail.com](mailto:ansdact@gmail.com)

Morning tea and light refreshments provided, BYO lunch and journal.

### Dinner Forum—22 August

Christians for an Ethical Society annual dinner forum is happening in August.

In movements for justice and social change, inspiring and maintaining hope is seen to be vital.

Hope is a source of energy, keeping us connected to possibility, holding open the space for action that might otherwise be closed by cynicism and despair. But where is hope itself sourced?

In Christian understanding, hope is not a natural phenomenon. It's not optimism, the tendency to anticipate that things will just get better, or naturally improve. Rather it has to do with the nature of the future that calls us and commitment

to participate in its realisation. Hope is both gift and practice, a fruit of prayer.

In this talk, Sarah Bachelard will reflect on the ground and work of hope from a Christian perspective, and explore what might be the distinctive contribution of this quality of hope to the needs and possibilities of our time.

**Where:** Bella Vista restaurant 84 Emu Bank, BELCONNEN ACT 2617

**When:** Tuesday 22 August—6.00 for 6.30pm

**Cost:** \$60 per person

**RSVP:** [admin@ces.org.au](mailto:admin@ces.org.au) by 15 August 2023

## PRAYER POINTS

### IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Peace in Ukraine and the withdrawal of Russian troops
- ⇒ Equality and safety for women in Afghanistan and India
- ⇒ Extreme weather in the Northern Hemisphere
- ⇒ Pro-democracy protesters in Israel

### IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Housing and food security for all Australians
- ⇒ Preparations for the Voice referendum
- ⇒ Preparations for a hot, dry summer

### IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

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

### IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Gwen Hallows; Hilary Harris; Merrie Hepworth; Beth Heyde; Phyl and Reg Holmes; Joshua and Lulu Horciu; and Nilantha Hulugalle.
- ⇒ 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; Ewan Garside; Bob and Kath Arthur and anyone known to us personally

### COMMEMORATIONS

31 July Gaeme Neil Johnson (d. 2013)

## BIRTHDAYS

2 August Pam Lane

4 August Bryan McGuinness, Lorna Indrele

## BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalms 105:1-11

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:44-58

## COLLECT for 9th Sunday after Pentecost

O God, the fount of wisdom,  
you have revealed to us in Christ  
the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price:  
grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment,  
that, in the midst of the things of this world,  
we may learn to value the priceless worth of your  
kingdom,  
and be ready to renounce all else  
for the sake of the precious gift you offer.  
We ask this 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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