

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2024 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The permanency of Jesus

Heb 7.21-28. Jesus unlike any high priest, guarantees a better covenant.

The Hebrews passage shows how the priesthood of Jesus is superior to that of the Old Testament Law. This uses the figure of Melchizedek as a model. Christ's priesthood is sinless, perfect, unending, and decreed as such by God. The Levitical priesthood was temporary, flawed, imperfect, and could not last forever.

The conduct and rules laid out in Leviticus were made without an oath. The whole system was changeable. The everlasting priesthood of Christ was with an oath to show that the Gospel dispensation should never change, and never be abolished. Jesus is not subject to death. This is in contrast to the earthly priests, as the heavenly high priest he is able to serve and offer salvation perpetually.

The Holy Covenant holds paramount importance in the Anglican Church, shaping the faith and practice of its members. It defines the relationship between God and humanity, rooted in biblical covenants found in Scripture, such as those made with Noah and Abraham. God has not only given His word of promise but has also recognized the covenant with a seal of blood. The ultimate covenant through the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. It frames our understanding of personal holiness, social justice, and community life. The Eucharist renews the covenant, as Christ's body and blood are shared as a sign of the new covenant in His sacrifice (Luke 22:20).

The covenant calls Christians to live according to God's will, Christians agree to renounce evil and live as Christ's disciples. Orthodox Jews maintain a close connection to the Old Covenant. However, most Jews today have a relationship with the Old Covenant in a more modernised way. They are waiting for a Messiah. The basic difference between Christianity and Judaism is described by the Old and New Covenant elaboration in Hebrews.

Our Anglican Church bears the Holy Covenant name. It is reflected on our Church website on the way we want Christianity to be known. The Two words that come to my mind when looking at our website are **love** and **everyone**. We stress that we try to live like Jesus in our own lives. We base our following on that word love. We state the positive availability of Jesus in the life of everyone on Earth. Whether this is recognised or not in the unification of the world.

Footnote - *Melchizedek* was a figure of importance in biblical tradition because he was both king and priest and connected with Jerusalem. He was revered by Abraham, who paid a tithe to him. He appears as a person only indirectly in Genesis (14:18–20). The story of Abraham rescuing his kidnapped nephew, Lot, by defeating a coalition of Mesopotamian kings under Chedorlaomer.

Richard Scutter

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SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Celebrant:

Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

Preacher:

Revd Dr Bili Malek

WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER

12 Midday Communion Service and
Lunch

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:

Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

Coming soon:

31 October—Costume party—5-7pm

1 November—Neighbourhood Night

6-8pm

16 November—Holy Covenant Fete

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WELCOME TO HOLY COVENANT

Holy Covenant is a diverse community and inclusive church in the Anglican tradition. This means that we seek to help people become all they were created to be. When we can be our true selves, we are then able to help the world become a better place for everybody.

We believe in a restorative Gospel, where God has come to heal and renew all of creation. This means we strive to make the world better rather than simply waiting around for heaven to arrive.

Our vision is to be a place for everyone, where people get to become the person they were always meant to be.

We value what Jesus valued: inclusion, diversity, compassion, justice and freedom. This means we encourage participation by people regardless of their background, heritage, gender, age, disability or orientation.

Children at Holy Covenant are welcome to participate in Kids' Church and/or Youth Group, but are also welcome to stay with their caregivers.

Communion is open to everyone, regardless of your denominational background or baptismal status. We are all invited and welcome to engage with God in this way.

Please stay for morning tea after our service and maybe get to know some other members of the congregation. We'd love to see you back next week.

In lieu of Anne's usual reflection, here are some of our Youth Leaders' pets!

Salami (below) & Nova

Sniff



When M initially came to SJC 2 years ago, she was seeking support with food. During the intake assessment, it became evident that M was experiencing depression and social isolation, issues with housing and her health, and that she needed support to address the financial hardship she was facing.

I referred M to HEAD TO HEALTH, supporting her with a translating service, to the MULTICULTURAL HUB for free English classes, and to CARE to begin addressing her financial situation. St John's Care was able to immediately support M with pantry items which she would continue to receive on a fortnightly basis, and with the payment of her prescriptions. When I first met M, she was in the process of applying for public housing. After working with her for some time, we assisted her by providing her with a support letter and getting her on to a priority housing list. While waiting for public housing, M had been living in shelters and refuges and couch surfing where she could. We often spoke about the impact that her accommodation arrangements were having on her mental health.

Last week I received a call from M who wanted to make an appointment with me. She was excited and told me that she had some 'good news' to share with me. We worked out an appropriate time for her to come in, and a couple of hours later, she arrived at the Centre to see me with a big smile on her face.

M was delighted to tell me that she had been given a house she can call home. She asked whether we could assist her in transitioning into her new home.

Particularly, she needed help to furnish her house as all she had was her clothes. Fortunately, the day before she was allocated a home, a donor called SJC and said he had a dining table set with 6 chairs, double bed with mattress, a sofa and kitchen utensils; everything that was donated was taken directly to M's house.

M was very happy and excited; she couldn't believe that she already had a house, and it was almost entirely furnished. SJC also helped her with pots and pans, dishes, bed sheets, covers and pillows. M said that she now has hope that she can turn her situation around, and finally move forward with her life.

I would like to personally thank our volunteers, donors, and general supporters for assisting us through a challenging year and continuing to allow us to provide the support that the community needs – you make all the outcomes we achieve possible.

Karen Medrano Case Manager

Items required: Shampoo & conditioner, tomato sauce, family pack of lollies, 1L full cream UHT milk, tinned meat soup e.g., Irish stew or braised steak,

HOLY COVENANT FETE

SATURDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2024

Please speak with stallholders to organise donations, to ensure they can be received. We are hoping to have donations dropped off to the church on the Friday before the fete.

Stallholders:

Books - Jenny Tomkins

Plants - Jodie Petrov

Cakes & Cafe - Catherine D'Cruz

White Elephant - Sandra Ross

Sign-up sheets are still available on the board. We still need a coordinator for bunting and balloons.

NEIGHBOURHOOD CONNECTION GROUP

Connect with people living in Aranda, Belconnen, Bruce, Cook and Macquarie.

Help our neighbourhood to thrive, connect with church and discover God. Please talk to Wayne if you're interested in joining this small group.



Please join us for a costume party on Halloween evening! We will have kids' games, prizes and lots of lollies. Come dressed as your favourite superhero, book character, animal or spooky creature.

31 OCTOBER 5-7PM

Holy Covenant Anglican Church
89 Dexter Street, Cook



If you'd like to help on the night, please contact Wayne or Caity

I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL YOU how I had a week to move a couple out of their old government house into a new home. Six weeks before that I had, along with other support people, applied to ACT Housing for this move to happen. Full credit to the housing people, this couple were on the move almost immediately. BUT one week to clean up rubbish in the yard and a house of clutter and hoarding was almost overwhelming. Some of the volunteers and staff of Covenant Care and friends swung into action with me to help and large skips were acquired. *What a week, But, we did it!!* You might be thinking well done but so what? Well, the so what is that this couple both experienced trauma in their lives, suffered with depression and anxiety and one battles major health issues, they lived in an unwelcoming neighbourhood and their home was dark, dingy and closed in. Now, if ever there was a transformation in two people it has happened with these ones. They both look like they have had a massive load lifted of their shoulders, living in a new property full of light and fresh air. There is a smile on their faces that had lifted the frowns and look of anxiety and stress and they feel safe in their new suburb. This is so life giving for this couple and for us in Covenant Care who have the opportunity to transform lives like this is a true blessing. A special thank you to all who help.

Anne Ranse

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ For the US election and efforts to control interference and denial of results.
- ⇒ People of Ukraine as they worry about the impact of the US election in their freedom.
- ⇒ For children of Palestine, Gaza, Lebanon and Israel who grow up fearful and isolated.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ For the formation of a new ACT government.
- ⇒ For the people of Queensland and their election.
- ⇒ For families that care for loved ones with dementia and acquired brain injuries.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Willochra
- ⇒ Cobargo Parish
- ⇒ Bodalla-Narooma Parish
- ⇒ Open Sanctuary @ Tilba Tilba
- ⇒ Moruya Parish
- ⇒ Batemans Bay; Boomerang Meeting Place, Mogo (part of Batemans Bay)
- ⇒ St Peter's Anglican College
- ⇒ Pray for: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministry, Bimbadeen Training College, Cootamundra.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Tim, Annabel and Naomi Farrington; Andrew Feitz, Jodie Petrov, Oliver and Tobias; Karen Ferguson; and George and Connie Gerrity.
- ⇒ 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, Megan McKay, Bob & Hilary Harris, Joshua Salske, Ian Matters, Bea Duncan and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

- 30 Oct **Florence Olsen (d. 1995)**
1 Nov **Arthur Olsen (d. 2005)**

BIRTHDAYS

- 29 Oct **Clive Rodger**
30 Oct **Ian Matters**

BIBLE READINGS

- Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8
Hebrews 7:21-28
Mark 10: 46-52

COLLECT

O God,
you give light to the blind and comfort to the sorrowing,
and in your Son you have given us a High Priest who has offered the true sacrifice for us and yet can sympathise with us in our weakness:
hear the cry of your people
and lead us home to our true country,
where with your Son and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

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