

# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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## SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2024 TRANSFIGURATION

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

<https://zoom.us/j/8820962366?pwd=YUpja05YTxFcN0N4MGRiSEVIRlI0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 882 096 2366  
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### SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY

8am & 10am Holy Communion  
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

### WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY ASH WEDNESDAY

12 Midday Communion Service and Lunch  
6pm Holy Communion

### SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY

8am & 10am Holy Communion  
Celebrant & Preacher Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

### Coming soon:

Shrove Tuesday & AGM: 13 February  
Pizza Night: 1 March

### Bank details for direct debit:

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## Borders

This Sunday we are standing at the border between Epiphany and Lent. At the crossover between a world of light, and the down to earth journey towards the cross.

Borders are generally not comfortable places. Today, Palestinian border crossings are places of fear, hunger, disease and hatred.

Australian politicians have long had something of an obsession with borders; whether it was the White Australia policy, or John Howard's "we will decide who comes to this country and the circumstances in which they come". But what does this focus on defending borders achieve, particularly when contrasted the light and love of Christ (2 Cor 4:6)?

Christ taught us to recognise God's glory in all things and all people. The light and the glory of God within and around us can inspire us, strengthen us, and give us the courage to face the darkness. If we fail to see God's

glory in others, we become blinded by the things of this world, just as Paul describes. Our gospel becomes veiled (1 Cor 4:3).

Did you know that there are people in Papua New Guinea (PNG) who have been abandoned by the Australian and PNG governments? Australia says it has paid PNG for their support until the end of the financial year, PNG says that the money was all spent by November 2023. Families are being evicted, others have had electricity and water cut off. 52 men, 22 partners, 33 children, 2 new born babies, and one baby who has died in utero. No food, no money, no medical support, no transport, no safety, no security.

Sister Jane Keogh held a desperate vigil outside Parliament House from midnight-9.30am every night this week. She is fighting to bring light and hope into the lives of the refugees in PNG, and awareness to our law makers. May Christ's light also shine in us as selfless service to one another, and the world.

*Megan Arthur*

## Always welcome

At St John's Care (SJC) we provide holistic care. This comes in the form of emergency relief (ER) and case management. My role involves case management, therapeutic conversations, referrals, and advocacy. Part of the privilege and joy of journeying with our clients is that we can give them time. Time to listen, to hear their lived experience. We then work together through therapeutic conversations to achieve goals, looking at strengths and appropriate referral pathways.

Recently, I spent time with a family from Mongolia who spoke of experiencing financial hardship and house instability. They moved to Canberra because of the extra points that Canberra's rural classification added for their immigration submission. They shared how after some initial labouring work the husband had not worked since December (he was an engineer in Mongolia), and the wife spoke about being an accountant.

The family presented with mental health struggles because they had found that seeking work without permanent residency (PR) or indeed citizenship was nearly impossible. This is a frequent conversation at SJC.

It was important that this family felt cared for. SJC provided ER, back to school supplies, Multicultural Hub, MARSS, Thread Together and Roundabout referrals as well as additional employment information.

The gift of ER and case management, namely giving a family time to be, to share, listen and hear, is a gift that we are truly thankful for. Thank you to all the amazing volunteers, staff and donors who enable St John's Care to continue this vital work of illustrating Jesus' love in the community.

*Wendy Senior, Case Manager*

**Items needed:** Shampoo and conditioner, small packets of sultanas for school snacks, tomato sauce, toothpaste, thick and chunky soup e.g. Irish stew

## Always with you

*I am with you always. Matthew 28:20*

We know that God is everywhere, in all places and in all times but sometimes we forget this so keep this one posted on your wall - the wall of your kitchen, the wall of your office, the wall of your heart and read it often, so often that it becomes a way of life, an imprint on heart and mind and a breath of the wind of the Spirit within and pull it out in full force when the storms are raging.

Lucado puts this in powerful context, (I am with you always) right into our everyday lives, in fact into every minute of our everyday lives.

"A storm on the Sea of Galilee was akin to a sumo wrestlers belly flop in a kiddie's pool. The northern valley acted like a wind tunnel compressing and hosing squalls onto the lake. Waves as tall as 10 feet were common. Yet from the centre of the storm the unwavering Jesus shouts - 'I am.' In ICU, on the battle fields, in the boardroom, the prison cell or in the maternity ward. Wherever your storm, 'I am.'"

Mane Nobiscum Domine - remain with us Lord

*Anne Servant of the Lord.*



A stormy sea



## February Anglican News

The February Edition of Anglican News, is out now. You can read it online at <http://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/>

## Nungalinya News



There have been some significant improvements to the physical spaces at Nungalinya. Two new theology classrooms have been completed in the old library area, complete with stunning Art & Faith murals and new access paths. The dining hall has had an external paint, updated ceiling panels and a new stove, and the hostel accommodation rooms have new floors and internal painting. Thanks to the property and residential teams for their hard work over the 'holiday' period!



# JOIN US FOR SHROVE TUESDAY

13 FEB 2023 5.30PM

FOLLOWED BY THE  
ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING AT 6.30PM

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 13 February 2023  
Time: 6.30pm  
Location: Worship Centre

<https://www2.holycovenant.org.au/>



Christians for an  
Ethical Society

## Forum: The Ethics of Modern Warfare

The nature of warfare is changing rapidly not only because of rapidly changing technologies and operational concepts but also because many of the West's current and potential adversaries have markedly different conceptions of what constitutes war and how it should be fought.

Australia faces serious ethical questions about whether a war should be fought, the aims of any war, the strategies that should be employed, how combat should be conducted and, not least, how democracies should prepare for such eventualities. This discussion will highlight some of the dilemmas faced by decision-makers.

**When:** Wednesday 21 February, 7pm

**Where:** Chambers Pavillion, Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Blackall St Barton

**Speaker:** Dr Ross Babbage AM. Ross Babbage has worked on Australian and international defence and security issues for over four decades. He has held senior positions in the Department of Defence, the intelligence community, at ANU and also in the corporate sector

**Bookings:** Ann Skamp – [secretary@ces.org.au](mailto:secretary@ces.org.au)

The forum will seek to encourage discussion from the floor. A donation would be appreciated .

# 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 - Pharaoh

**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**

## From Elaine Dennis

So many people helped to make Brian's funeral the success that it was, I would like to say a thank you to all.

It really was a wonderful funeral and the family certainly appreciates the effort and help that we were given

## PRAYER POINTS

### IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Those facing death sentences, and those who love them
- ⇒ Independent judiciaries, strong democracies, and populations that can withstand disinformation
- ⇒ Our changing climate, and action to manage that change

### IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Housing and food security for all Australians
- ⇒ Changes to political donations disclosure laws

### IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Gippsland
- ⇒ Parishes of Gungahlin; St Simon's, Kaleen-Giralang-Lawson; St Paul's, Ginninderra, & St Barnabas', Charnwood
- ⇒ Burgmann Anglican School, Gungahlin
- ⇒ South Sudanese Anglican Ministry (SSAM) Chaplaincy Unit (located at Ginninderra)
- ⇒ The Australian Sudanese community
- ⇒ Exploratory ministries in this Diocese especially those that are emerging to full time ministry units.

### IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Di, Melanie, Ella and Lilly Mutch/Cantwell; Maurice Nevile; Tobias Nevile; Chris Olsson; Sue Paice; John and Gillian Painter; and Thomas Parkes.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer (often for long term needs) including Barry & Sandra Button; Bev Barnes; Glenys Wimmer; Bev Chambers; Bob and Kath Arthur and anyone known to us personally

### COMMEMORATIONS

- 13 Feb Phyllis Elizabeth ("Teddy") Oldfield (d. 1994)  
14 Feb Julie Ann Shelley (d. 1978)

### BIRTHDAYS

- 13 Feb Bea Duncan  
14 Feb Sam Primrose  
15 Feb Ken Wedgwood, Jean Main  
16 Feb Jenny Lange

### BIBLE READINGS

- 2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 4:3-12  
Mark 9:2-9

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us faith to perceive his glory,  
that being strengthened by his grace  
we may be changed into his likeness,  
from glory to glory;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

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