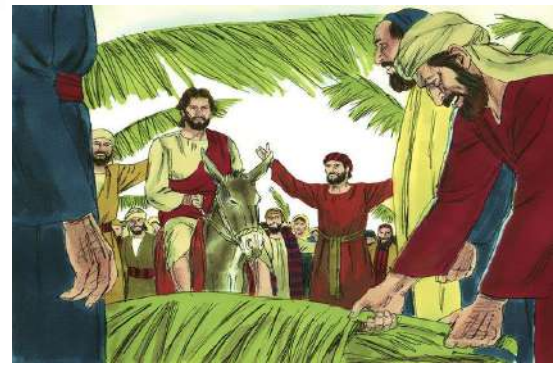


HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2024
PALM SUNDAY

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

<https://zoom.us/j/8820962366?pwd=YUtpja05YTXFCN0N4MGRiSEVIRlI0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 882 096 2366
Password: 033643

SUNDAY 24 MARCH

8am & 10am Holy Communion
Celebrant Revd Lynda McMinn
Preacher: Archdeacon Anne Ranse

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH

12 Midday Communion Service and Lunch

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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

Coming soon:

Women's afternoon tea: Saturday 23
March 2pm
Safe Ministries Training: Saturday 6
April, 9am-4pm

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Finding Our Passion

Mk 14:1-15:10

Mark's account of Jesus' Passion invites us to witness events without the consolation of the resurrection. After the respite of his anointing at Bethany, the narrative moves through The Last Supper, Gethsemane, his betrayal, arrest, appearance before Pilate, and his mockery and abuse by the soldiers. It is almost unbearable to contemplate his vulnerability in this last scene.

So why do we call the narrative of these final hours in Jesus' life his Passion?

At one point we are told that Pilate knew *'that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over'*. These words mark the transition from Jesus, the initiator of action and change, to Jesus, the one who is acted upon. The one who healed and transformed is now at the mercy of others – handed over like an object. The change from doer to the one done unto is reflected in the change from active to passive

form of the verb. 'Passion' and 'passive', seemingly unrelated in modern usage, share a common root in Greek and Latin that suggests undergoing or enduring suffering.

Richard Rohr suggests that The Way of the Cross isn't so much about what Jesus did to save us, as about suggesting a pattern, a way, that is redemptive for all if we live it. This path involves undergoing, overcoming and becoming – not as a self-help strategy, but in partnership with God. Undergoing includes the step of handing over, saying yes to God in what life is asking of us. Something like Jesus' words in Gethsemane: *'Into your hands I commend my spirit'*. In sharing Jesus' Passion – trusting this pattern – we find our own Passion Narrative – our way of overcoming-through-undergoing, that is life-giving and life-changing for ourselves and others. Whatever we are facing now – hard as it is to bear – could be an invitation to a deeper trust in this path

Frances Mackay

Slow and steady

Q has three young children. Initially she felt uncomfortable and anxious at the thought of leaving her home and requested that someone from SJC visit her at her house. When I attended her house Q met me at the front door. She was reluctant to invite me in. We spoke out the front about how she struggles to get the kids to school, and provide them with basic school supplies, snacks/lunch, and uniforms. Eventually, she invited me in.

There was little or no furniture. The kids were sleeping on air mattresses on the floor. However, the house was immaculate, and it was clear that Q was doing her best. Q told me that she was escaping domestic violence and did not want anyone to know where she was. She was so concerned about anyone knowing where she was, that she had not told any of her friends and family. She had isolated herself and was feeling lonely and disconnected from her community.

At SJC we were able to provide Q's children with beds and mattresses, and over the last few weeks, have helped get furniture. We have begun the process of connecting Q with relevant services including DVCS, support from the children's school, Care Financial, and the energy provider. SJC will continue to provide the family with food including fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, school snacks, and cleaning supplies weekly.

Q wants to return to work; we are engaging with a job provider, and helping her with her resume. Q's goal is to give back to society, and she is extremely grateful for the ongoing support that St John's Care has provided for her.

Jason Haines Executive Officer

Items Required: Toothpaste, honey, tinned fish, chunky soup, toilet paper

Oh wow!

'Be surprised and full of wonder.' Isaiah 29:9

Friedrich Buecher said: *' Lord catch me off guard today. Surprise me with some moment of beauty or pain so that at least for the moment I may be startled into seeing that you are here in all your splendour always and everywhere, barely hidden, beneath, beyond, within this life I breathe.'*

Sometimes we can be so busy hurrying through our days, our diaries, that we fail to see what's in our day. Days blur into weeks and years in our lives and we miss the ordinary yet life giving joys.

Slow down; notice the brilliant red of the flowering gum full of the light of the sun, or the pastel pink and blue of the sunset, or the first call of the morning birds and say to the Lord: *Thank you for the ordinary gifts of every day, evoking in me wonder and surprise.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Anne, servant of the Lord.



Red flowering gum

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

Wanted: Help with Holy Week preparations

Easter is now on the horizon and here at Holy Covenant we could do with some help. We have a variety of opportunities where a little of your assistance would make a big difference.

Palm crosses. Do you have some plants with long fronds growing in your garden? We're after about 120 palm crosses. If you've never made one before check out <https://www.instructables.com/How-to-Make-Palm-Crosses/> If you're interested in making 10-20 crosses for this Sunday that would be a great help - we need 40 for 8am and 80 for 10am.

Palm branches. Palm Sunday needs some branches for people to wave as they enter the church. You might like to have a look around the garden and bring in any suitable cuttings or substitutes. They don't have to be palms - just something people would like to wave :)

Good Friday readings. At both our Good Friday services at 8am and 10am we'll be reading the passion from John's Gospel (John 18.1-19.42). If you'd like to help by reading a section, let Wayne know.

Kids' easter egg hunt. On Saturday 30 March at 4pm we're having a kid's easter service which includes an easter egg hunt. We have buckets of eggs already we just need a few people to put the eggs out. If you can help, come along at 3.30pm.

If you can assist with any of the Holy Week preparations, please let Wayne know:

rector@holycovenant.org.au

Anglican News

The March edition of Anglican News is now available from the Diocesan website: <http://anglican.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/>

There's an interesting article about Season of Outreach for the entire Anglican Church of Australia, in 2025.

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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 24rd 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 .

Face to Face Safe Ministries Training

Are you a new volunteer needing to complete Safe Ministry Training?

OR

Are you due for Safe Ministries Refresher Training ?

Do you prefer in person (face to face) to training in the on-line environment?

Holy Covenant is hosting Face to Face Safe Ministries Training on

Saturday 6th April in the Worship Centre

The format for the day is as follows:

- 8:30am: Venue available for people to sign-in for the first module.
9am -11am: Safe Ministry Essentials (also called Module 1)
11am: Morning Tea (Attendees for the next course can sign-in).
11:30 am-1.30pm: Safe Ministry with Children (also called Module 2)
1.30pm: Lunch (Attendees for next course are able to sign-in)
2pm – 4pm: Safe Ministry Implementation for Senior Leaders (also called Module 3)

Please bring your own lunch.

Tea, coffee etc. provided.

The format of the day allows people to do the module/s they require to volunteer in our many activities.

Having our volunteers complete the relevant training enables our community to be a safe place for everyone. It reminds everyone of the acceptable standards of behaviour and conduct required by volunteers. Furthermore, it enables participants to know how poor conduct might be addressed when it occurs. Poor behaviour and abusive speech are leading causes for withdrawal by effective volunteers.

Education for Ministry (EfM)

EfM is a theological program that enables people to delve deeper into Scripture and to reflect on how tradition and culture shape our life of faith. By working as a group participants are welcome to ask questions and encouraged to think about their often unconscious theological assumptions. It is a deeply transformative experience for all who join in.

Holy Covenant has had a number of EfM groups over the past 20 years. We have also worked closely with Manuka parish and had representatives from a number of other parishes from the north of Canberra as part of our group. If there is anyone in the parish that would be interested in exploring EfM this year or next year could you please contact Merri Bacon?

Merri will see whether it would be possible to form a new group with members of Manuka parish. There need to be sufficient numbers to make a group viable and we would also need to find a mentor and a suitable time. A possible suggested time would be Sunday afternoon. If you know about the program and feel now is the right time or if you are interested in finding out more, please have a chat to Merri

email merri.bacon@bigpond.com or feel free to contact Rev'd Kay Pendlebury at St Paul's Manuka, email kay@stpaulsmanuka.org.au

Save the Date: Community Lunch

The first Community Lunch for 2024 is happening on Thursday 18 April. More information to come in next week's Bulletin!



PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

⇒ Freedom from occupation in Ukraine and Palestine, and the safe flow of humanitarian aid

IN AUSTRALIA

⇒ Recovery efforts after Cyclone Megan
⇒ Housing & food security for all Australians
⇒ Strategies to protect the vulnerable during extreme weather events
⇒ The outcome of the Tasmanian State election

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

⇒ Diocese of The Murray
⇒ Tumut & Adelong Parishes
⇒ South-West Slopes Ministry District (the Parishes of Batlow and Tumbarumba)
⇒ Ministry to prisoners and prison officers; Kairos ministry

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

⇒ For all members of our parish family including Rika and Roger Amos; Bob and Kath Arthur; Richard and Megan Arthur; Merri Bacon; Bruce and Beverley Barnes; Trish Barnes; and David Barrott.
⇒ 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

29 Mar Norman Kennett (d. 2005)
30 Mar Yvonne Greening (d. 2005)

BIRTHDAYS

24 March: Andrew Feitz
25 March: Rhonda Thorpe
29 March: James Collier, Merri Bacon

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31: 9-18
Philippians 2: 5-11
Mark 11: 1-11

COLLECT

Everlasting God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son to take our nature,
and to suffer death upon the cross:
in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience
to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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