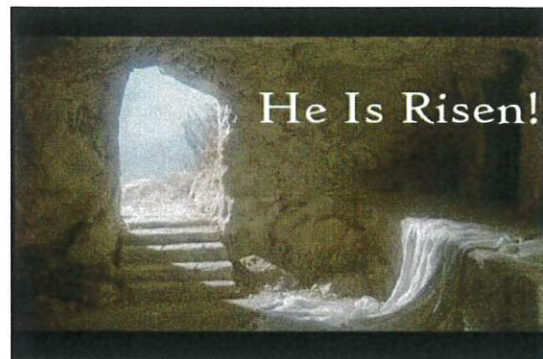


HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2024

EASTER DAY

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

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SUNDAY 31 MARCH

6am 8am & 10am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher:
Revd Dr Wayne Brighton

WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL

12 Midday Communion Service and
Lunch

SUNDAY 7 APRIL

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

Coming soon:

Neighbourhood Night: Friday 5 April,
6-8pm

Safe Ministries Training: Saturday 6
April, 9am-4pm

Community lunch 18 April

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Why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?

What are we bringing to the empty tomb today? What are we seeking?

In Mark's version of the resurrection (Mk 16:1-8) the women have come expecting to find a body to anoint. Finding the tomb empty, they flee the scene, despite the angel's reassurance that Jesus has risen and that they should let the disciples know: 'for fear and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid'.

Thankfully, this abrupt ending is a cliff hanger, not the end of the story.

John's version (Jn 20:1-18) focuses on Mary Magdalene's resurrection story. What is it about her that helps her overcome any fear she may have had? (She comes to the tomb alone and remains there alone when the others flee.) We can guess the answer from her response to the angels' question, 'Why are you weeping?': 'They have taken away my Lord and I don't know where they have laid

him.' Later she asks Jesus, whom she has mistaken for the gardener, where he might have taken the body so that she can take it away again. What an irony. It is at this point he calls her by name, and it is only then that she recognises Jesus. His response to her impulse to embrace him, 'Do not hold me (do not cling to me) ... Go tell my brothers ...' initially jars. It sounds like a rebuff, but is it a reminder that we cannot cling to the way things are if we are to become what God is calling us to become? Instead of finding a dead body to anoint, Mary encountered the risen Christ who called her by name and sent her out as the apostle to the apostles. The women in Mark's version were unable to stay with their fear long enough to see the possibilities of overcoming and becoming that lay beyond the empty tomb. As we move further into the resurrection season, what is it that we need to stay with? What do we need to let go? What might be stopping us from recognising the face of resurrection when we see it?

Frances MacKay

Recently I went out to speak with a family. They presented

as distressed. They shared their struggles with social isolation, huge financial stresses, under employment and housing insecurity. Over the coming days we maintained our conversations via email to enable continuous support.

SJC continues to support this family to gradually settle into Canberra life. We have supplied the family with emergency aid food, child and baby supplies from Roundabout and Thread Together for brand-new clothes. We have assisted with employment support, further specific referrals, advocacy, and the continuation of support through therapeutic conversations.

Just recently Mum spoke about the joy of receiving a stroller as part of their Roundabout order. She spoke warmly of the opportunities she now had through having this stroller. Previously she had been isolated at home with her youngest lively toddler.

We, at St John's Care, continue to talk to Mum about her life in Australia. We help to explore further options to reduce social isolation, encourage cultural support, supporting the other children and further employment opportunities. This initial conversation, turned into delivering baby and child supplies, including a stroller. This resulted in opening a Mum's world to new opportunities and personal freedom. Thus, reducing her social isolation. Your prayer support, financial donations, food donations and physical time, are so very, very valuable. So many people in our community are struggling. I am very thankful for your amazing support. St John's Care is a very special place, a place anyone can come and be accepted, heard, and supported. Thank you so much for partnering in this journey.

Items Required: Shampoo and conditioner, children's toothbrushes, adult toothpaste, tinned tomatoes and tinned tuna

Creation announces the Divine

O God, you are my God; At dawn I seek you: for you my soul is thirsting. Ps 63:2-3

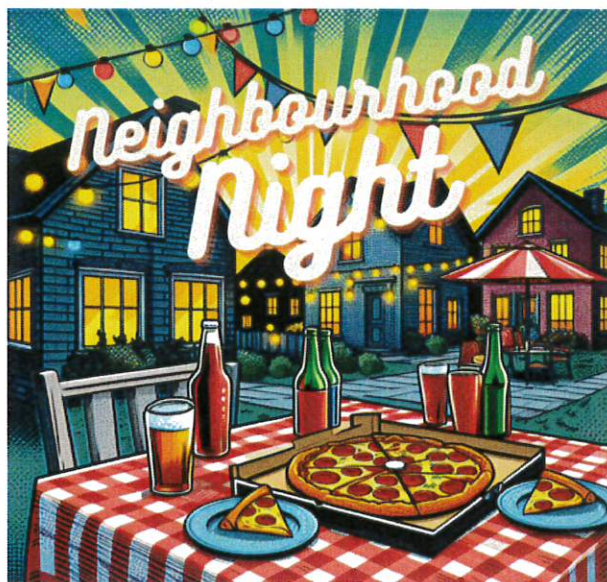
The early morning sky was a vast dome of soft blue, perfectly curved and cloud free, it was as if God was stretching his hand out over the day, sweeping away the night and the more I looked at it from the sacred space the richer the blessing was. The Rufus Whistler was singing his beautiful song and an early yellow autumn leaf fell silently to the ground from the laden tree. Quiet, still, blessed as I watched creation announce the Divine. I thought to myself, not a thousand soft goose down feathers on my bed would stop me from missing this early morning time of the day with the Lord. I wonder. Have you ever returned from a time with God unblessed?

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

Anne, servant of the Lord.

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





**PIZZA
GAMES
FUN**

**FRIDAY
5 APRIL
FROM 6PM**

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

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

- ⇒ Peace in Ukraine and Palestine, an end to occupation, and safe distribution of humanitarian aid
- ⇒ Our changing climate, and action to manage that change
- ⇒ All those affected by the collapse of the Baltimore bridge

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Housing and food security for all Australians
- ⇒ Support for those in rural areas needing to travel for medical treatment.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ The National Council of Churches in Australia
- ⇒ Council of the Church in South-East Asia (Anglican) and the Christian Conference of Asia (Ecumenical)
- ⇒ ACT Churches' Council Inc
- ⇒ Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia
- ⇒ Partner relationships between our Church and other Churches of Asia and the Pacific especially those in Indonesia our nearest geographic neighbour.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Peter and Ann Bazeos; John Blue; Graham and Graciela Bonnett; Harris and Helen Boulton; Heather Boyd; and Wayne, Meg and Iona Brighton.
- ⇒ 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

- 1 Apr Jessie Henderson (d. 2001)
Bob Rose (d. 2005)

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Apr Sandra Ross, Rhys Thorpe
4 Apr Elizabeth David-Hoole
6 Apr Eileen Sykes

BIBLE READINGS

- | 6am | 8am |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Ezekiel 36: 24-28 | Acts 10: 34-43 |
| Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24 | Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24 |
| Romans 6: 3-11 | 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 |
| Matthew 28: 1-10 | Mark 16: 1-8 |

COLLECT

Brightness of God's glory,
whom death could not conquer nor the tomb
imprison:
as you have shared our frailty in human flesh,
help us to share your immortality in the Spirit;
let no shadow of the grave terrify us,
and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you.
Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days,
as the First and the Last,
the Living One,
our immortal Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

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