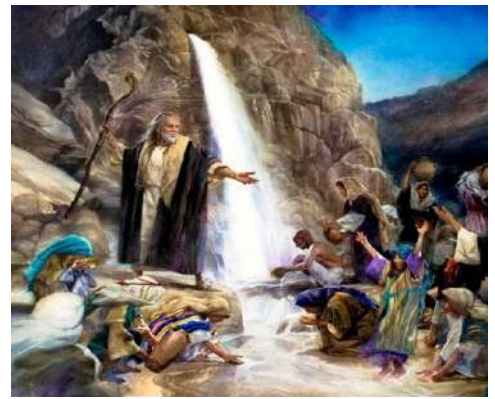


HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2023
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

<https://zoom.us/j/8820962366?pwd=YUpja05YTXFCN0N4MGRiSEVIRII0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 882 096 2366
Password: 033643

SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER

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

WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER

12 Midday Communion Service and lunch

SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER

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

Coming soon:

Tues 3 Oct: Afternoon Tea with James Alison

Fri 6 Oct: Pizza Night

Thurs 12, 17, 26 Oct: Decluttering Workshop

Bank details for direct debit:

Bank: Commonwealth
Branch: Jamison Centre ACT
BSB 062 907
Account No: 802588
Name: Holy Covenant Anglican Church

Who do you think you are?

'By whose authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' In other words, who do you think you are? Jesus has made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, cleansed the temple, and taught and healed within the temple precincts. He is not exactly flying under the radar. You could say he is at times downright provocative. Yet he skilfully evades attempts to trap him into saying he has been sent by God.

The parable about the two sons seems straightforward enough. It isn't the son who tries to look good by feigning compliance who is commended, but the one who initially says no, and then changes his mind and goes to work in the vineyard. And guess what? The one who pleases God is more like tax collectors and prostitutes than the complacent religious types! That might be worth thinking about if we are to see ourselves in these parables.

These readings raise questions. What is my source of authority?

Who am I accountable to and how do I know what is being asked of me? Will I act out of fear and self-protection or out of love and compassion? What version of reality am I going to believe?

We know that Jesus regularly took time out for prayer and reflection. He needed to learn how to discern his calling: how to listen to God, how to pray his way through temptations, how to recognise the divine voice among the cacophony of other voices – and he didn't have access to social media! In other words, how to be inner-directed, and at the same time, responsive to the needs and interests of others.

Philippians 2 urges us to have the same mind and heart-set as Jesus – to act from a place of love, humility, and compassion, rather than being driven by fear, self-interest and ambition. This is more than imitation. It is identification. As we approach the referendum are we able to access our 'inner' Christ as well as recognise him in others?

Frances MacKay

Living on a budget

P came into St John's Care (SJC) this week as the Emergency Relief Centre had been

suggested to him by a Centrelink worker. He had not attended the Centre before and was unaware of the assistance we could provide. He sat with a volunteer who explained how SJC works and about what we can offer by way of support.

P had recently applied for Centrelink payments and explained that he had lost his job suddenly after he fell off the building site where he had been working. Amazingly he suffered no greater injury than a slight foot sprain.

P hadn't wanted to apply for Centrelink as he was embarrassed that he had been unable to find work in the building industry. He felt that since Canberra is a small place that people might have judged him. When he fell, he had been experiencing a mental health issue and P knew that he needed to get help.

P lives with his wife and four children. They were surviving on a very low income, but he was very proud that he had always financially supported his family. His wife is unable to work at present, as she is the carer of their youngest son who has a significant disability.

We helped formulate a plan for him to move forward. We put together a selection of groceries for him and also assisted with his ActewAGL bill. We agreed that he could visit once a week to collect food that included items for his children's lunch boxes. A referral was also sent to Thread Together as the weather has changed and his children need help with trans-seasonal clothing.

After the visit he said that he felt lighter, less stressed and was so happy for all the assistance. He was especially pleased with the opportunity to talk to someone and not feel judged.

SJC provides support and gives food to help families and individuals cope with their day to day living on a very low income. Most of the clients live on the leanest of budgets with no savings to fall back on. It only takes a sick child who needs to go to the doctor and for a script to need to be filled to blow the budget for a fortnight. So many of our clients live paycheck to paycheck.

We would like to thank the donors and volunteers who allow us to make positive changes in the lives of those who need it most, and to enable them to succeed in their own way.

Karen Medrano SJC Case Manager

Items Required: 1 litre full cream UHT milk, shampoo and conditioner, juice poppers, dog/cat food.

Wander in the morning

"Creator God who shaped the earth and heavens. Your glory shines in all you have made." (Ben Slee)

There is so much of God's creation to soak in when time is spent among it, just sitting or wandering in and about the garden. Beauty before me and out of the corner of my eye I catch yet another beauty to indulge in. We are so enriched and blessed by creation. As I wandered in the early morning, I stooped to pick a cluster of Freesias to bring home, feeling like I had been given a pearl of great price. I put the flowers in a vase and the fragrance of God filled the house.

Michael Leunig writes '*you have no place in spring except upon your knees.*'

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

Anne, servant of the Lord



God's love

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

School holiday changes

Across the school holidays the Kids' and Youth Church part of the 10am service is on a break. Kids' and Youth Church will resume on 15 October.

Christian Leaders— Jade Reynolds

Jade Reynolds is a speaker, writer, and co-host of the 'Bring to Light' podcast. In 2003, at the age of 12, she contracted a rare autoimmune condition called acute transverse myelitis, and has been a wheelchair user ever since.

In her own words: "Many of us think we attract friends by being 'impressive', but the reality is that deep friendship is usually accelerated through vulnerability. I needed help, so I had to turn to community, which, thankfully, is exactly what God made us for, and something I found in the Church. I have first-hand experience of what it's like to be vulnerable and, to some degree, an 'outcast' in society, which inevitably grows my compassion for others and develops an increased sense of God's justice for all..."

Many Christians seem very comfortable praising God for healing, but not so keen to suffer with those who aren't healed. When we elevate God

healing Paul's blindness, for example, over God leaving Paul's thorn in his flesh, we overlook that God does something powerful in both of those instances. What others perceive as a problem isn't a problem for God. He uses me despite my disability; it's a mighty declaration of his power, which is made perfect in my weakness"

Learn more about Jade on her podcast: <https://twitter.com/bringtolightpod>



Do you know of a Christian leader who is also a person with disability? Maybe you could share their story in next week's bulletin?

Fete—11 November 2023

This year's fete Coordinator is Archdeacon Anne Ranse. She will be assisted by Carol Kubanek. Thanks for taking on this important task team!

Watch this space for information on the stalls and other tasks that need to be done leading up to the fete, and on the day.



TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER 2023
HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

89 DEXTER ST COOK

RSVP: OFFICE@HOLYCOVENANT.ORG.AU



What is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice?
Get informed at [Voice.gov.au](https://voice.gov.au)



Get informed.
[Voice.gov.au](https://voice.gov.au)

WE ARE HIRING!

ASSISTANT MINISTER,
PERMANENT PART-TIME (3 DAYS PW)
ENQUIRIES- REVD DR WAYNE BRIGHTON
0407 408 333

HOLY COVENANT
ANGLICAN CHURCH
a place for everyone

Assistant Minister, permanent part-time (3 days pw)

Holy Covenant is recruiting a permanent part-time position (3 days a week) commencing February 2024. We're looking for an engaging person who can connect well with families and build our relationships with those living and working in our neighbourhood. The position would be suitable for an ordained person or someone engaged with the ordination process as a student. Enquires to the Revd Dr Wayne Brighton (0407 408 333).

Declutter Your Home Workshop

Are you wanting to reduce the amount of stuff in your home? Are you downsizing or assisting others to relocate? Would you like to develop your understanding of how to approach the sometimes daunting task of decluttering?

Join the Covenant Care Declutter Your Home Workshop running over 3 Thursday mornings in October at Holy Covenant.

Learn tips and techniques, gain insights and have fun in a supportive environment. Feeling uncertain? Bring a friend!

The workshop is being conducted by Jennifer Berrie, the Household Support Team Leader at Covenant Care. Jennifer has previously taught *Declutter Your Home* classes at community education evening classes and at the University of the Third Age, and has helped many

people to lighten up their homes.

When: 12, 19 & 26 October 2023, 9.30am-12.30pm

Where: Holy Covenant Anglican Church, 89 Dexter St Cook.

Cost: Free

Bookings: Use the sign up sheet on the back noticeboard, or contact Jennifer via email nurse@holycovenant.org.au or phone 0491 086.



A voice crying in the wilderness:

The fate of truth in public discourse

When a society is driven by the desire for power the consequences are disastrous. Lying becomes our stock in trade and loving truth above all else is consigned to the field of dreams. Such is the fate of truth in contemporary public discourse today.

The Referendum of the Voice to Parliament is an important case in point. The voice that cries for recognition struggles to be heard In a modern wilderness marked by a cacophony of competing voices, sounds, noise and static. How might we hear a true voice in such times? What must we do to act truthfully? What may we hope for?

Christians for an Ethical Society presents the Right Reverend Professor Stephen Pickard at a form that will encourage discussion from the floor.

When: Thursday 12 October, 7pm (note change of date)

Where: Chambers Pavillion, Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street Barton

Cost: free (a donation would be appreciated)

RSVP: secretary@ces.org.au



Christians for an
Ethical Society

St John's Care donations

While Steve Daniels has been enjoying a tour of Wellington's Spanish war fields, the parish has been continuing to supply donations for St John's Care (SJC) at the usual rate. Since there was a large pile of donations building up, Megan and her grandson delivered them to SJC during the week. The SJC staff are very grateful for the continuing generosity of the Holy Covenant community.

Pictured is Mr T and the many bags of donations. Great work team!



Parish Videos

The latest office project is to create a series of videos that tell the story of Holy Covenant through our Parish Dream. Sometime in the next few weeks Anna Thorpe will be sending up her drone to take ariel photos of the Parish Centre. Megan is looking for people to be interviewed, or to have their photo taken. If you would like to be a part of this project, please email the office:

office@holycovenant.org.au

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Survivors, victims and perpetrators of war crimes
- ⇒ Peace in Ukraine and the withdrawal of Russian troops

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Action on the recommendations of the Disability Royal Commission
- ⇒ Voting in the Voice referendum

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ The Anglican Church of Australia: the Primate; the General Synod; Standing Committee; Boards; Committees and Commissions
- ⇒ The Bishops' Office
- ⇒ Anglican Diocesan Services
- ⇒ Anglican Investment Development Fund
- ⇒ Bushfire Recovery Chaplains
- ⇒ Strengthening of relationships between the twenty-three Dioceses of the Australian Anglican Church, the development of our life and witness as a National Church, and our ecumenical relationships

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Lou Passmore; Dave, Luke and Maddie Peebles; Barry and Carol Pogson; Anne Ranse; and Robin Rawson.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer (often for long term needs) including Barry & Sandra Button; Bev Barnes; Brian and Elaine Dennis; Glenys Wimmer; Ann & Peter Bazeos; Alice Farrington; Bev Chambers; Gracie Bonnett; Ewan Garside; Bob and Kath Arthur; Elaine Gifford; Ellie, Prue & Ken Wedgwood and anyone known to us personally

COMMEMORATIONS

- | | |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| 2 Oct | Stephen Conan-Davies (d. 1998) |
| | Portia Lillian Lloyd (d. 2015) |
| 6 Oct | Lewis Berian James (d. 2002) |

COLLECT for 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Loving and righteous God,
your boundless generosity exceeds
all that we can desire or deserve,
and you give to the last worker all you promised to
the first:
liberate us from all jealousy and greed,
that we may be free to love and serve others,
and in your service may find our true reward;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MINISTRY TEAM CONTACTS

Rector

The Reverend Dr Wayne Brighton,
0407 408 333 rector@holycovenant.org.au

Assistant Minister & Community Chaplain

The Revd Wendy Robertson
0481 458 037 hccommunitychaplain@gmail.com

Youth Coordinator

Tobias Nevile youth@holycovenant.org.au
0468 969 372

Wardens

Allison Cooper-Stanbury 0410 506 231

Prayer Vine

Rosemary Kennemore
6251 2009 kennemorerosemary@gmail.com

Belonging and Caring

The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton
0407 408 333 rector@holycovenant.org.au

Children & Families Worker

Lou Passmore holycovenantkids@gmail.com
0411 338 361

Covenant Care Program Manager

Megan Arthur
0487 945 615 nurse@holycovenant.org.au

Covenant Care Program Director and Chaplain

Venerable (EM) Anne Ranse OAM
0406 379 599 anne.ranse@gmail.com

Honorary Priests

The Revd Anne Dudzinski
0413 994 739 annedudzinski@optusnet.com.au

The Revd Connie Gerrity
0429 423 725 connie@gerrity.id.au

The Revd Lynda McMinn
0403 769 991 ellemm99@gmail.com

Resources Team

0419 255 002

BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|-------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Oct | Fran Tilden |
| 2 Oct | Caroline Taylor-Steele |
| 4 Oct | Carol Kubanek, Barry Pogson |
| 5 Oct | Wayne Brighton |
| 6 Oct | Anne Ranse |
| 7 Oct | Doreen Matters, Colin Lyons |

BIBLE READINGS

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78.1-4, 78.11-16
Philippians 2
Matthew 21.23-32