

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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SUNDAY 16 JUNE

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

WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE

12 Midday Communion Service and Lunch

SUNDAY 23 JUNE

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

Coming soon:

Save the Date: Parish Birthday
Dinner 27 July

Bank details for direct debit:

Bank: Commonwealth
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The Old and the New

2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17

It can be tempting to think of Paul as a stern man, critiquing and bemoaning churches who, it seems, just can't get anything right. Read this way, his words might come across as harsh, short, and aggravated, and we can picture the grumpy old Paul trying to keep his flocks in line. It may be a tempting view of Paul, but it is an unsatisfying one. It feeds into ideas of churchmen whose job it is to discipline, to judge, and who are perpetually displeased. This is not a helpful image of the church or indeed of Paul – rather, it sounds more in line with the man Paul used to be, than the man he had become by the time he was writing to the Corinthians. This passage helps demonstrate that there was much more to Paul than the image outlined above suggests.

Paul writes with vulnerability in Corinthians, admitting that he walks by faith in God, not with clear-eyed sight of what will come. He acknowledges the tension between the life now in the body, and the coming time of being near to God, and does not suggest he has any answers for it. Later, he writes with joy of the great liberation Jesus has wrought, that by dying for all Christ brought life and newness to creation. He declares that we should no longer look to who we were, what we may have done; all believers are new creations, newly alive children of God not bound to wrongdoings of our past. We can sense the complex feelings Paul has for himself when he writes that “the old has passed away,” the struggle to come to terms with who he had been before the road to Damascus.

The Paul who writes this, who is open and honest, is very much a far cry from the stern critic of difficult flocks – this Paul is a friend, a comforter, and guide. A more satisfying vision of Paul, in my view.

Tobias Neville

The stories we tell about our clients each week often involve some dark themes such as domestic violence, homelessness, or the loss of loved ones, however this week's PEW Sheet has a different tone. Last week we attended Radford college to pick up donations that the junior and middle schools had collected across the term.

We were simply blown away by the generosity of the Radford community and were unable to collect the donations in one trip, despite our best efforts. A few days later we returned to pick up another full van load of donations.



As we approach winter, the reliance on our service by vulnerable and disadvantaged members of the community grows, and the incredible support we have received from the Radford community is both timely, and heartwarming.

Many of our clients who have sought reprieve from the harsh Canberra winter have left our Centre with warm clothes and bags full of grocery items and are so grateful for your support. Thank you!

Kind regards, Robbie Speldewinde, Operations manager

Items required: Pasta Sauce, Toilet paper, up and go's, cooking oil

Sing to the Lord

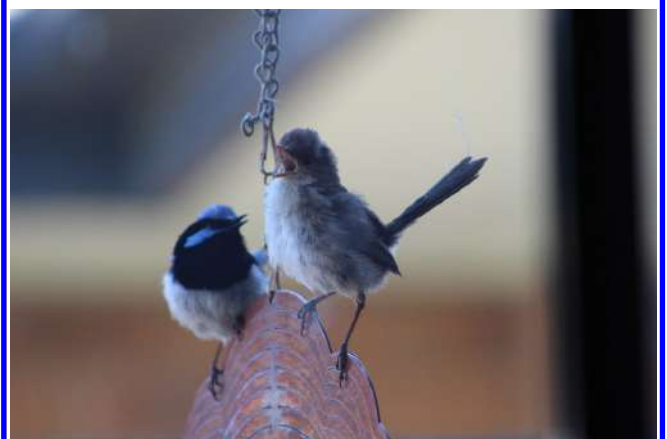
O for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemer's praise. TIS 210

What a way to wake up in the morning - with a hymn on your lips and in your heart. The morning shrouded in fog was alive with a wonderful chorus that was completely in harmony with the paint brush in God's hand as he painted a loud magnificent dawn of bold red and gold and blue. - The chorus was magnificent. A mass of Currawongs in harmony with each other, Crimson Rosellas 'pipping' a high and low note and the tiny trill of the darling Blue Wrens all just seemed to pull together a chorus of a thousand tongues singing praise to their great redeemer. I joined in the chorus with:

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim. To spread throughout all the earth abroad, the honour of your name. (Charles Wesley)

Take these words into your day because such music in our ears is life and health and peace.

Anne, servant of the Lord



Sing, sing to the Lord.

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.

Please join us on the night for a Palestinian meal, great company and a wonderful talk from Karen. Please scan the QR code below, or follow this link <https://events.humanitix.com/parish-dinner-fhcvxmsk> to get tickets.

Please also let us know if you're able to help with cooking, setting up, packing up and cleaning on the night.



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

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.

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.



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.

Covenant Care Community Lunch

Please join Covenant Care as they have their community lunch, on Thursday 25 July at 12:15pm for a 12:30pm start.

Please sign up via the sheets on the sign-up board and let Rhonda know if you can help with setting up, or baking a slice.

Cost is \$5. RSVP by 21st July, for catering.

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ For those drafted to serve in the military in Ukraine.
- ⇒ For families whose livelihoods have been destroyed by conflict in Gaza, the West Banks and Israel.
- ⇒ For LGBTIQ+ people in Africa, where they face execution, imprisonment and violence daily.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ For various winter appeals supporting those who are sleeping rough and homeless.
- ⇒ For teachers in Early Learning Centres, Primary and Secondary schools, and Universities.
- ⇒ For women who are victims of family and sexual violence, and for a better understanding of consent.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Newcastle
- ⇒ St Matthew's, Wanniasa
- ⇒ Lanyon Valley Anglican Church
- ⇒ Renew Anglican Church (Greenway)
- ⇒ St Mary-in-the-Valley, South Tuggeranong
- ⇒ Pray for: Anglicare activities in partnership with parishes and with government: child care, foster care, young people and families; for staff and volunteers in regional offices and in Goulburn; for clients, for Anglicare Appeals; and bushfires recovery work.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Rosemary and David Kennemore; Stephanie, Nick and Zachariah Kizimchuk; Pam Lane; Anne and Martin Lange; Jenny Lange and Clare Lawlor.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer (often for long term needs) including Barry & Sandra Button; Glenys Wimmer; Bev Chambers; Kath Arthur, Neville Hurst, Joh Sheehan and anyone known to us personally.
- ⇒ We give thanks for the life of Bev Barnes, and pray for Bruce and the rest of the family.

BIRTHDAYS

16 June Sarah David-Hoole
19 June Zara Indrele

BIBLE READINGS

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
Mark 4: 26-34

COLLECT

Almighty God,
without you we are unable to please you:
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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