

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2024

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER
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SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER
8am Holy Communion
Celebrant : Revd Lynda McMinn
Preacher: Revd Dr Wayne Brighton
10am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher:
Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

Coming soon:

16 November—Holy Covenant Fete

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The Walk Home

Naomi and her husband Elimelek emigrated from Canaan to Moab because of a famine in Canaan. They left their traditional lands and became foreigners. They went hoping for a better and easier life for themselves and their two sons.

Moab had a very nuanced relationship with the Israelites; they were traditional enemies. It was not the natural choice for Naomi's family. How much of the decision was that the land looked more fertile and richer? How much was "the grass looking greener" mentality?

There were prohibitions on intermarriage with the Moabites (Deuteronomy 23:3, Ezra 9, Nehemiah 13). Naomi's family assimilated into Moab, and both their sons married Moabite women Orpah and Ruth.

Then tragedy struck. Elimelek died, and Naomi lost both of her sons, who were themselves childless. It was the end of the line. The bloodline and the future was gone. The world was not sympathetic to widows. Suddenly Naomi was longing for family, for home, for the traditional lands of her people and their customs. As Naomi prepared to return, in what was clearly a generous gesture, she sent both Ruth and Orpah back to their homes, families, and culture. Essentially, she released them from any obligation to her as she prepared to travel back to Bethlehem.

She anticipated a difficult return without adult male family members, without companions, without any real plans of how she would live, and in the hope that – as a widow – she would be at the mercy of her relatives... for good or bad. Naomi prepared for a journey of 7-10 days of harsh travel over a steep and rugged terrain, through an inhospitable desert, a rugged, unforgiving, and treacherous landscape.

Her gift of generosity to Ruth was repaid by Ruth's equally generous gesture of companionship, helper, care giver. Ruth stepped into the role of family when she said: "Where you go, I will go, your God shall be my God, and your people shall be my people my people" (Ruth 1:16-17).

We, too, need companions on the road, and like Ruth and Naomi, they grow out of generosity to each other in relationship.

Revd Dr Bili Malek

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.

Transported to Heaven

*My ears have heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.
Job 42:5*

Well, I can say that I have seen with the eye, as from my sacred space I see the glory - the absolute glory of the Lord in a green rose bush so covered with roses that its dazzling! They have positioned themselves in such a way on the bush that its like a cascade of colour and styles. Some are just buds, others more open and yet others fading from a full flush. It makes me want to sing that lovely hymn, 'Glorious things of thee are spoken.' I venture forward. I touch a rose. I smell a rose and thank God for the joy and delight it brings me this glory of his creation. So today, stop and smell the roses and you will be transported into heaven.

May the God of life bless you
and keep you today and always

Anne, servant of the Lord.



St John's Care (SJC) is a special place. SJC is a place where our community may walk-in during our opening times of 9.30am to 2pm Monday to Friday, without an appointment. When a client attends SJC they are welcomed, offered a drink and some biscuits, time to chat with an amazing volunteer. After this chat a trolley of fresh and pantry food is compiled for the client to choose from. During this time a client may wish to speak with a case manager to find out more about SJC, ask a question, receive suggestions and support for referral pathways, advocacy, or perhaps to receive counselling or just to listen to their life journey.

One such client G was referred to SJC via another community agency. This client shared their trauma journey with me, the tough times. G expressed her thanks for the time spent, the "amazing food hamper" and the fact that, "I can come back again next month for another food hamper, wow!" I was able to explain SJC provision, refer G to further supports, write a letter in support of her housing challenges, advocate on her behalf to enhance her housing application, make a Thread Together referral for brand new clothing, provide prescription support and invite G to our community lunch and Coffee & Craft socialisation program.

G shared that she was so thankful that SJC were here. G said she was so happy just knowing that SJC cared about her, gave her time to sit and talk without judgement. G said that the respect and encouragement she felt after visiting SJC gave her hope for a brighter tomorrow.

What a blessing it is for St John's Care to be open from Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 2pm as a walk-in emergency relief centre. Thank you to all the volunteers, donors and prayer warriors – without you all SJC would not be a special place, a refuge in times of need.

Wendy, SJC Senior Case Manager

Items required: Adult toothpaste, Cooking Oil, Sweet Biscuits, 1 litre full cream UHT Milk

Christmas gift ideas for SJC clients: Gift cards for teenagers; Lego; Sports equipment; Cars/Dolls/Figurines; Board Games; Books; Arts and Crafts; stocking fillers.

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.

Only one week to go until the fete. Thank you to everyone who has been preparing items for the fete.

Bookstall: We welcome donations of books in good condition (fiction, non-fiction, children's), CDs and DVDs. NO DONATIONS ON FETE DAY PLEASE. If you would like to help on the Friday afternoon (15 Nov) to sort books, or on the day to supervise and restock the bookstall, please add your name to the list on back noticeboard or call Jenny Tomkins, Book Stall Coordinator (0468 993 832).

Plant stall: Please drop plants off at the back of the Worship Centre where the labyrinth is (behind the sanctuary) on Friday if possible so Jodie can get as many set up as possible that afternoon. Also, to assist Jodie, if you could label all plants (e.g., on a paddle pop stick) with both their name and variety, if known, particularly in the case of vegetables, that would be terrific. Happy gardening!

Trash & Treasure: a reminder that we can't accept electrical items or clothes.

Cake Stall: Don't forget to include details of the ingredients. Labels are available at the back of the church.

Contributions for all of the stalls can be dropped off starting at 1pm on Friday, 15 November.

Volunteers for stalls: Many stalls are staffed but there are still several gaps on the sign-up sheets such as bunting & balloons, electronic payments and set-up on Friday 15 November starting at 1pm. Please see the sign-up sheets for more information.

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.



PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Starting from next week (17 November) nomination forms will be available for those who would like to join Parish Council in 2025.

The election will take place on Sunday, 15 December. Why not consider how to help the parish become the best place it can be in the year to come.

FETE CAFÉ

We are in need of some slices and biscuits, etc, to sell as part of the café stall next Saturday. We also need people to help with dish-washing. If you are able to help, please let Catherine D'Cruz know what you can bring. Thank you!

Catherine's email: cibdcruz@gmail.com

St Mark's National Theological Centre—Operations Coordinator

St Mark's is looking for an Operations Coordinator. The role is permanent part time. Applications close on 15 November 2024.

For more information head to: <https://www.christianjobs.com.au/jobs/347601976-operations-coordinator-at-anglican-diocesan-services>

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ For people of US following the election, especially for women, children, migrants and people of colour who feel vulnerable.
- ⇒ For people of Ukraine as they contemplate uncertainty in alliances and friendships
- ⇒ For people of Spain and Valencia as they encounter the cost of inaction on climate change preparedness

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ For Nungalinya College in Darwin, as they grieve the sudden death of their colleague, Michelle, who died in a tragic accident.
- ⇒ For the new government and assembly members in the ACT.
- ⇒ For staff and students at ANU and UCAN in the wake of proposed budget cuts and reductions.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Bishop to the Defence Force
- ⇒ St Philip's O'Connor
- ⇒ Defence Force Chaplains: Regular - Full Time and Reserve – Part Time.
- ⇒ Service Chaplains from this Diocese Serving Elsewhere
- ⇒ Pray for: Churchwardens; members of Parish Councils; and Lay Leaders.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Patrick Guinness; Digby Habel; Jenny Hall; Gwen Hallows; Hilary Harris; and Merrie Hepworth.
- ⇒ 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 and Alan Duncan, James Collier and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

COLLECT

O God,
whose blessed Son came into the world
that he might destroy the works of evil
and make us your children and heirs of eternal life:
grant that, having this hope,
we may purify ourselves as he is pure;
that, when he comes again with power and great glory,
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious
kingdom;
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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BIRTHDAYS

- 10 Nov Deborah Greenaway
- 11 Nov Jane Trigge
- 13 Nov Joh Sheehan
- 15 Nov Jenny Hall
- 16 Nov Valda Bromhead

BIBLE READINGS

- Ruth 3:1-5; 4:3-17
- Psalms 127
- Hebrews 9: 23-28
- Mark 12: 38-44