

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 15 JANUARY 2023 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Our Zoom operators are having a break, so there will be no Zoom services until January 29th.

SUNDAY 15 JANUARY

9am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Revd Connie Gerrity

Preacher: Tobias Nevile

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY

9am Holy Communion

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Revd Wendy Robertson

In recess:

Wednesday midday communion services (resumes 1 February)

Sunday Twilight Conversations (resumes 29 January)

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Come and you will See

John 1: 29-42

John's Gospel is different from Matthew, Mark & Luke (the 'synoptic Gospels'). If we accept John's Gospel as written after the synoptics, we may see it filling gaps and focusing on what the previous Gospels excluded. We see one example of this in John's summary of the baptism, and the calling of Jesus' first disciples.

Here, Jesus' disciples are found making the conscious decision to seek Jesus out. First two of the Baptist's followers pursue Jesus; compelled by the declaration of Jesus as the lamb of God, invoking Isaiah's prophecy of the Messiah (Is. 53:7). They stay with Jesus, then one goes and finds his brother, telling him to come also – Andrew convinces his brother to come with him and meet Jesus. Later in Chapter One, Philip convinces Nathanael to meet Jesus, telling his friend to "come and see," despite Nathanael's dismissal of Nazareth (Jn. 1:46). Before Jesus has said a word to any of these men, they have chosen to step out in faith, to investigate, to open themselves to something new, something exciting. They

were not simply chosen at random, but were willing to go to Jesus, to follow him, though they'd not even met him.

Sometimes, it is easy for us to expect to be blown away by Jesus, that faith comes after the transforming experience of God among us. But this passage suggests that we need to begin the walk before we see God – Jesus will meet with us on the way. When asked a question by the disciples of John the Baptist, Jesus says "come and you will see" (Jn. 1:39). Jesus is invitational, encouraging us to follow, to discover for ourselves what transformation and salvation look like. If we are willing to take that leap of (or into) faith, it is the first step to seeing and being part of this new creation, new kingdom, that God is making. We are not simply the lucky ones chosen by chance, but rather have the chance to choose whether we will take up the invitation, to be transformed and renewed, to be followers of God like Andrew and Simon.

What awaits us on the journey of faith, in the Kingdom of God? Come, and you will see.

Tobias Nevile

Big Garden Morning January 21 - 9am to 12 noon

We are making fantastic progress weeding the south-west corner of the block. There is hardly a weed in site. The next stage is to install our notice-board and book/seed/stick library.

This involves:

- digging 4 holes for the legs
- pouring quick setting cement to set the legs – waiting an hour or so
- lifting the library onto the legs – this will require at least 3 reasonably strong people to assist
- Fitting the roof structure—this will require at least 2 people comfortable on a small ladder

In addition to this, we want to continue our weeding and tidying efforts in that corner.

If you can assist, please bring your hat, sunscreen, gardening gloves and gardening tools. The following will be particularly helpful:

- whipper snipper
- spades, forks
- pruners/loppers
- wheelbarrows
- trailer

If you can't help with gardening we would love to provide the troops a delicious morning tea. As Napoleon said 'an army marches on its stomach'.



A New Year's resolution?

Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

Stop and stare is something I do frequently when out on a walk or sitting in the quiet space, just me and God. Stop to look more deeply and stare to see beyond what is in front of me where a wild flower in the grass is more than a wildflower, in fact it's a thing of great creation planned by God for our enjoyment and the pleasure of the bees and butterflies. I pause at the song of the birds to take in the beauty and perfect rhythm of their song. At Christmas I found myself pausing for long moments in front of the baby Jesus in his crib in the nativity scene and the more I stared the more I saw the wonder of not a baby but God. A New Year resolution might well be to pause and stare - take the time to pause and stare.

May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. Anne, servant of the Lord.



Pause awhile with me

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

Staff absences

Some team members will be on leave during January.

Revd Wayne will be uncontactable for most of January. He will return to work in the week commencing 23 January.

Revd Wendy will be out of Canberra from late December until mid-January.

Calling all seedy Gardeners

Do you collect your own seed?

Holy Covenant is starting its very own 'Seed Library'

We need a variety of vegetable and ornamental seed. If you can help please collect your seed, labelling it with variety and date and bring it to church.

Talk to Joh for more information.



Fresh produce for those struggling

Do you grow your own fruit and veggies and find yourself having a surplus of at this time of year? Are you concerned about those in our community on low incomes who are really struggling with the cost of living and are unable to afford fresh fruit and vegetables?

We have an easy, no cost way for you to be a blessing to those struggling. Please bring your excess produce and leave it in the box on the kitchen counter marked "fresh food donations". These will be distributed to Companion House and St John's Care (depending on quantities).



Lids4Kids

If you have been on site in recent weeks, you will have seen the Rainbow Bench which Lids4Kids have donated to us. It's made from 15,000 recycled plastic bottle lids, which were hand sorted at the Rainbow Centre.

The Rainbow Centre is no longer a collection or sorting point for Lids4Kids. Please see the message below from Timothy Miller, founder of Lids4Kids.

"On behalf of all of our Lids4Kids ACT volunteers and collectors, I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to you, your team and your entire congregation for your ongoing support of our charity over the last two years.

Had we not had a location during COVID-19 where collectors could donate their lids and volunteers could sort them, I honestly don't think Lids4Kids would still exist in its current form without your generosity, kindness, patience and support. Thank you"



Thank you!

Many thanks to everyone who made the Christmas services a success. You are all wonderful!



GROWING SPIRITUALLY IN 2023

The massive Sequoia trees of California might grow large but they grow slowly. Similarly, our spiritual lives emerge through many small steps over a long time. It too requires care and attention.

Being With is a 10-week series that helps us pay attention to how God is present within our lives through our everyday experiences. We'd love you to join us.

To run the group, we need a few folks who can learn the ropes as host and storytellers who offer hospitality and manage group life.

The course will help us to see Jesus not as someone who does things FOR us but as God who travels WITH us through all of life's challenges. It'll be an opportunity to discuss things like presence, the person of Jesus, the church, God's mission in the world, the cross and resurrection.

Starting Wednesday 15 February 2023, 7.30pm – 9pm

A COURSE EXPLORING
CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LIFE

Being With



Missional Spirituality

The parishes of Holy Cross Hackett, Bodalla-Narooma, St. Philip's O'Connor and Holy Covenant Jamison have received a grant from the Diocese's Pelican Foundation for a missional spirituality program in 2023. The grant is for \$15,000.

Missional spirituality is about how we can embody and communicate the good news of God in our neighbourhood and networks in appropriate ways. It will:

- explore daily spiritual practices designed to help us to have better spiritual conversations with friends and neighbours
- enrich our theological understanding of God's work in the world and
- encourage us to deepen and expand our community engagement initiatives.

The Revd Tracey Matthews who attends our 10am

service will be the project's facilitator.

Our parish team will meet monthly on a Thursday night from February – September 2023. Leaders from the four parishes will meet quarterly to share insights and wisdom.

If you lead a ministry team or have an interest in helping out or starting something new, be sure to talk to Wayne and don't let this opportunity to grow pass you by.

You can read more about other grant recipients in the [December 2022 edition of Anglicans News](https://anglicancg.org.au/wp-content/uploads/)—
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February Rosters

New year, new rosters!

The 'unavailability' list for February is on the back

noticeboard. Have you added your details yet? If you want to take on a new role in 2023, please add your name & details to the list. The February rosters will be sent out in late January.

Competition closes 26
January

Design competition!

Feeling bored in the summer
holidays?

Instead of netflix, create a
design for the community hub.
The winning design (s) will be
painted onto the hub and for
all the community to admire.

All colourful, creative, eye-
catching designs welcomed.



PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ The transition of power in Brazil
- ⇒ Safety for those tortured and facing execution in Iran
- ⇒ An end to the war in Ukraine and withdrawal of Russian troops

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ First responders, health care workers, and all those affected by fire, flood or COVID
- ⇒ Teachers preparing for the return to school, and parents coping with the last weeks of holidays
- ⇒ Survivors of institutional sexual abuse, and those mourning the death of Cardinal Pell

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Melbourne
- ⇒ St Alban the Martyr, Woden
- ⇒ Australian Federal Police Chaplains
- ⇒ Canberra Hospital, Garran
- ⇒ Ministry to mentally ill and depressed people; the work of Lifeline Canberra

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Mark and Deborah Greenaway; Douglas, Zoe and Janie Rose Guilfoyle; Patrick Guinness; and Clayton Gumbrell, Karen Bisley, Ethan, Jamie and Samuel
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button; Bev Barnes; Brian and Elaine Dennis; Colin & Marilyn Tolano; Glenys Wimmer; Anne & Peter Bazeos; Maggie Watts; Alice Farrington, and anyone known to us personally

COMMEMORATIONS

19 Jan: Andre Ronald Eric D’Cruz (d. 2000)

COLLECT for 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Almighty God,
whose Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped,
and obeyed to the ends of the earth;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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17 Jan Deranie Jackson
20 Jan Peter Ward
21 Jan Mary David-Hoole

New Edition of Anglican News

The December edition of Anglican News is available on the Diocesan website: <https://anglican.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Anglican-News-December-2022.pdf>

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 49: 1-7
Psalm 40:1-14
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42