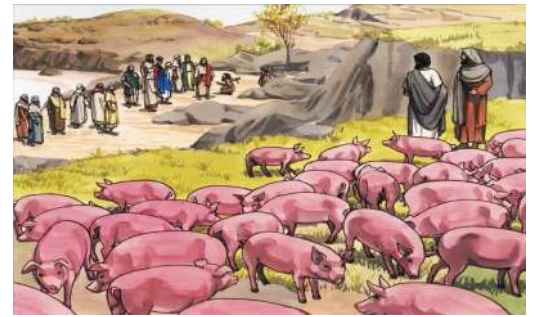


# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



## SUNDAY 19 JUNE 2022 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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Meeting ID: 882 096 2366

Password: 033643

### SUNDAY 19 JUNE

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

5pm: Twilight Conversation

### WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE

12 midday Communion Service and lunch

### SUNDAY 26 JUNE

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

5pm: Twilight Conversation

### COMING UP

Thursday 24 June 6pm: Women's Dinner

### Bank Details for Direct Debit are:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank

Branch: Jamison Centre, ACT

BSB: 062 907

A/C No: 802588

Name: Holy Covenant Anglican Church

### Dehumanisation?

There is much to unpack in our Gospel story this week. We can consider the contrast between the way that Jesus and society deal with outcasts. We can look at the power of language, particularly in relation to who is allowed to speak. And we can examine the nature of dehumanisation. It is the final element that I want to focus on today.

The demoniac lives in the tombs, among the dead who were murdered by a legion of Roman soldiers; these soldiers now demonise him from the inside. (Anyone with lived experience of psychosis, post-traumatic stress disorder or eating disorder knows the feeling of being possessed and persecuted by your own brain.) This man is naked, chained and guarded and even that cannot keep him under control. Surely this is among the most inhumane treatment imaginable?

And yet, consider the incarceration rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in this country. In June 2021, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders made up 30% of all prisoners in Australia, while only 3.3% of the Australian population. How do we heal this?

Consider the dehumanisation of homelessness in Australia. We try to brush away the issue, and talk about 'rough sleepers' as if the situation is only about sleep. But approximately one in every 200 Australians faces homelessness. The average life expectancy of a homeless man is between 45-47 years. Up to 21% of homeless people sleeping on the street have suffered hypothermia, frostbite or

trenchfoot. People with mental illness are more than twice as likely to experience homelessness. Children who experience homelessness are more likely to experience it as adults. The fastest increasing demographic of homeless people are women over 55 years of age. How do we heal this?

In these and other ways, our society dehumanises those, like the demoniac in our reading, who are outsiders. But Jesus takes social and political action, and brings healing to the demoniac. God calls us to bring hope and healing to those we have dehumanised. We do this, not because it's easy, or convenient, or earns us grace, but because it sets God's people free.

As Linda Anderson-Little says: "We follow this Jesus so we can participate with God in the kingdom work of justice and wholeness for those who are living in the tombs of oppression and need the Christian church to stand up and say to the demons, "Come out of this man. Come out of this woman. Come out of this child. Come out of this system!" Jesus does not stand for the inhumane treatment of people God created and for whom he died!"

We can confront the demons of our society and bring hope and healing to people dehumanised. Imagine the results! Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders out of prison, rehabilitated, educated and sitting with us at Jesus' feet. The homeless, in homes, healed and whole, sitting with us at Jesus' feet. All of us valued and treasured as God's children. May God give us the strength we need to build this kingdom of love with him.

Megan Watts

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### Empathy and kindness

One morning last week, I observed a group of regular clients chatting. I overheard one of the group say 'don't worry, I'm sure they will help!' I approached and offered the group a cup of coffee which they enthusiastically accepted.

One of our clients told me that they had met P wandering the streets the night before. I approached P and introduced myself, offering a chat.

As we walked to a more private place, P explained that she needed assistance getting home. She had come to Canberra mistakenly and wanted to return to Sydney. P had reacted to an argument with a close relative by getting on a train to escape the situation, using all the money she had in her pocket to do so. Since the previous Friday, P had been sleeping on the street and begging for food to get by, until she met a group of people who happened to be SJC clients. The group told her that SJC could help her with food and assist her in returning home.

P provided me with the name of the emergency accommodation centre in Sydney where she had been

staying. While the volunteers helped P with her physical needs, I investigated travel options. P was amazed at all the help she was receiving and couldn't believe how fortunate she was to run into a group of people who told her about SJC.

SJC was able to buy P a ticket to Sydney, provide her with winter clothes, a bag with food and a bus ticket to Jolimont Centre. We also referred her to appropriate emergency relief and mental health support organisations in Sydney.

We thanked the group of clients for helping P out – they were grateful for the positive feedback, and more so that we could support their new friend.

This is a great example of how showing kindness and empathy has a flow on effect to other members of the community, and how being kind and compassionate to others can help make you feel good as well.

Thank you SO MUCH to SJC donors for your generous donations; this story reflects how your kindness and empathy impacts the lives of the most vulnerable in our community.

**Items Required: Vegemite, Fruit Salad, 1kg rice, Olive or Canola Oil, Chunky Soup**

**HOLY COVENANT  
ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
*a place for everyone*  
PARISH DINNER

**CELEBRATING  
OUR DIVERSITY**  
SPEAKERS:  
**SISTER JANE KEOGH &  
FAISAL AMIN**

**30 July 2022 - 6-9pm**

96 Dexter Cres Cook

Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/CACCH>

Ages 0-4 free

Children (ages 5-12) \$25

Adults \$60

As an inclusive parish we seek to ensure that affordability is not a barrier. Please talk to the Rector for assistance if required.

### Diamond Wedding Anniversary.



Congratulations to Bea and Alan Duncan, who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on 23 June 2022!



## A journey of seeking

*Sit here while I go over there and pray. Mat 26:36*

The sacred space is dew laden, mist covered and still. Ever so still and quiet; there is a peace about it. I think the birds are still tucked up in their feathers because there is not a sound. My eyes go to the garden, already turning into its winter look as if dying for the season. But then I see there are green leaves of jonquils rising from the cold ground, that in their time will flower in their glory. Buds are forming on the Daphne bush where I try to catch the smell of that heavenly perfume but it's too soon yet.

Going to the sacred space is a bit like going on a pilgrimage for it is a journey in itself, not of distance but of seeking God where we are. Isn't that what a pilgrimage is about? A place to go, to reflect, to cast off your cares and see and seek and find God?

Where is your favourite pilgrimage? Where do you seek and find God?

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Anne, servant of the Lord.



<https://comewalkwithme-reflections.blogspot.com>

The journey begins

**CIRCUS**

*Roll up, roll up.  
Covenant Care invites you to come and join us as Warehouse Circus comes to Holy Covenant.  
Fun for young and old with juggling, unicycles, acrobatics and more.*

**Date:** Monday, 4 July 2022

**Time:** Please arrive at 10.30am for a 10.45am start

**Where:** In the church

**Who:** All welcome – especially children

**Cost:** Free

*Warehouse Circus is a youth circus based in Canberra which has been performing and teaching for 30 years. They help young people to experiment, grow and express themselves creatively and physically. Juggling, acrobatics, plate spinning and more.*

**JUNE 20  
CRAFTY CREW**

**RECYCLING CARDS TO GIVE AWAY  
ALL WELCOME!**

**CONTACT  
GILLIAN PAINTER 0447 480 503**

**ALL EQUIPMENT AND MORNING TEA  
PROVIDED**

**9.30 AM RAINBOW  
CENTRE**

### An update for those praying for Claire

Claire Whelband has now been home from hospital for over 141 days. That means she has now lived at home longer than she was in hospital. At nine months of age, she weighs 5kg, laughs, rolls over, and is starting on solids. So far she is not allergic to anything that her brother has anaphylaxis to, so that's a big win! She has been cleared of any genetic disabilities, her heart does not require surgery, and her risk of Cerebral Palsy is the same as any full-term baby.

Claire's mum and dad and big brother Thomas are very thankful for your continued prayer support. Mum has been diagnosed with PTSD as a result of Claire's birth and hospitalization, and Thomas has developed night terrors. Dad is holding it together, but we suspect if he told a doctor the whole story he would probably score a new diagnosis too.

You are welcome to continue to hold this family in your prayers.



### Safe Ministries update

Volunteers are the life blood of any church. So many things couldn't operate without your help. Safe ministry training programs and screening requirements have emerged to help churches to function better. As part of its annual return to the Diocese, the Rector and Chair of Parish Council must certify that each person involved in ministry has met all safe ministry requirements. To ensure that all ministry activity can continue in the parish all volunteers will need to complete their training and screening by **Sunday 17 July**

The Rector and Wardens are reviewing this weekly, to ensure the return can be submitted.

Some of the statistics on **outstanding items** as at 6pm on Thursday 16/6:

Safe Ministries Declaration: 46

Safe Ministries Check: 55

Training or Refresher required: 68

WWVP CARDS: 13

Joh Sheehan and Anne McDowell have already devoted a huge number of hours to this task, and we thank them. Their message for anyone who is yet to update their Safe Ministries screening requirements—please do this sooner rather than later. If cost of training is a barrier, please contact the office for details of the Parish Training Cost Code.





### Parish Dinner Preparations

It's all systems go for the preparations for the Parish Dinner on 30 July (see p.1 for details of the dinner itself). In terms of preparations, there's a number of ways you can get involved.

**Sign-up sheet:** There is a sign up sheet for the dinner on the noticeboard at the back of the church. You can add your name and any special food requirements directly, or email the office and Megan will add your details for you.

**Invite your family, friends & neighbours:** The dinner is a great opportunity to introduce people you know to Holy Covenant. Our guest speakers have fascinating stories to share, that will be a blessing to all who hear. Maybe you can put a table together?

**Host a table:** Want to meet new people, or keen to catch up with someone specific? Be a table host.

**Silent auction:** This is one of the important fund-raising elements of the night, and it's also a lot of fun. Of course, for the auction to happen, there needs to be items to auction. If you have donations for the auction, please email the details to the office.

**Volunteering opportunities:** As with any Parish event, the dinner can't happen without a team of volunteers. Setting up the worship centre before the event, packing up afterwards, running the PA desk, making announcements, managing the silent auction— these are the jobs that spring to mind, but there may be more!

**Remember to RSVP by 21 June!**



## WOMEN'S DINNER

Friday 24 June, 6pm for  
6.30pm

Holy Covenant Anglican Church  
Worship Centre

BYO Drinks

Cost: \$15

Sign up sheet at the back of the church or RSVP to Libby by 21 June -  
0419 603 228

## PRAYER POINTS

### IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Freedom from fear and despair for Ukrainian citizens, and the withdrawal of Russian troops
- ⇒ A change in UK asylum seeker policy, and an end to deportations to Rwanda
- ⇒ Coordinated international responses to the spread of disease such as monkeypox and COVID

### IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Sensible precautions to prevent the spread of COVID and influenza
- ⇒ Safe and affordable essential services (including power and water) for all Australians, regardless of where they live

### IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Perth
- ⇒ Young District Anglican Ministry
- ⇒ Mothers' Union
- ⇒ Embracing Ministries
- ⇒ Ministry in our neighbouring Dioceses of Riverina, Bathurst, Gippsland, Wangaratta, and Sydney.

### IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Anne and Gary Drummond; Anne Dudzinski; Georgina and Andrew Dudzinski; Sue Dunbar; Alan and Bea Duncan; and Ray and Sue Edmondson.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button, Elizabeth Grant, Bev Barnes, Claire Whelband, Ted and Penny Lilley, Catherine Lorimer; Brian and Elaine Dennis and anyone known to us personally

### COMMEMORATIONS

**Wednesday:** Marjorie Baker (d. 1992)

**Friday:** Ruth Eleanor Durie (d.2019)  
Michael Andrew Martin (d. 2019)

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**Sunday:** Estelle Robertson, Zara Indrele

**Monday:** Mick Lundie

**Wednesday:** Peter Sherman

**Friday:** Jo James

The June edition of Anglican News is now available on the Diocesan website. You can access it here:

<https://anglican.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Anglican-News-June-2022.pdf>

## COLLECT for 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Pour out upon us, O God,  
the power and wisdom of your Spirit,  
so that we, who have been baptised into Christ  
and made your children through faith,  
may know your Son's power to heal, and,  
being made one in him,  
may overcome all barriers that divide us;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## READINGS

1 Kings 19:1-15

Psalm 43

Galatians 3:10-14; 23-29

Luke 8:26-39

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