

# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



**SUNDAY 9 JUNE 2024**  
**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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

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Meeting ID: 882 096 2366  
Password: 033643

## **SUNDAY 9 JUNE**

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

## **WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE**

12 Midday Communion Service and Lunch

## **SUNDAY 16 JUNE**

8am & 10am Holy Communion  
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## **Coming soon:**

Fruitful Friday June 14 6-8:30pm  
Working Bee June 15 9am-12pm  
Save the Date: Parish Birthday  
Dinner 27 July

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

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## **The Family of God**

**Mark 3.20-35**

At times, Jesus appears to have a complex or even strained relationship with his family in the Gospels. Though Mary stood by him at his crucifixion (and so cannot have been too far from him), and his brother James (the just) became a prominent figure in the early church, in this passage from Mark they come to “seize” Jesus – the same term used to describe efforts by Jesus’ enemies to capture him.

This communicates two things clearly; first, Jesus’ family were somewhat distant from him, since they didn’t go with the crowd to hear his teaching. Second, they acted out of some combination of concern and shame, coming to him after hearing rumours he was unwell and embarrassing himself, being not of sound mind. But when they arrive, Jesus uses the opportunity to turn an awkward family reunion into something more.

When Jesus declares those with him to be his family, he makes a statement of loyalty and love. He refuses to engage with family as a narrow thing, defined by lineage and parenthood. Rather than identify with those coming to seize him, who doubt his message and his words, he looks to the crowd and names them family. In this we can see invitation and encouragement, to be part of God’s family. The welcome of this is clear; family is found with God and with each other, we who show love and friendship to one another are brothers, sisters, and siblings.

This gives us great hope, that no matter where we’ve come from, what hurts we’ve endured, we have a family who love and care for us. It also sheds some small light on the events of the Gospel, for it cannot surprise us that the disciples and followers of Jesus showed such loyalty to him, who already proclaimed them to be his family, his brothers and mother.

**Tobias Nevile**

## UNEXPECTED BIRTHDAY GIFT

Today at noon one of our clients who visits us every month came to the Centre just 10 days after his last visit. One of the volunteers asked him if his situation had changed and if he wanted to talk to one of the Case Managers and our client said yes. I went over to greet him and after realising that he was not comfortable, invited him inside for a private conversation. M told me that he shares the care of his 6-year-old daughter with his partner as they both work part-time. M said that although they don't earn much, they were trying to pay all the bills that come in month after month. M had become aware that his employer required him to complete some training to continue working, however M did not have the money to pay for the course and does not receive any benefits from Centrelink (due to the type of visa he has).

M had decided to seek assistance with food more frequently this month so that he could save some money and put it towards his training. Although M had only sought assistance with food, we always try to look beyond that and look for possible strategies/solutions to enable our clients to overcome difficult situations.

While I was asking M what food items he wanted, I also asked him about his availability and the best day for him to complete the training. Following conversations with my manager and thanks to our donors, we were able to pay for his course. As I was filling out the client form, I noticed that it was also M's birthday. To celebrate, we placed a large tart and some candles in his bags of food so that he could enjoy his birthday with his family.

When I returned to where M was waiting for his food hamper, I wished him a Happy Birthday and told him that St John's Care had paid for his course. M couldn't believe it and said, 'you are playing a joke on me'.

'No look, here is the receipt for the course. By doing this course you will gain more knowledge, you will get back to work and maybe in the future you will have better job opportunities, so you must do the course and learn as much as you can,' I told him.

M kept smiling, and thanking me. He had simply visited SJC to ask for support with food while he was looking for solutions to pay for his course and had left with so much more. He thanked the staff and volunteers for their generosity and will come back fortnightly for food support. I would like to thank St John's Care donors for their generous and wonderful help.

Karen Medrano SJC Case Manager

**Items Required:** Cup a soup, Milo, Deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste

## Bird Song

*Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.*

*Psalm 105:6*

Morning by morning I hear the beautiful song of a little bird sitting on a twig in the tree, head held back as if he is singing to heaven and he sings and sings and sings. Its as if he is singing morning praises to his creator, singing his little heart out. I think this little bird knows he belongs to God. When the psalmist says let *everything* that has breath, praise the Lord, he means *everything*, even the little birds. I wonder how diligent are we at singing praises every morning to the Lord?

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

*Anne, servant of the Lord.*



## What do you want to do for our monthly themes?

We are looking for ideas of how to celebrate our monthly themes for the rest of the year. Our current and upcoming themes are:

June—Pride

July—Women

August—Stewardship

September—Creation

October—Liberation/Poverty

November—Disability

Whether it be screening a relevant movie or hosting a morning tea to raise awareness and/or funds for a relevant community, please discuss with Wayne any ideas you may have.

## Trajectories of hope: a future for the affirming church

### Parish Birthday—27th July 2024

Dr Karen Pack is driven by the desire to empower young leaders with a sense of their own value and the beauty they bring to the world. She is a former pastor, missionary and bible college lecturer who has taught in Australia and internationally for over twenty years, including training pastors and lay leaders throughout Africa, Asia, North America and the Middle East.

When not training and mentoring others, Karen is a sessional academic lecturing in History at the University of Notre Dame Australia and Macquarie University. She specialises in the historical intersections of gender, faith and sexuality. She uses her research and personal experience to advocate for young queer people of faith, inspiring them to live authentically, brave and free.



# growing our gifts



## WHAT'S A GIFT?

Have you ever noticed how churches run on gifts? A gift is what God does through a person when they are willing to help out by meeting a need. Some gifts are based on talents and skills. Others by our openness to try something new.

## LEARNING TO GROW

Many people are unsure about their gifts. They know their skills but can feel anxious about trying something different in church. We aim to be supportive and encouraging. When people learn their gifts always grow and they get to meet God in a different way.



## OPPORTUNITIES

There are many opportunities to grow at Holy Covenant. From playing music to morning tea. Being a sides person or welcomer. Reading or praying publicly are just the start. Your help makes everything better.



## JUMPING IN

If you want to grow more at Holy Covenant why not jump in and develop your gifts? You'll find our sign up sheets on the board at the rear of the church.



SIGN UP NOW TO DISCOVER MORE  
AND GROW MORE DEEPLY

# BIBLE STUDY GROUP

THURSDAYS

7.30PM

CHOSEN BY GOD  
SAMUEL, SAUL AND DAVID

30  
MAY

**SOMEONE FROM NOWHERE**

**A KING IS WANTED**

06  
JUNE

13  
JUNE

**THE FALL OF SAUL**

**FOUND IN THE Paddock**

20  
JUNE

4  
JULY

**JEALOUSY IS A CURSE**



**MORE INFO:**

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## St. Vinnies CEO Sleep Out



The CEO Sleepout raises funds to support homeless people and the most vulnerable in our local community. The cost of living and housing crisis has resulted in more homeless people in Canberra needing these services. If you would like to sponsor Neville Tomkins OAM JP, who is participating in the annual Sleepout for his 13th year, on 20 June, you can go to:

<https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/neville-tomkins-scouts-australia/act>

If you can afford it, you might consider donating all, or part of, your \$300 energy subsidy from the Federal Government. That donation will go a long way to supporting homeless people in our local communities.

### Coffee pod recycling

The coffee pod recycling box has a new home in a small blue 'wheelie' bin outside the kitchen window.

Drop your used aluminium pods in the box and they will be collected and returned to Nespresso for processing: the coffee is used in fertiliser and the aluminium is used for new products.

If you note that the box is full, or there are otherwise any problems, contact: Mark C-S.



### Anglican News

The May edition of *Anglican News* is out available.

The link to the page: <http://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/>

You can email any contributions for future issues of the Anglican News **by the first day of the month of the issue**

to: [anglicannews@anglicancg.org.au](mailto:anglicannews@anglicancg.org.au).

## PRAYER POINTS

### IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ For those drafted to serve in the military in Ukraine.
- ⇒ For families whose livelihoods have been destroyed in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel.
- ⇒ For those in India, affected by climate change, especially water shortages.

### IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ For LGBTIQ+ youth and their families as new identities emerge and form.
- ⇒ The apology by NSW Premier Chris Minns for criminalisation of sexual diversity, which was decriminalised in 1984.
- ⇒ For communities across Southern NSW affected by heavy rain.

### IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Adelaide
- ⇒ Archdeacons
- ⇒ Area Deans
- ⇒ Professional Standards Board and Committees
- ⇒ Pray for: Victims of physical and sexual abuse and the continuing implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission including the National Redress Scheme and the implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care and the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

### IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Dal Hyde; Deranie and Pheobe Jackson; Gareth, Jo, Elanor, Hannah and Isaac James; and Russel Judd and Jayne Murray.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer (often for long term needs) including Barry & Sandra Button; Bev Barnes; Glenys Wimmer; Bev Chambers; Kath Arthur, Neville Hurst, Joh Sheehan and anyone known to us personally.

### COMMEMORATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

## BIBLE READINGS

- 1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20; 11: 14-15  
Psalm 138  
2 Corinthians 4.13-5:1  
Mark 3: 20-35

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
give us such a vision of your purpose,  
and such an assurance of your love and power,  
that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in  
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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