

# HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



**SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2024**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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## **SUNDAY 21 APRIL**

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

## **WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL**

12 Midday Communion Service and Lunch

## **SUNDAY 28 APRIL**

8am & 10am Holy Communion  
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## **Coming soon:**

Neighbourhood Night: Friday, 4 May, 6pm

## **Bank details for direct debit:**

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## **The Good Shepherd** **John 10**

Australia's early economic prosperity was built on the back of sheep. Wool provided an abundant source of revenue. The number of sheep now is about 80 million.

We tend to see sheep as not intelligent, with lambs as cute and cuddly. Sheep in the Bible have quite a different story. Sheep often represent the people of God. Psalm 23 is written by a shepherd. Sheep were important to nomads and to agricultural life. In the New Testament sheep were the first creatures to witness a sky filled with angels as the shepherds heard the good news of Jesus' birth and went to see for themselves.

The Gospel reading today is from John 10 which describes Jesus as the good shepherd. A good shepherd watches, calls, addresses, protects, feeds, leads and saves his sheep. The sheep in turn hear, follow, recognise and benefit from hearing the shepherd's voice and following him. The good shepherd finds pasture and good water. Most importantly the good shepherd protects the mob by being willing to risk or even lay down his life if necessary in order to protect the flock. In this imagery good leaders protect and assume responsibility for their sheep: the sheep trust their leaders-shepherds. By contrast the hired

hand flees when there is danger or the wolf arrives. In so doing he leaves the sheep exposed, vulnerable and likely to die. The hired hand does not love the sheep.

The good shepherd recognises and calls his sheep by name: they follow because they know his voice. The mutual knowledge of sheep and shepherd is similar to the relationship between Jesus and his Father. Jesus came to provide life, life in abundance. This abundant life is seen in the intimate knowing of sheep "by name" and in the careful effort to "find pasture".

Jesus knows the Father. It is a relationship of joy and delight—where there is complete understanding, a mutuality of knowledge, of trust, of whole hearted engagement.

The Good Shepherd describes God's watchfulness and benevolence, devotion and responsibility, oversight and the well being of the flock. In the case of Jesus he laid down his life for us, his sheep. It is such commitment and sacrifice that created the new covenant and the new movement of Christianity. It has led to the call to a different way of understanding leadership, that of servant leadership.

*Clive Rodger*

A client, who we shall call L, visited the St John's Care (SJC) Centre last year. She stated that she wished to talk about parking fines and "some other things, but I cannot go into those yet". So, our original chat - nearly a year ago - started there.

We unpacked a few things, and I made a referral to Canberra Community Law. We concluded that initial conversation after an hour, with L taking a little fresh fruit and saying that she felt content and welcome, and that she would return to SJC when she was ready.

Since this time L comes to see us at the SJC Centre when she feels she requires support. Sometimes she will email or call, but mainly she visits when she feels it is the right time for her.

Enacting trauma-informed care is so important. SJC gave L time to be still. We gave her food, hot drinks, and time to sit quietly within the Centre. L reported with gratitude and thanks for, "knowing my story, valuing me, seeing me as an individual and not a number or a case."

SJC continues to journey with L through many local government and local community agency advocacy and referrals. We have helped her with interstate liaison and advocacy, obtaining identity documentation, holistic preparation for court matters, support through long-distance court cases, referral pathways for additional support and conversations to unpack systems and processes. SJC continues to support L, endeavouring to break down barriers to their inclusion, including therapeutic conversations and Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) sessions.

This holistic support continues. L is welcome to attend the SJC Centre when she requires therapeutic conversations, CBT, advocacy or perhaps a hot drink and biscuit and a place of safety for a while.

I am truly thankful for the amazing support our community gives to the vulnerable through this special place we call SJC. Thank you all so much for continuing to support SJC in any way you can. Your prayers, your donations, and/or your time are so very important.

Wendy, SJC Case Manager

**Items required:** tomato sauce, honey, Milo, sultanas.

## Wells of living water

*Plant your roots in Christ and let him be the foundation for your life. Col 2:7*

There is something ancient, knowledgeable and a mystery about the roots of the trees that stand above the sands in the river bed. They look so strong having mastered many a storm and through drought their roots reach deep, deep down to the well of water in the depth of the earth. As I meditate on these roots I am drawn to think of the words of Christ as one who spoke of being the 'well of living water'. The one who holds us firm in a storm and the one who is there in the times of drought in our spiritual lives.

(annon) 'Like the deep roots of a plant drawing support and nourishment from the ground, your faith in God provides an anchor for the rest of your life'.

May the God of life bless you and keep you today and always.

*Anne, servant of the Lord.*



Anchors for life.

## PRAYER POINTS

### IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ Peace in Ukraine
- ⇒ Ceasefire in Gaza and Palestinian statehood

### IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Those who work in Bondi Westfield and the healthcare and emergency services workers who responded to the incident in the mall.
- ⇒ The community at Christ the Good Shepherd Church in Wakeley who were effected by the violence there.

### IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Rockhampton
- ⇒ Holbrook
- ⇒ Gundagai
- ⇒ Anglican Historical Society
- ⇒ Diocesan Candidates training for ordination: at St Mark's and elsewhere
- ⇒ Licensed Lay Ministers in Parishes and Ministry Units throughout the Diocese.

### IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Catherine D'Cruz; Judith Ann Daniells; Lou Daniels; Steve Daniels; Audrey Dargan; John Dau; and Evelyn, Jey, Elizabeth, Hannah, Mary and Sarah David-Hoole.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer (often for long term needs) including Barry & Sandra Button; Bev Barnes; Glenys Wimmer; Bev Chambers; Kath Arthur, Neville Hurst and anyone known to us personally

### COMMEMORATIONS

- 24 Apr Iris Gould (d. 1991)  
Linda Sharpe (d. 2002)
- 25 April Norma Alexander (d. 2001)  
Lesley Hadzontonis (d. 2009)

## COLLECT

Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep,  
by whom the lost are sought  
and guided into the fold:  
feed us and we shall be satisfied,  
heal us and we shall be whole,  
and lead us that we may be with you,  
where you live and reign with the Father and the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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## BIRTHDAYS

- 22 Apr Ethan Gumbrell  
27 Apr Judith Ann Daniells, Grace Stripeikis

## BIBLE READINGS

- Acts 4: 5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3: 16-24  
John 10: 11-18