

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 14 JULY 2024
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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SUNDAY 14 JULY

8am and 10am Holy Communion
Celebrant : Revd Lynda McMinn
Preacher: Revd Bili Malek

WEDNESDAY 17 JULY

12 Midday Communion Service and Lunch

SUNDAY 21 JULY

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

Coming soon:

Parish Planning Day 20 July 10-4pm
Community lunch 25 July 12.15pm
Parish Birthday Dinner 27 July—
Tickets available.

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Remembering and honouring the Community of Saints and the Martyrs

Today we encounter the dark, sad and sordid story in Mark of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, highlighting the “destructive dynamics of sexual and political power” (PHEME PERKINS, NIB COMMENTARY SERIES, Vol 8, 1995, p599). Indeed: “Willingness to sacrifice others to maintain honour, prestige and power remains one of the great temptations in positions of authority.” (Perkins, p599). Yearly we remember John's life and death as well as Herod's failures in leadership and justice, and Salome and her mother's shocking connivance to see John dead. Remembering such stories helps us to recognise such evil. It helps build courage, strengthens us to resist evil, and shores up hope in difficult times.

Celtic Christianity stresses the importance of remembering, not only Scriptural stories, but also the stories of Christian followers, who have lived their lives well, in accord with God's purposes. The ancient traditions of Celtic Christianity have kept alive stories of faithful men and women, both the martyred and those who came to their rest in peace. Columba of Iona, Cuthbert of Durham and Lindisfarne fame, Ninian of Cumbria, Aiden of Lindisfarne, Brendan the Navigator, and Hilda of Whitby are some of the great traditional British Celtic exemplars of Christian faith, a part of the Communion of Saints: “God's work in the life of the saints is something beautiful to behold: he takes ordinary men and women and gives them the extraordinary grace to persevere in “running the race” (Fr Brian Meldrum). These stories are recalled in cyclical patterns of reflection through worship, in personal meditation and in pilgrimage to special sites.

A prayer by St Columba (521-597):

“Kindle in our hearts, O God,
The flame of that love which never ceases,
That it may burn in us giving light to others,
May we shine forever in your holy temple,
Set on fire with your eternal light,
Now and forever. Amen.”

Merilyn Clark

Transport Assistance

J and S are parents to three young children below the age of seven. The couple's youngest

two children have disabilities which have significantly impacted them socially, developmentally and physically. The additional level of care and support their children require has limited J and S's ability to work and study.

The family has been visiting St John's Care since arriving in Australia approximately 4 years ago. Together, St John's Care has supported them in meeting their basic needs by providing them with food, bedding and clothing. We have also played a vital role in addressing their complex needs through case management, advocacy and referrals to specialist services.

Through our support, the family has been able to find accommodation that is suitable for their children, gain casual employment, and develop a support network through links to other agencies across Canberra.

Last week I was contacted by S who was clearly distressed. She told me that they had almost no food left, and that their family car had broken down, meaning they were unable to visit SJC to collect food. She explained that they had contacted various mechanics across Canberra for repairs but were given quotes they simply could not afford. They had received a quote that was much cheaper from a mechanic in Sydney, however they were unable to afford to have their car towed there.

I offered to drop some food off to the family and that afternoon, I arrived at their home with groceries bags in the boot. Whilst there, I sat down to discuss the impact that the loss of transport had had on the family. J and S explained that travelling by bus with their children was very difficult and that they had various appointments to attend. On Monday this week, SJC paid to have the family's car taken to Sydney to receive repairs. Yesterday I received a call from J and S who expressed their deep and sincere appreciation to the support that our organisation has provided them with over the past few years, and the immeasurable effect it has had on their family.

Thank you to everyone who supports us. The positive impact that you have on the lives of vulnerable members of the community is significant and is often the reason they are able to continue living.

Robbie Speldewinde, Operations Manager

Items required: Rice 1kg, flour 1kg, cooking oil, nuts & sultanas

A ball of yellow

God - dressed up in sunlight. Psalm 104 (The Message)

So many mornings I see it from the window when I open the curtain to greet the new day, I see it before any other thing - its faint outline in the fog, a ball of yellow filled with the capacity to give us light and warmth and day and to me, it's God. Dressed up in sunlight and my morning prayer along with the beautiful, harmonious odal of the magpies, their heads held high, is a very simple prayer: 'Good morning God, good morning, good morning'. A great way, an absolutely great way to start the day.

As you bless me with light at the sun's rising, shine on me with love.

Anne, servant of the Lord



Good morning, God.

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.



Covenant Care Winter Community Lunch

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

At this lunch, Dr Merylyn Clark will speak, exploring some Old Testament lessons which have been important to her as her time as an Old Testament and Hebrew lecturer at St. Mark's National Theological Centre, and as a Bible Study leader.



Merylyn has an impressive academic background, BEc (Hons) (Monash), MBA (Toronto), BTh (Charles Sturt University), PhD (Charles Sturt University) and has provided a short bio:

"After I finished my first degree I joined the Australian Public Service in Canberra where I worked some 7 years. I had a few years off having children and rearing them up to preschool age, when I started

tutoring and later lecturing at University of Canberra in Economics and Management Studies. Then I began to take an interest in theology. Since my theological studies journey at St Mark's National Theological Centre began in 1990 I have been a student, volunteer, Academic Administrator and Associate Lecturer in Old Testament Biblical Studies and Hebrew at St Mark's. My PhD thesis (*Israel Remembers: Waters of Chaos, Waters of Hope*) through Charles Sturt University was completed in 2004. Retiring after 11 years of lecturing, I volunteered as Theology Course Coordinator and teacher at the Indigenous Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in Cairns, where I worked nearly three years. I have continued to develop and lead Bible Studies for Parishes and Clergy Conferences within the Anglican tradition in 4 different Dioceses, but also within the Salvation Army and the Catholic Church.

I delight in leading people into a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Old Testament texts, to see in these ancient texts the living word of God speaking to us in our time and place. I seek to share the power, depth and masterly story telling of the Old Testament and their rich insights.

I am married to David Clark, and have three children and seven grandchildren who live on the Central Coast of NSW, The Capricorn Coast of Queensland and in Florida, USA."

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

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

WHAT'S NEXT?

Church Planning Day

20 July, 10am-4pm

St Mark's Theological Centre, Barton

How can you help?

Share your answers to 4 questions.

1. Why did you come to Holy Covenant?
2. Why have you stayed?
3. What about Holy Covenant gives you energy or makes you feel alive?
4. What's one thing at Holy Covenant you might commit to over the next 12 months?

Let us know. Share an email, give us a call or discuss over coffee.



Sharing Hope with an Uncertain World

Featuring Glen Scrivener

Saturday 17 August

10:00am-4:00pm

St Saviour's Cathedral Goulburn

Between Easter and Pentecost next year Anglicans across Australia will be sharing the hope we have through Jesus under the banner of *Hope 25* (www.hope25.com.au).

This gathering will be an opportunity to hear from Australian-born evangelist Glen Scrivener (speaklife.org.uk) about how the good news of Jesus connects with our deepest needs.

There will also be opportunities to learn from each other and be introduced to resources that will help your ministry join this exciting initiative.

Register at: <https://forms.gle/pvJJDfgehaTX6FE18>

Morning tea will be provided. Please BYO lunch or purchase it from one of the nearby cafes.



Creator God,

You are the sustainer of life, the composer of creation's song

You taught our Elders how to listen to Country's rhythm

To stand to protect, sustain and care for Country

Open our ears and enflame our commitment toward creation justice

We walk together to keep the fire burning

You are the celebrator of language, kinship and culture

You have taught our communities how to be resilient

Renew and encourage our disheartened spirits, restore our peoples to flourishing

Overflow us with vision, guide our paths, give us comrades for the journey

We walk together to keep the fire burning

You are the fire keeper, the Creator of time and place

You remember the silenced and ignored stories

Your stories connect us back to Your love to fuel the flame

Quicken our memory to Your way of justice, hope and love

We are Blak, Loud, Proud. We will keep the fire burning.

We walk together to keep the fire burning.

You are the holy God of truth and justice

You hear the cry of our hearts, our laments and our mourning

You comfort and accompany us

We experience your faithfulness and peace.

Blaze us with your love and presence, holy God of truth and justice

We walk together to keep the fire burning

You are the Spirit of restoration and healing

You gave Jesus to show us how to live in right relationship

We take our place to listen, learn and build understanding

We walk together with honour, respect and celebration

We walk together to keep the fire burning

Amen

This prayer has been written for NAIDOC Week 2024 by proud Wuthathi and Mabuig Island woman Safina Stewart for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to keep the fire burning, and prayer for the church to continue walking together for truth and justice.

Silent Auction

Call for Items

If you have any items to donate to the parish for the silent auction, please be in touch with Deborah and Mark Greenaway. You can also call Caity in the office from 10am-3pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, or email office@holycovenant.org.au at any time to arrange a time to drop things off at the church.

Australian Network for Spiritual Direction

Quiet Day with Frances Mackay

Poetry as Prayer

On Saturday, 17th August the ANSD is hosting a quiet day at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.

Date & Time: 17th August, 2024.
9:30am-3pm.

Location: Chapel at the ACC&C.

Cost: \$30.

RSVP: 9th August to
ansdact@gmail.com

For more details, please refer to the flyer on the noticeboard in the church.

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ For all who are suffering from the effects of Hurricane Beryl, and other severe weather events caused and exacerbated by climate change.
- ⇒ For marginalised communities in the US, as the election draws nearer.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ For all those who are sleeping rough and struggling with the cold.
- ⇒ For everyone involved in organising NAIDOC week events and celebrations, as NAIDOC weeks comes to a close, and for First Nations people, and reconciliation efforts more broadly.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Good Shepherd, Curtin & Cross Cultural Ministry
- ⇒ Fred Ward Gardens RSL Lifecare
- ⇒ St Peter's Weston
- ⇒ St George's Anglican Life Centre, Pearce
- ⇒ Pray for: Organisations offering counselling, care and support to families and individuals; and plight of refugees and asylum seekers; and those suffering in the current Covid-19 pandemic and assisting with vaccinations and COVID testing and care of those who are ill.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Lynda McMinn; David and Margaret Meggs; Rod and Ann Menzies; Christine Mitchell; Jennelle, Denis and Simon Mitchell and Noel Montgomery.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer (often for long term needs) including Barry & Sandra Button; Glenys Wimmer; Bev Chambers; Kath Arthur, Joh Sheehan, Celeste Sandstrom, Bruce Barnes and family, and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

17 July **Peter Sherman (d. 2022)**

BIRTHDAYS

14 July **Quentin Grafton**
15 July **Jayne Murray, Neville Hurst,
Edward Dent**
16 July **Frances Mackay, Maddie Peebles**
18 July **Samuel Gumbrell Thomas Parkes
Sue McCaffrey Evie Primrose**

BIBLE READINGS

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Ephesians 2: 11-22
Mark 6: 14-29

COLLECT

Eternal God,
open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendour of creation
and in the beauty of human life.
Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us,
to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers,
and to experience the joy of life in your presence;
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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