

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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SUNDAY 17 MARCH

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

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH

12 Midday Communion Service and
Lunch

SUNDAY 23 MARCH

8am & 10am Holy Communion
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Coming soon:

Parish Picnic: 17 March from midday

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday 28 March,
Good Friday 29 March 8 & 10am,
Easter Saturday 30 March Kid's
Church 4pm, Youth Feast 5pm
Easter Day 31 March 6, 8 & 10am

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On Being Lifted Up (Pt 2)

'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.' (John 12:23)

What does Jesus mean here? He is not resorting to a consoling euphemism or positive reframe to veil the horror of what lies ahead. Nor is this some triumphalist, inflated rhetoric to rally the troops. Jesus is referring to something more subtle, more pervasive and more down to earth.

Glory is a pervasive theme in John's gospel. *'The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have beheld his glory ... full of grace and truth'* (Jn 1:14). Behind the Greek translated as *'grace'*, is the Hebrew word meaning *'lovingkindness'* – a surprising word to associate with glory.

In his prayer for his disciples on the eve of his death (Jn 17), Jesus says that he has glorified God by completing the work on earth that was his to do, and he has shared that glory with his disciples so they might continue that work – *'so that they may be one, as we*

are one' (v.22). We are each called to partner with God in his reconciling, healing work within ourselves and the world around us. Seemingly, glory is something we receive from God and then manifest. Like the labour of childbirth it is both something we undergo and something we work at. This is Love's creative work in us, and through us and through all things.

This 'work' will probably take us to places we would prefer not to go: where we must acknowledge our own wounded capacity to love, or experience the pain of rejection. Or the pain of remaining open to what is happening in the world and feeling helpless to do anything about it. All this can take us close to the heart of God as manifested in the crucified Christ. Here we can find hope as we remember that being lifted up implies resurrection and ascension as well as crucifixion.

'And I, when I am lifted up from the earth will draw all people to myself.' (v.31). May it be so!

Frances MacKay

P comes to St John's Care (SJC) regularly. This visit, he told me that he had suffered an incident which led to him being hospitalised, so he had not been able to stop by. P was discharged last week and had nothing to eat at home.

The food P should be eating is fresh, healthy food such as vegetables, fruits, meat and no canned or processed food. He also needed help with some warm clothes—he doesn't have many clothes in good condition.

I arranged to deliver the food to his house as P has difficulty getting around. SJC also made a referral to Thread Together for some warmer clothes for this coming winter. When I delivered the food to him, P told me that he would remain in communication with me and that he would see me again in the following week.

True to his word, P returned with a support worker from Meridian, who provide support for diverse Canberrans. P was very happy because he had someone who was helping him to get to his appointments, to visit pharmacies and to come with him to St John's Care.

I talked with P and the Meridian support worker, and we agreed to work together to help P in a holistic manner P will continue to come to SJC to receive help with food & PBS prescriptions. I also invited both to join us at our next Community Morning Tea (second Friday of each month).

I would like to thank St John's Care donors for their generous help. It makes a real difference to peoples' lives.

Karen Medrano SJC Case Manager

Items Required: Shampoo & Conditioner, tinned fish-sardines, powdered milk, adult toothpaste

Colours of the Master's Palette

'For each perfect gift divine, to our race so freely given,graces all of your design, flowers of earth and buds of heaven.' TIS 137

Have you ever looked 'deeply' at God's creation? I mean really paused and look hard, in wonder, at the shape, the design and most of all the colour. We can miss so much in the business of life. I have had plenty of time to reflect and 'look deeply' at gardens in many different places. Look at this glorious, soft pink bottle brush bush! Fourteen years ago, while recovering from surgery, I would look at its beauty and ponder on the things of God.

Imagine the colours he must have on his painting palettehow big must the options of colour be.....visualise it..... dobs of blue, red, green, white, purple, yellow, black, pink and many more, to dip his brush in and just simply create and colour.

What is colour? To me it's an image of joy. It's a rich blessing from God to brighten our day and to give us pleasure.

It never ceases to amaze me that our mighty God, in all his majesty and power and dominion can think of small things, such as our pleasure and enjoyment.

Grace and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ

Anne



Adapted from a post from March 2010 on <https://comewalkwithme-reflections.blogspot.com/>

Wanted: Easter Eggs

The Children's Easter celebration is happening at 4pm on Easter Saturday. Donations of Easter eggs for the egg hunt are very welcome. Please place your donations in the basket near the kitchen servery.



Women's Afternoon Tea—23 March

The wheels are rolling for our afternoon tea on 23 March! We will meet in the church from 2pm until 4pm.

Come along and enjoy some fellowship and a catered afternoon tea together. No need to bring along a plate (happy sigh), just bring along \$5 to pay for an entertaining afternoon, including tasty morsels!



Lenten study update

The Lenten study is moving online from Wednesday 21 February. If you can't commit to every week, just come along when you can! You can access the study on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/8820962366?pwd=YUpja05YTXFCN0N4MGRiSFVIRII0Zz09>

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HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY

28 MARCH
6PM FOOTWASHING SERVICE

GOOD FRIDAY

29 MARCH
8 & 10AM HOLY COMMUNION

EASTER SATURDAY

30 MARCH
4PM CHILDREN'S SERVICE
5PM YOUTH EASTER FEAST

EASTER DAY

31 MARCH
6, 8 & 10AM HOLY COMMUNION

Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees

Sunday 24 March

The annual Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees will be held on Sunday 24th March starting at 1.00 pm in Garema Place. The focus this year will be on the 11,000+ refugees who are living in Australia on temporary visas and who face the prospect of being deported at any time. Many have lived here for years and some of them have children who were born here. Many are also prohibited from working or studying and do not receive Centrelink support. They are therefore totally dependent on charities.

Members of faith communities will be meeting at the Petrie Plaza merry-go-round at 12.30 to walk together to Garema Place.

Bishop Mark Short has recorded a short video expressing his strong support for the rally. The video can be seen at https://youtu.be/X_JONfBGUJY.

Positions Vacant—Closing 25 March

Office Manager

Permanent Part Time (15 hours per week)

Holy Covenant is a vibrant Anglican Church in Cook. It is an inclusive and diverse community that values treating everyone with respect and dignity. We are seeking a manager who will organise and operate our church office by managing its business operations and supporting the ministry team.

Duties: The office manager will assist the rector to grow and develop Holy Covenant's ministry by:

1. Managing daily operations including
 - reception duties, responding to enquiries, maintaining the filing system, general correspondence and desktop IT systems
 - maintaining calendars, rostering and bookings
 - ordering supplies and resources
 - building and developing relationships within the congregations and community
2. Managing parish communications by creating bulletins, flyers, posters, social media content and event promotion
3. Coordinating and encouraging volunteers
4. Overseeing church facilities
5. Developing effective systems for administration
6. Developing and delivering special projects identified by Parish Council

Applicants should supply a CV, contact details of two referees and a one-page summary of what they bring to the role.

Applications should be emailed to: rector@holycovenant.org.au.

Contact the Revd Dr Wayne Brighton on 0407 408 333 for more information.

Positions Vacant—closing 1 April

Program Manager—Covenant Care

Permanent Part Time (20 hours per week)

Covenant Care (CC) is a community outreach program operated by Holy Covenant Anglican Church. The program seeks to improve social connections, and physical & mental wellbeing for vulnerable people in the Canberra Community. We achieve this through three programs, at no cost to participants:

- Covenant Care Respite (CCR) - provides a 'Day with a Difference' for people living at home with a life limiting illness, also ensuring a day of respite for their carers
- Household Support—includes provision of a range of loan equipment, and physical assistance for people downsizing or decluttering their homes
- Outings—provides several outings a year to local cafes and other venues for CC program participants

Duties: The Program Manager will:

1. Manage, promote and administer the CC programs
2. Manage a small team of paid staff, and the team of volunteers
3. Coordinate CCR, including being the contact point for all enquiries
4. Develop and implement a strategic policy framework for the CC programs
5. Ensure the CC programs are meeting all compliance and regulatory requirements and agreed outcomes.

Applicants should supply a CV, contact details of two referees and a one-page summary of what they bring to the role. Applications should be emailed to rhondavthorpe@gmail.com. For more information about the role please email Rhonda, or contact her on 0412 203 679 .

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Peace in Ukraine and Palestine, an end to occupation, and safe distribution of humanitarian aid
- ⇒ Those observing Ramadan, that they might find themselves closer to God
- ⇒ Relief efforts in Indonesia following flash floods and landslides

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Housing and food security for all Australians
- ⇒ The passage of legislation to ban gay conversion therapy in NSW
- ⇒ Impacts of extreme weather in Western Australia

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of North Queensland
- ⇒ Queanbeyan and District Anglican Church
- ⇒ Community of Celebration and Mary's Place
- ⇒ Alexander Maconochie Correctional Centre
- ⇒ The Anglican School Googong
- ⇒ Work amongst needy, unemployed and homeless people of all ages.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Audrey and Stuart Wells; Tony Willis; Leo and Glenys Wimmer, and Raphael, Belinda, Kate, Lucy and William Wood.
- ⇒ 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, Neville Hurst and anyone known to us personally

COMMEMORATIONS

18 Mar Annie (Nancy) Lee (d. 1996)

BIRTHDAYS

20 March: Hannah James, Alira Prideaux

21 March: Hugo Walker

BIBLE READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 119: 9-16
Hebrews 5:5-14
John 12: 20-33

COLLECT

O God, our Redeemer,
in our weakness we have failed
to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope:
renew us by your Holy Spirit,
that we may follow your commands
and proclaim your reign of love;
through 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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