

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2024
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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SUNDAY 30 JUNE

8am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Lynda McMinn

10am Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd Dr Wayne Brighton
Preacher: Revd Lynda McMinn

WEDNESDAY 3 JULY

12 Midday Communion Service and Lunch

SUNDAY 7 JULY

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

Coming soon:

Neighbourhood Night 5 July, 6-8pm.

[Save the Date:](#) Parish Birthday

Dinner 27 July—Tickets available.

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Faith and Touch

Mark 5:21-43

Something striking about this passage is that here, Jesus has healing thrust upon him. Generally, Jesus is the initiator of healing, and indeed we can see this later in the passage with the daughter of Jairus. He will approach and heal, or people will come to him and ask for him to take action. But not here. This woman is pained, suffering, desperate. It is hard to imagine just how difficult her life would have been; her bleeding would render her ritually unclean, isolating her from much of community life, even from the community itself. Perhaps this is part of why there is no one to sponsor her, to approach Jesus on her behalf and ask for healing. Perhaps she is simply unwilling to wait another moment to be healed. But either way, she takes action, and touches Jesus' clothes, and is healed.

Here is another striking thing; Jesus isn't angry at this. He is surprised to be sure, and asks who has touched him. The disciples (understandably) are perplexed by the question; he's in a crowd, people are jostling and bumping each other every moment. But after the woman comes forward and explains, Jesus doesn't reprimand her. He commends and blesses her, showing nothing but mercy and love. From this, we see something of the power of faith, and of God's abiding love. Jesus doesn't begrudge someone seizing their moment to be well, isn't angry at having the initiative taken off him. He is simply glad someone is well and healed. God is understanding of us, appreciates our needs and how they drive us. Just as he did the woman, Jesus is very willing to commend and bless us.

In our pursuit of God and of justice, we should be daring, just as the woman was. We should bravely seek the kingdom, having faith in the abiding love and mercy of our God.

Tobias Neville

SETTLING IN

This morning, St John's Care (SJC) had a visit from a couple who had only been in Australia for a month.

They entered as refugees, and they were using their mobile phone as a translator to communicate. The wife - who we shall call J - was telling me that they arrived only a few weeks ago. The place where they are living in Canberra is very cold and they don't have the necessary clothes to face the winter here.

J told me that her husband (M) requires assistance with getting a job and learning English. She also needed help with clothes, toys and a pram for their 8-month-old baby.

J and M told me that they were in the process of applying to Centrelink for some benefits to help them buy food and the basics for a family of three. In the meantime, they were on their own here. After listening to them both, I assured them that they had come to the right place and that SJC would help them with everything within our power.

Our first step was to ask one of our friendly volunteers if they could help J and M with a food hamper (fruit, vegetables, meat, bread, etc.) and toiletries, nappies, and wipes for the baby. I explained to J that our food relief is a monthly service but, in this specific case, they could come more often until their situation with Centrelink is resolved.

They were offered doonas, winter blankets, beanies and some winter jackets which were given by our generous donors. We made a referral to Thread Together (clothing for adults) so that both parents could get help with clothing. Another referral was made to Roundabout for safe, high quality, essential baby and children's items and clothes.

We then referred the family to the Multicultural Hub Canberra - Multicultural Hub Canberra is a provider of settlement services and support for newly arrived migrants and refugees in the ACT - and MARSS (Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services) and provided information on both organisations.

Information was also provided on the following:

- . Australian Red Cross – Migration Services & Support
- . Canberra Refugee Support
- . Vinnies – Migrant and Refugee Program
- . Companion House
- . St John Kippax Refugee Resettlement Committee

J and M were very happy with all the help and information they received. SJC also offered them bus tickets to use for their next visit. St John's Care will continue to support J & M and other Canberrans who reach out to us.

I would like to thank everyone in the Canberra Community who donates to our organisation or supports us in the many ways you do.

Karen Medrano SJC Case Manager

Items Required: Full fat long life milk, soup (tin or cup), cup of noodles

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done and his miracles. Psalm 104: 4

I recall sitting outside the house of prayer recently when I was on a retreat. The view was captivating. The green of the rural countryside, rolling hills, seed planted fields and roaming, grazing sheep in paddocks before me emanated peace and suddenly I could hear a group of people from the prayer room beginning to sing, softly, gently, slowly: 'Turn your eyes upon Jesus,' followed by 'Isn't he beautiful.' All in one spirit I joined in, as did others nearby and the Spirit of God filled that place. Later I wrote in my journal: God is before me in the morning, dressed in all his wonderful, beautiful creation. Everywhere I look I can see him and I heard a still small voice whisper. 'As you sit looking at me, so am I looking at you. You see me in creation, so I see you in creation,' and there was a deep sense of oneness.

Take time, *make time*, to pause, stop and enjoy God's handiwork, his fingerprints and loving touches which abound in nature ... turn your eyes upon Jesus and look full in his wonderful face.

Go well into the day, encounter the soft breeze of the Spirit across your face and walk humbly with Jesus by your side.

Anne, servant of the Lord.



Peace.

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.



Parish Dinner Cooks

This year's Parish Dinner has a Middle Eastern theme. Given we're eating in late July, the menu includes some hearty meat dishes, as well as traditional vegetarian dishes and tasty desserts.

To make this work, we need some volunteer cooks. Megan has copies of the recipes for you, and will also provide some of the more esoteric ingredients that you may not have in your kitchen (such as rosewater, mastic and sumac). The recipes are: Cauliflower lamb stew, Sumac chicken & onions, Chickpeas with rice and vegetables, Eggplants with tomatoes, Middle Eastern salad, Cucumber and yogurt, Fruit plates, and Rice pudding with rosewater and mastic.

There are sign up sheets on the noticeboard for the cooks. Please give Megan a call if you have any questions - 0450 502 081.

Table Arrangements for Parish Dinner

Hosting a table?

- Hosts organise nibbles for a table.
- Those joining a table may want to talk with hosts about drinks.
- Hosts might invite guests for their table. Efforts will be made to seat people at the table of their choice.
- Please speak to the host of the table you'd like to sit at, so they can organise numbers.
- If the host of your preferred table has already filled their table, the office will present an opportunity for you to join another table.

Please volunteer to host a table on the night or sign up for a table using the blue sheets on the sign up board.



PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ For efforts to rebuild essential services in Ukraine, such as electricity, water and food distribution.
- ⇒ For trans children and adults who are increasingly denied gender affirming care in the US and UK.
- ⇒ For peacebuilding initiatives in Haiti and efforts to address organised crime.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ For linguistically diverse women and the capacity to access culturally appropriate places of refuge when fleeing family violence.
- ⇒ For policy makers and the confusion around energy supply and emissions targets.
- ⇒ For those living with or caring for family members with HIV and AIDS.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Mission Agencies
- ⇒ Missionary Work of the Church in Australia & Overseas
- ⇒ Deacons in their specialised ministries; including Archdeacon Emeritus Anne Ranse;
- ⇒ Diocesan Clergy: Clergy currently on Long Service Leave, Study Leave or Exchange, Retired Diocesan Clergy
- ⇒ Clergy widows and widowers
- ⇒ Pray for: Vocations to missional service both at home and overseas.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Hugh MacWilliam and Sarah Jennings; Jenny Madden; Jean Main; Rob Maron; Bec and Benjamin Marston; Margaret Martin; and Mary Lynn Mather.
- ⇒ 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, Celeste Sandstrom and anyone known to us personally.
- ⇒ We give thanks for the life of Bev Barnes, and pray

BIRTHDAYS

BIBLE READINGS

- 2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8: 7-15
Mark 5: 21-43

COLLECT

O Christ for whom we search,
our help when help has failed:
give us courage to expose our need
and ask to be made whole,
that, being touched by you,
we may be raised to new life in the power of your
name. **Amen.**

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