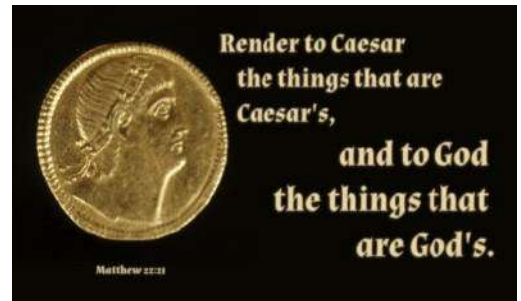


HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2023 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER

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

WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER

12 Midday Communion Service and lunch

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER

8am & 10am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher:
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Anglicare Pantry Appeal

Coming soon:

Thurs 26 Oct: Decluttering Workshop & Staff Quiet Day
21 Oct: Trivia Night
31 Oct: Halloween Party

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Render Unto Caesar

Matt 22: 15-33

Today's gospel takes us into the tricky territory of living our faith in a socio-political context. The religious leaders are still trying to trap Jesus, if not into blasphemy, then perhaps into sedition against Rome. After buttering him up about his integrity and truth-telling, they ask, 'Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar?' If he says yes, he will offend Jews suffering under Roman rule. If he says no, he will offend the Roman authorities. Jesus does not answer directly. Instead he puts the ball back in the questioners' court. He asks for the coin used for paying the taxes. He then proceeds to ask whose image is on the coin and memorably concludes, '*Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's and unto God what is God's.*'

His response seems clear enough. It is also a subtle subversion directed at both Roman and Jewish authorities. In highlighting the image of the laurel-wreathed head of Tiberius Caesar with the inscription, '*Tiberius Caesar,*

worshipful son of divine

Augustus', Jesus is reminding Jews that this coin was a portable idol, not just a piece of political propaganda. This is supremely ironic. The one Christians call the Son of God is holding the image of the one who is claiming to be so. We know who seems to win in the short term.

How then shall we live in the painful wake of the referendum? We have seen how readily matters of conscience can be politicised, misrepresented and weaponised in the public arena, and the insidious and pernicious power of social media to confuse and abuse. But we have also seen great generosity of spirit and willingness to walk with First Nations People to find a path towards reconciliation and healing. Let us pray that this generosity and commitment to find a way forward might not lose momentum. May we all consider how we can make this a kinder world in the face of current challenges.

Frances MacKay

Being Heard C was

referred by a regular client who thought St John's Care (SJC) would be the most

appropriate place for him to find some solutions. C arrived in Australia over three years ago and has been living in different states, working wherever he could. Six months ago he had an accident and had to stop working. He used what little savings he had, and having just arrived in Canberra he had no one to rely on. There were days when he couldn't afford to eat.

This situation made him depressed, and uninterested in the things he used to like doing. He didn't know what to do, he was directionless, and had no idea what his purpose or goals were. Listening to everything he described, I put into practice the **Mental Health First Aid Action Plan** (This is a practical response for intervention. It provides the tools to support a person who may be developing a mental health problem, experiencing a worsening of an existing mental health problem or in a mental health crisis).

I assessed the situation and looked for ways to apply crisis intervention. I practiced supportive behaviours such active listening; using words that encouraged him to continue sharing his feelings; repeating things back to gain clarity and understanding; asking him open-ended questions and most importantly, letting him get his feelings out, making him feel safe, secure, and supported.

C asked me to recommend a place where he could go to talk and where someone could help him organise his ideas. This was the best moment to give him information about local support agencies. I also encouraged C to seek professional help such as sharing his problems with his local GP or considering mental health service providers.

I also asked C if he had any support such as friends, partners, colleagues, or family. He said he had no one and I told him that he could count on SJC and that he could contact me when he needs any kind of help. I assured him that when he feels the need to be heard he can come and visit SJC. I also told him that he can get help with food, and I invited him to come to our community lunch on the first Friday of each month.

C said that he felt lighter, less stressed and was so happy for all the assistance, especially the opportunity to talk to someone and not feel judged. It is nice to be heard, acknowledged and respected. He thanked me for spending time with him.

Karen Medrano SJC Case Manager

ITEMS REQUIRED: Children's toothbrushes, vegemite, tomato sauce, sultanas, long life soy milk 1L

Pray for Peace

Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion city of our God: he whose word cannot be broken formed you from his own abode. On the rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose? With salvations walls surrounded, you may smile on all your foes. (TiS 446)

I wonder, do we know what we are singing when we sing words such as this beautiful old hymn, especially in light of war in the Middle East? The Dome of the Rock sits on Mount Zion within the old city of Jerusalem, surrounded by its high fortress; ancient walls which I have walked around. For Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Armenian this is the centre of faith. O that it may never be damaged by war.

In the foyer of St George's Cathedral in Jerusalem these words are written: *Pray not for Arab or Jew, for Palestine or Israel but PRAY rather for ourselves that we might not divide them in our prayers but keep them both together in our hearts.*

Jehovah – Shalom. The Lord is peace.

Anne, servant of the Lord



The Dome of the Rock, Mount Zion, Jerusalem

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

Christian Leaders with Disability— Archdeacon Anne Ranse

It's time to celebrate one of Holy Covenant's Christian leaders!

Archdeacon Anne Ranse (OAM) has provided decades of advocacy for the frail, the aged and the dying. Through her work with Rainbow Christian Fellowship and Covenant Care, Archdeacon Anne has been personifying the vision of Holy Covenant by advocating for inclusion, agency and empowerment. Outside of her work with the aged and people with disabilities, Archdeacon Anne is engaged with the community through groups such as the Noah's Ark Pet Ministry.

In 2018 Archdeacon Anne received a Medal of the Order of Australia for her service to the Anglican Church of Australia and the Community. The award was offered at a time when the Royal Commission was the full focus of the media. Archdeacon Anne hoped then and now that the award would shine a

brighter light on our churches in the eyes of the community.

Archdeacon Anne provides outstanding advocacy and service, bringing love, hope and Christ to the isolated, lonely, sick and left-out beyond the walls of the church building while also living with disability herself. Thank you Anne!



FOR I WAS HUNGRY



'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

- Matthew 25:35-37

ANGLICARE Sunday

Anglicare Sunday is a chance for you and your church to partner with Anglicare in our mission to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty for children, young people and families.

Anglican parishes and other churches host Anglicare Sunday to encourage their congregation to be involved with helping people in your local community.

This year's theme 'For I was Hungry' is based upon Matthew 25:35-37.

Anglicare's Pantry Appeal provides urgent food and essential living items to families in need and as we explore this theme of 'For I was Hungry' we would love to share our story with you.

JOIN US
SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER
and bring a gift
from the pantry to church



Fete—11 November 2023 9.30am

There's less than a month to go until the fete! The sign up sheets for fete volunteers are on the back noticeboard. There's a wealth of volunteering opportunities available both before, during and after the fete.

A couple of the stalls still need coordinators— an important role to make sure that the stalls run smoothly.



Care for Creation

A dialogue amongst Iona Community Leader Rev Ruth Harvey, Minister of the Church of Scotland, Quaker, and Co-Convener of Scotland's recent Climate Assembly; Brooke Prentis, First Nations Christian Leader, educator, writer, speaker, and company director, and Canberra First Nations friends.

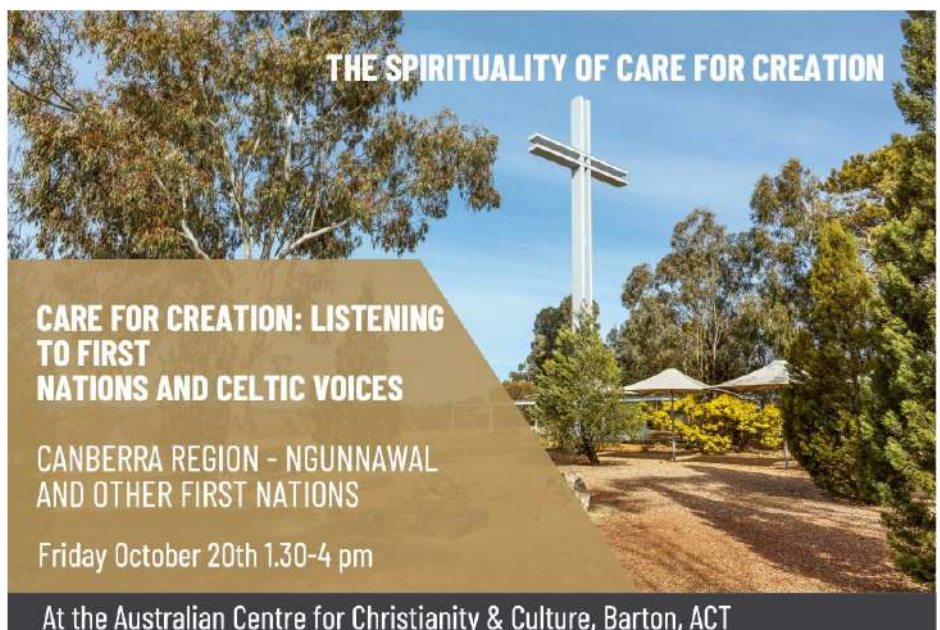
The conversation will explore how we can draw on the spiritual and cultural traditions of all our peoples to help us care for Creation together, integrating care for humanity with care for the environment and nature around us.

When: 20 Oct 2023 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Where: The Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture 15 Blackall Street, Barton ACT 2600

Cost: Free

Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/the-spirituality-of-care-for-creation>



PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Peace in Ukraine and the withdrawal of Russian troops
- ⇒ Peace in Israel and Palestine, and the return of civilian hostages to their families

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Flow on effects from the Referendum vote
- ⇒ Housing and food security for all Australians
- ⇒ Those impacted by extreme weather events

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Sydney
- ⇒ St John's, Wagga Wagga
- ⇒ Wagga Wagga Base Hospital
- ⇒ St Martin's College & the Riverina Anglican College
- ⇒ Riverina Juvenile Justice Centre, Wagga Wagga
- ⇒ Chaplaincy work in hospitals, universities, colleges, schools, the workplace, prisons, Defence Forces, emergency services and border protection;
- Archdeacon for Chaplaincy

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Michaellee Thornton; Rhonda Thorpe; Rick and Fran Tilden; Marilyn Tolano; Jenny Tomkins; and Anthony, Susan, Elizabeth and Michael Troy.
- ⇒ 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; Bob and Kath Arthur; Elaine Gifford; Ellie, Prue & Ken Wedgwood; Reg Holmes; and anyone known to us personally

COMMEMORATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 23 Oct Mary Lynn Mather
- 24 Oct Wendy Ward
- 26 Oct Harris Boulton

BIBLE READINGS

- Exodus 33:12-23
- Psalms 99
- 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
- Matthew 22:15-33

COLLECT for 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and everlasting God,
in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations:
grant that your Church throughout the world
may persevere with steadfast faith
in proclaiming the cross to be the way that leads to
life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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