

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2023
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

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SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion—Kids Church returning

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

3.30pm Colours of God

5pm Twilight Conversations

WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY

12 Midday Communion Service and lunch

SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

Celebrant : The Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

Preacher: Revd Connie Gerrity

5pm Twilight Conversations

Coming up:

9 February: Missional Spirituality

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The role of vision in being made anew

We have travelled the road of Advent to Christmas and Epiphany. Now is that in-between period from the joyful wonder of Christ's Incarnation to the penitential journey of Lent leading to our Lord's death and resurrection.

This week's readings shift in tone. Over and again, the prophetic voice critiques existing religious practises and understanding of our relationships with God and ourselves. We are challenged about the way we do and see things; to consider an alternative consciousness, a renewed vision of community, worship, being and living as a person of faith. The prophetic call is often harsh, accusatorial and insistent.

Edgar Conrad (in *Reading Isaiah*) sees Isaiah's vision of God's renewed Kingdom as the driving force for transformation. Further, he argues : "*the setting that the book provides for the reception of the vision of Isaiah is an imagined world in which conventional ideologies of kingship and community have been replaced, a world that never was but that is filled with the possibility of what might be. To enter into that world does not require a journey into the past but contemplation of a future.*" (p161).

Today's reading is discomfoting: we don't only do wrong: we do seek God out, eager to know God's ways (v2); we want justice (v3); we fast and humble ourselves (v3). But Isaiah points painfully to our exploitation of workers (even as we fast) (v3), our quarrelling, and physical violence (v4). God demands more: our fasting must address injustice, freeing the oppressed and breaking yokes (v6). The hungry, the wanderer, the naked, and the needy(v7) indict us. We must address this for ourselves as much as for them. Such fasting is transformative: our light is revealed; our healing happens; our righteousness develops; God's glory is near us (v8), and communion with God is restored (v 9). The vision calls us to recognise what we are doing and contemplate how we can contribute to a renewed community of faith.

Ps 112, a wisdom psalm, approaches the issue differently. It presents a vision of an ideal, faithful, wise follower of God, contrasting that briefly with the outcome for a wicked man. The Psalmist 's call to praise God is immediate (Ps112:1)!

O Lord, open our eyes to see the needs around us, that we may respond in love and work to better Your Kingdom in our midst. Amen.

Merilyn Clark

Repairing Homes

Y is a long-term client of SJC's who I have been working closely with for a few years, providing her with basic support including food and cleaning supplies, as well as more personalised support in the form of Case Management. W lives with a disability in a government house in Canberra, a home which she has called her own for over 20 years.

Like many older homes around Canberra, Y's house is in desperate need of general repairs and maintenance. She has a serious mould problem throughout her house and the paint is peeling and flaking off the walls and ceilings in each room.

Y has reached out to the ACT government on a number of occasions over the past few years, and although contractors come and assessed the problem, no works have been completed. The issue has gotten so bad that Y's health has begun to suffer as a result, and she no longer lets her grandchildren visit her because she is concerned about their health.

Late last year Y reached out to the government yet again, and instead of receiving positive news, she was told that her house was being put on the market and that she would be moved to a small flat (from her 3 bedroom house).

Early this week I went to visit Y at her house to drop-off some food and general cleaning supplies. When I got to the door I was met by Y who was clearly devastated, she hugged me and cried.

"I have asked for these issues to be addressed for years, and now that they are going to sell my home, they will finally fix it up. I have lived in this house in these conditions for so long and it has impacted on my health. It feels like making a profit is more important than my health", she said.

As I stepped inside the house and looked around, it was difficult to imagine living in conditions like Y's, and I struggled to accept how her situation had been overlooked for so long. I suggested we write a letter to the minister for housing asking for consideration given her disability, and her living conditions. St John's Care will assist Y in her attempts to remain in her house, and if successful, will contribute towards having the repairs fixed privately.

Y thanked me, the staff, and volunteers, and all of those who make a contribution towards our mission to support vulnerable and disadvantaged members of the community. We look forward to continuing to support Y, and hope to have positive news to recall over the coming months.

Robbie Speldewinde, Programs Coordinator

Items needs: Toilet paper, Meat soup, Pasta meals, Tomato sauce

February 13 - Men's Luncheon Forum

Christ Church Hawker are hosting a Men's Luncheon Forum on 13 February at Birrigai Café, Kangara Waters (close to Belconnen Town Centre), meeting from 11.45am-2pm time.

- Cost: \$32 a head for a 2-course meal plus tea/coffee.
- Speaker: the Venerable Dr Royce D Thompson, Chaplain (Air Commodore) Retired, Primatial Archdeacon Emeritus who has chosen as his topic "City Slicker to Bush Padrë

RSVPs by Thursday 9th February to Bruce Hoolley ph: 62517124

email: brucehooley.1@bigpond.com

A Retreat in Daily Life

30 April to 28 May

Revd Susanna Pain is inviting those interested to join her on a five week retreat in daily life.



The retreat involves optional Sunday afternoon gatherings for reflection, prayer, meditation and listening. Retreatants meet with a spiritual companion for about half an hour

about four times during the retreat period. During the week, retreatants are expected to continue their normal daily activities while keeping the allocated retreat time as free as possible from unnecessary distractions, to listen, to notice, to reflect and to pray.

For more information contact Revd Susanna Pain ph: 0418 637 469, email susannapa-in63@gmail.com

IT'S TIME TO Dinner



Southern Cross Club Jamison
February 7th 6pm
RSVP to Hilary 6251 8166

Do you hear the Lord?

The Glory of the Lord shall be revealed. Isaiah 40:5

Ssshhh! I heard the Lord coming through the garden, treading softly on the dew laden grass, clothed in the beauty of floral colours, and surrounded by an air of incense. Quietly in the sacred space I wondered, if I was in a hard place, a noisy place, or in front of a breath-taking moment would I still hear the Lord coming to me? I believe so, because isn't it said by God, 'Where I am there you shall be also.' (John 14:3)

May the peace of God fill your life every single day.

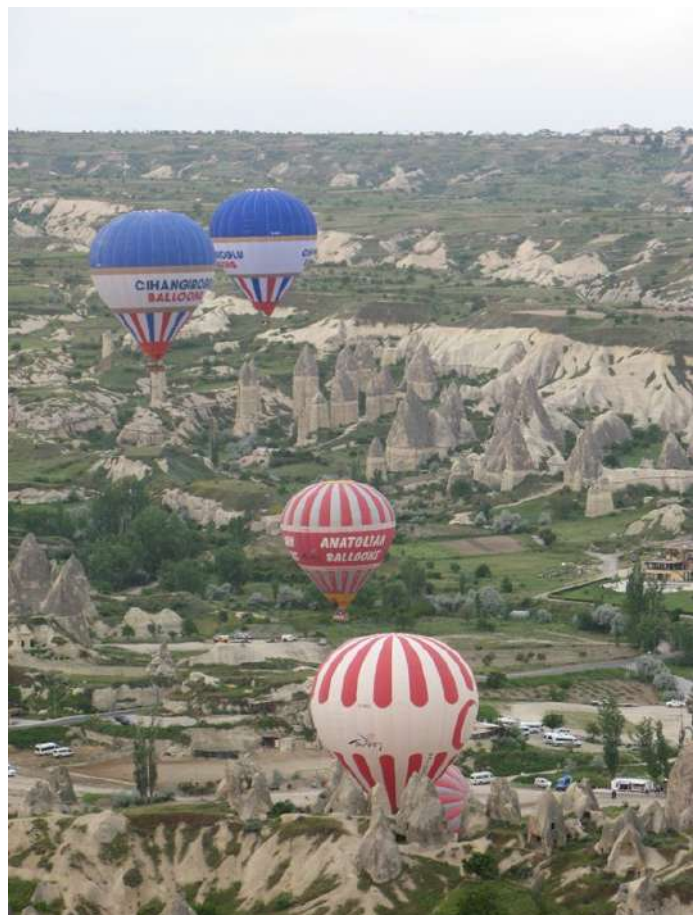
Anne, servant of the Lord

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

Synod & Appointments Board Representatives

Interested in being more involved in the decision making of the wider church? Then being a Synod Representative, or being on the Appointments Board could be a role for you.

Please contact Revd Wayne for more information: rector@holycovenant.org.au



A breath-taking moment. Cappadocia Turkey

SAVE

PARISH
PICNIC

19 FEBRUARY
2023

THE

DATE

John Knight Park
12 midday
BYO lunch & games

Annual Report Contributions

It's that time of year again folks!

The AGM is fast approaching (see p. 4), which means that Megan is working on the Annual Report. As happened last year, she is keen to have information and photos from all the different ministries and groups that are part of Holy Covenant. The deadline for contributions is midday on 9 February.



Missional Spirituality Project 2023

Missional Spirituality Project 2023 Have you ever felt that your life in church and the world are pulling in different directions and wondered what to do? Have you felt that you have more questions than answers? Maybe you wondered, I like what the parish is doing but what I can do that will make any difference?

Why not join the Missional Spirituality Project in 2023.

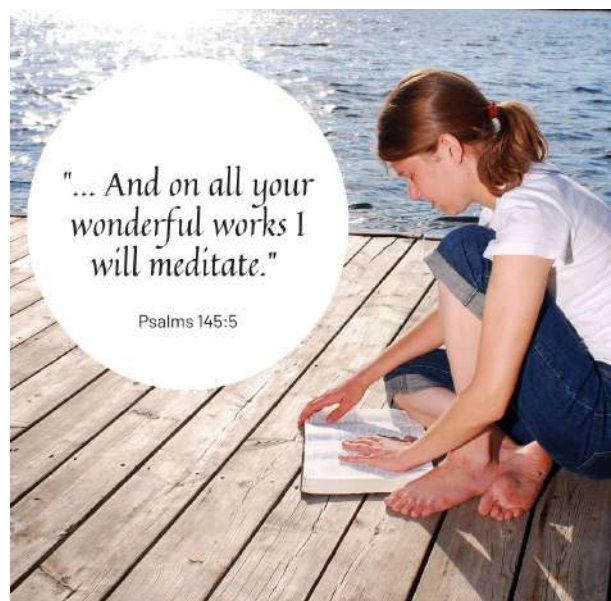
The goal of the project is to help us all cultivate whole of life approach to discipleship to help us to love God, self and neighbour. This is where spirituality and outward action are better integrated for individual and communal transformation.

God send Jesus to make the world a better place. Christians are called to join with God in this most significant task. The project will take us on a six-month learning journey where we will have opportunities to become better connected with God, self and our neighbours, by:

- learning how to integrate the UP, IN and OUT dimensions of our faith
- discovering what it might look like to learn and live the way of Jesus in contemporary Australia

- learn how to do reflective practice where Scripture is grounded better in our life and local setting
- provide some practical tools for us to explore our relationship with our local community and neighbours.

Joining in will be simple. The Project group will meet together one Thursday night a month from 7pm. We'll meet on 9 Feb, 9 Mar, 11 May, 8 June, 27 July, 17 Aug.



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(Carer's Group)

Friday 10 February

10.30am

Southern Cross
Club Jamison



Contact Sandra:
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Kids Ministry Update

Hello Everyone,

My name is Lou Passmore, (they/them), and I'll be running the kids' ministry program in 2023. I'm currently studying an education degree at UC and I've been involved with the youth group here at Holy Covenant since 2021. I'm excited to start working with the kids in our community and giving them a safe environment to learn and grow in this year.

If you have any questions about the kids' ministry, feel free to email me at: holycove-nantkids@gmail.com



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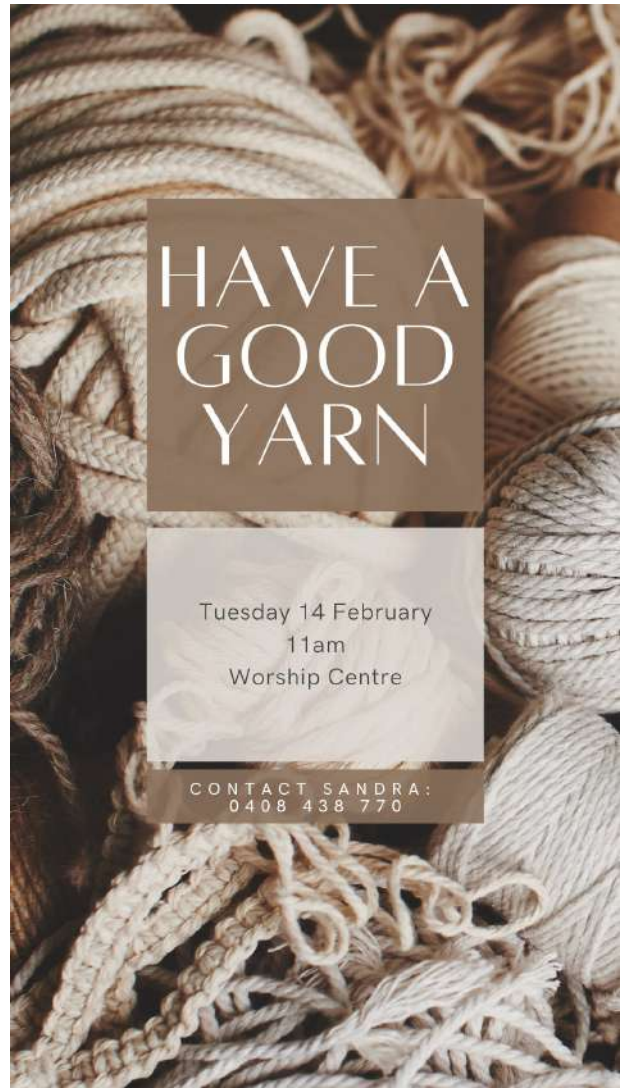
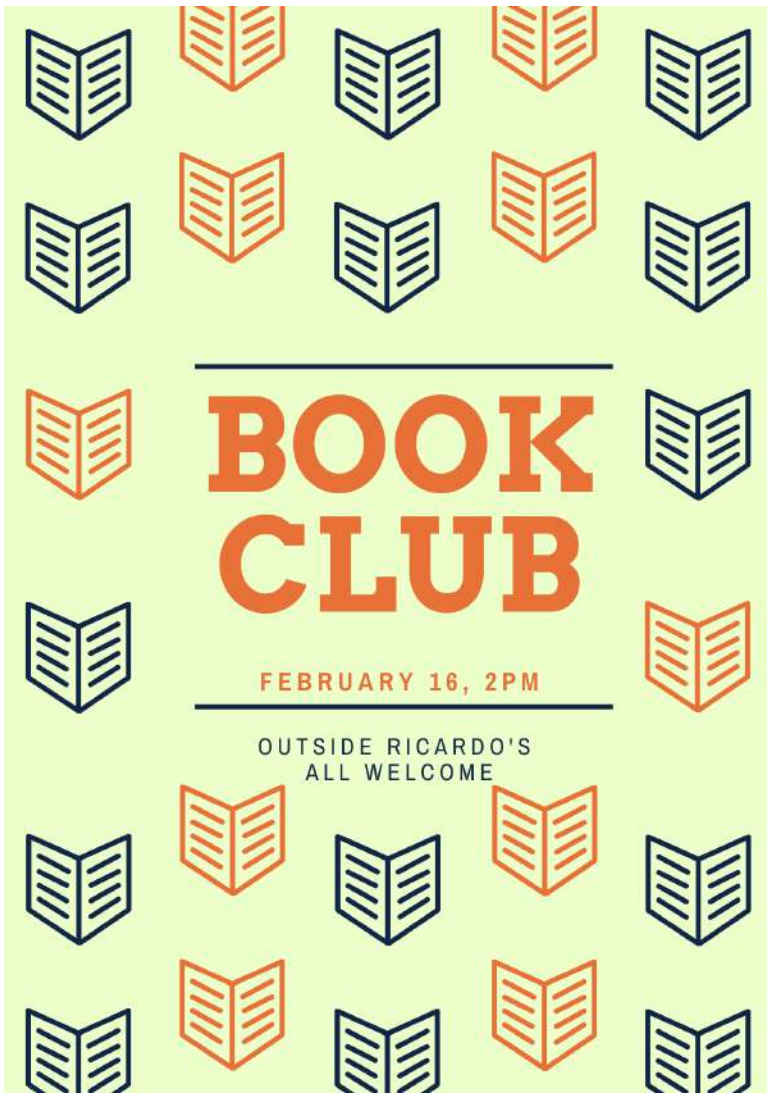
RECYCLING CARDS TO GIVE AWAY
ALL WELCOME!

CONTACT
GILLIAN PAINTER 0447 480 503

ALL EQUIPMENT (APART FROM
SCISSORS) AND MORNING TEA
PROVIDED

9.30 AM RAINBOW
CENTRE





Exploring Faith, Renewing Life

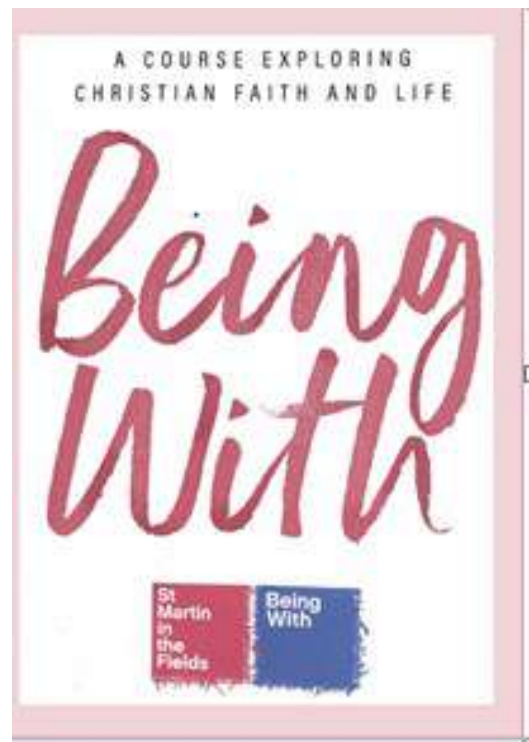
Have you ever wondered about the meaning or direction of your life? Are you new to the church or need a fresh vision of Jesus?

Being With is a short course designed to help new people discover faith and explore Christianity for the first time. So if you want to know more about God's presence in the world or to rethink the life and work of Jesus in a fresh way, which not come along?

Join in online each Wednesday night from 15 February for 10 weeks from 7.30pm.

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PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Recovery from flooding in Auckland and surrounds
- ⇒ Peace in Ukraine and the withdrawal of Russian troops
- ⇒ The future of the 2 state solution in Palestine

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Returning international students
- ⇒ Involvement of marginalised people in decision making that affects them—particularly in the Northern Territory
- ⇒ Healing for sexual abuse survivors and their families

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Bathurst
- ⇒ St Mark's National Theological Centre, Canberra
- ⇒ Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture Colloquium for Ageing Perspectives & Spirituality
- ⇒ All being prepared for ministries, both ordained and lay in the Diocese and beyond
- ⇒ Vocations to the sacred ministry (priesthood & diaconate), the process of selection of candidates
- ⇒ The clergy appointment selection process – Clergy Appointment Board chairs; and board members both parish and Diocesan.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Russell Judd, Jayne Murray and Emma; Rosemary and David Kennemore, and Stephanie and Nick Kizimchuk.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer including Barry Button; Bev Barnes; Brian and Elaine Dennis; Colin & Marilyn Tolano; Glenys Wimmer; Ann & Peter Bazeos; Maggie Watts; Alice Farrington, Bev Chambers and anyone known to us personally

COMMEMORATIONS

5 February Colin Buxton (d. 1985)
Brianna Kate Smith (d. 2022)

COLLECT for 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Faithful God,
you have appointed us your witnesses,
to be a light that shines in the world:
let us not hide the bright hope you have given us,
but tell everyone your love,
revealed in Jesus Christ the 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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BIRTHDAYS

10 Feb

Brian Dennis

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Psalm 112

1 Corinthians 2:1-13

Matthew 5: 13-20