

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 14 JANUARY
2nd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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

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Meeting ID: 882 096 2366
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SUNDAY 14 JANUARY

9am Holy Communion
Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Lynda McMinn

Wednesday Midday service in recess—resuming 7 February

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY

9am Holy Communion Celebrant Revd Anne Dudzinski, Preacher Revd Anne Ranse

Coming soon:

Wednesday morning teas (at 10.30) starting 3 January

Bank details for direct debit:

Bank: Commonwealth
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The Temple-Body

Cor 1 6:12-20

It is common practice to think of the body in purely physical terms. When someone asks how we are going our response is often dictated by our physical aches and pains. For Paul, the body is much more than the physical; it includes the whole personality. The body requires food to function. But from a Christian perspective the body also requires the Lord within to fulfill the God-intended purpose of our development as we journey spiritually. Having the Lord within emphasises the need to physically look after the body. The secular world would readily agree that a healthy lifestyle promotes living life to the full.

This reading has significance in my personal journey. It connects with one of my own epiphany events when over 40 years ago I was hospitalised for some time, and did not return to my Public Service job for two years. From then I made the decision to look after my physical & spiritual health with regular exercise. In

religious terms, so that the special permanent guest of the Holy Spirit is better able to function in my sacred temple.

Paul develops the thought of Christians as the Body of Christ. I like this metaphoric idea where all humanity is connected in unity under Christ. We duly recognise this in the liturgy each Sunday. It is an entirely spiritual body after the physical redemptive life of Jesus. And I do like the temple connection between the personal and the most Holy making humanity special apart from the need for good personal care.

The Corinthians passage also concerns the sexual conduct of the period. Community acceptance of sexual expression has changed markedly over time. And Holy Covenant has become an inclusive 'Rainbow' bright Church. As always love, respect and sensitivity is paramount in the way we treat others no matter this underlying issue which has caused division in the wider Church.

Richard Scutter

summer schedule

MANY OF OUR REGULAR
PROGRAMS WILL HAVE A
BREAK OVER SUMMER

COMBINED SUNDAY SERVICES
FROM 31 DECEMBER - 9AM

MORNING TEAS,
WEDNESDAYS FROM
3 JANUARY FROM 10.30AM

8AM AND 10AM SERVICES
WITH KIDS CHURCH AND
YOUTH GROUP RESUME
4 FEBRUARY 2024

Surplus to requirements

We have a freezer available that is no longer needed for the casserole bank. It is an Esatto upright freezer 1.4m high, 0.55m wide and 0.55m deep. It cost \$500 when purchased in 2020 to support our "Covid" casserole program.

Enquiries to Megan Arthur or Paul Shelley.

2024 LENTEN STUDY UNDERSTANDING MOSES

THE PERSON, THE PROPHET, THE PROMISE

WEEK 1 - 14 FEB foundations - the runaway

WEEK 2 - 21 FEB meeting God - the burning bush

WEEK 3 - 29 FEB* leaving Egypt - Pharoah

WEEK 4 - 6 MAR leaving slavery - the decalogue

WEEK 5 - 13 MAR learning to lead - Jethro

WEEK 6 - 20 MAR seeing the future

Join us for a journey of discovery
as we read through Exodus
to understand this key figure
and how Jesus fulfilled the promise.

WEDNESDAYS, 7.30PM

Parish Roll

How up to date are your details in the Parish Roll?
Please check the hard copy roll near the Weekly
Bulletin at the back of the church. You can make
changes on the hard copy or email them to the office.

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Peace in Ukraine & Palestine, and an end to occupation
- ⇒ The impact of increasing world temperature on land and sea
- ⇒ An end to unrest in Port Moresby

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Recovery from flood, fire and other disasters
- ⇒ First responders, mental health support teams & domestic violence support services
- ⇒ Teachers preparing for Term One
- ⇒ 150th anniversary of the laying of the St Saviour's Cathedral Foundation Stone

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Good Shepherd, Curtin & St Peter's Weston
- ⇒ Fred Ward Gardens RSL Life Care
- ⇒ Organisations offering counselling, care and support to families and individuals; and plight of refugees and asylum seekers
- ⇒ Those suffering in the current COVID outbreak, assisting with vaccinations and caring for those who are ill.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Luiza Luppi, Colin Lyons, Frances Mackay, Megan Mackay, Hugh MacWilliam & Sarah Jennings, Jenny Madden, Jean Main
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer (often for long term needs) including Barry & Sandra Button; Bev Barnes; Brian and Elaine Dennis; Glenys Wimmer; Bev Chambers; Bob and Kath Arthur; Reg Holmes, Chris Olsson and anyone known to us personally

COMMEMORATIONS

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

BIRTHDAYS

- 14 Jan—Tobias Feitz
- 16 Jan—Jenny Tomkins
- 17 Jan—Deraine Jackson
- 20 Jan—Peter Ward

BIBLE READINGS

- 1 Samuel 3: 1-10
- Psalms 139: 1-5, 12-18
- 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20
- John 1: 43-51

COLLECT

Eternal God,
whose Son, Jesus Christ, is now exalted as Lord of all,
and pours out his gifts upon the Church:
grant it that unity which only your Spirit can give,
keep us in the bond of peace,
and bring all creation to worship before your throne;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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