

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024
PENTECOST

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SUNDAY 19 MAY

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

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY

12 Midday Communion Service and Lunch

SUNDAY 26 MAY

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

Coming soon:

Neighbourhood Night 7 June, 6pm

Save the Date: Parish Birthday

Dinner 27 July

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Today we celebrate the great festival of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church when the Holy Spirit inspired the apostles to break out of their locked room and share the good news that Jesus the Christ was risen. Pentecost was this mega-epiphany moment where all the light switches were turned on for the disciples. Their world was turned upside down, they finally dared to set foot outside their locked room and nothing was the same again. They had gone in a blink from terrified, bumbling men, who had never really grasped what Jesus was about, to true apostles and fearless, dynamic preachers who understood that no matter how dark the days, or how deep the suffering, they never needed to feel afraid again.

Pentecost is a time when we remember that we're not alone, God's Holy Spirit, the promised Comforter and Advocate is with us, and that all our excuses about 'we're only human', have a bit of an edge, because we're actually enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit to be the people God has called to be. From this point, our experience of God's absence is coloured by Pentecost hope: God is with us even in our suffering, even on our darkest days, as well as in our joy. This is a day when we remember that God is ahead of us, around us and comes to us in grace. Through the power of the Spirit, God is tearing down walls, bringing freedom and empowering the people of God to do God's work in the world.

If the Holy Spirit has been gifted to us to enable God's work in the world, then what exactly does this work look like? Jesus, the one who shows us what God is like, spent his time teaching people, feeding people, healing people, raising people from the dead, blessing people, gathering people together, especially sinners, outcasts, the lame, the sick, the blind, prostitutes, tax collectors, children and women. He challenged people, encouraged them and helped them escape from their prisons of doubt and fear. Jesus' work was always about people. Continuing Jesus' work in the world is about people. It means striving for justice and peace, and it means respecting the dignity of every single human being.

The living God speaks to us today in the language of fire and mountain, of wind and breath. Pentecost is alive every time we use the gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit to serve each other. Pentecost is alive whenever we work to bring peace, to care for the needy, whenever we set aside our fears to share community. The Easter candle is extinguished, but from today we carry the flame of hope and prayer, the power of Pentecost forward in our hearts. We are a Pentecost people. We are not alone. God is with us.

In peace, Revd Lynda

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Long term battle

A fortnight ago, we received a call from a new client (J)

who wanted to talk to someone in hope of finding solutions to his concerns. I asked J if he could come and visit me, and he said he would be there around midday.

J arrived and I invited him inside for a cup of hot coffee. We started talking about J's life and he told me that he arrived in Canberra more than six months ago.

Since arriving in Canberra, J has been living in friends' houses, sometimes in a temporary shelter and many times in the street. J told me that he has been dealing with his alcohol addiction for many years and described it as something he can't stop. He says that he needs to drink every day to be well because if he doesn't, he breaks down, feels bad, doesn't feel like doing anything and his body starts to shake.

J was seeking information about where he can go to receive support for his addiction in a safe place where he would be free of judgement. After he signed a consent form, I began looking for the most appropriate services for J. There were a number of organisations that we identified as being helpful for him.

As J and I continued our conversation I identified that he also required some support with basics such as food. A bag of food was organised for him with everything he needed, as well as other pantry items such as toiletries. J disclosed feeling stressed and anxious about sleeping on the streets with little or no sleeping gear. We provided him with a sleeping bag, a fleece liner for the bag, a pillow that could be folded compactly, a thermal jacket, beanie, socks, and gloves.

We also provided J with information on other places he could go for help (Emergency and Food Relief guide). Whilst at our Centre, he saw the flyer for our community lunch and said he would invite his friends and come along to the next lunch.

We are continuing to work closely with J. He will commence his rehabilitation at an organisation next week and is eager to receive the support he so desperately needs. SJC will continue to support him in his battle with addiction.

Karen Medrano SJC Case Manager

Items Required: Pasta, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo

Looking for God moments

The glory of the Lord appeared in the clouds.

Ex 16:10

Sometimes I go looking for God in moments of wonder and sometimes they just come to me unexpectedly. There are so many new moments of wonder to be grateful for all day and every day, just those fresh drops of rain on a dusty leaf, a verge of wildflowers, the sun shining through on a winter's day, the birds in morning song to say nothing of an unexpected gift, a conversation or the smile of a passerby. Recently while in the remote outback I went out with my camera 'to catch the sun set'; and I was well rewarded but as the sunset evolved it became far less of a sunset to catch but more the deepening presence, wonder and awe of God as 'the glory of the Lord appeared in the clouds'.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Anne, servant of the Lord.



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Save the Date—Parish Birthday

Our Parish Birthday is on 28 July is fast approaching! To celebrate we will be having a birthday dinner on Saturday 27th July. Please put these dates in your diaries.

Our speaker for the celebration will be Dr. Karen Pack. Karen is a religious historian, ordained minister, a marriage celebrant and President of Spiritual Care Australia.

For decades, she has worked training pastors, chaplains, leaders and teachers in Australia, North America, Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Her doctoral study explored the marginalisation and erasure of women and LGBTQIA+ Christians from Australian religious histories.

In 2024, she organised the first Future Church Conference.



PROGRAM MANAGER-COVENANT CARE NURSING

Holy Covenant Anglican Church, Jamison is seeking experienced applicants with strong leadership skills interested in managing its Covenant Care Nursing (CCN) program.

The successful applicant will need to demonstrate high level policy and program skills, strong written and oral communication skills and the ability to work flexibly and independently with minimal supervision from the Management Committee.

CCN is a community outreach program in the Belconnen area which provides a weekly respite care service for people with life-limiting illnesses, supports individual clients with household needs and offers an outings program for socially isolated community members. It has a small number of staff positions and a larger volunteer base.

The Program Manager position is offered as Permanent Part-Time at 20 hours per week. Final salary will be negotiated but will be within the range of \$45-\$50 per hour.

If you would like more information or to receive a copy of the Position Description, please email nurse@holycovenant.org.au or call Rhonda Thorpe on 0487 945 615.

For Sale – Motorised Scooter

Motorised Scooter with wide seat (for 2 people side-by-side or those requiring additional width), in excellent working condition. It is a Shoprider 889D and has a powerful 2.0 horsepower motor and large battery capacity. It recharges via standard home electrical outlet. The seat is 800 mm wide and it has easy to use controls. It includes a front shopping basket.

For sale at \$2,000. The cost of a similar scooter new is about \$6,000.

Details are at:

<https://www.shoprider.com.au/PDF/scooters/889D%20-%20889D%20MOBILITY%20SCOOTER.pdf>

Contact Jenny on 0468 993 832 or at tomkins.family2@gmail.com if you are interested.

It is available from Aranda, ACT.



LEARNING AT HOLY COVENANT

Life with God can be exciting and enriching. What options are there to learn more?

a THE STORY
The bible is our foundation story about the freedom to be who we were made to be. Why didn't someone tell me?

b OUR FAMILY
The church comes in all colours, shapes and sizes. Why is it so different? Can it be better?

c FAITH
God is amazing. Creator, Liberator, Sustainer. How could I connect with God more deeply?

d HOPE
Most people see Jesus as a ticket to heaven. What does his life, death, resurrection and ascension mean to me?

e LOVE
Love changes everything. Only we suck at it most of the time. How can I love another more safely?

f CONNECT
If you'd like to learn something new, why not talk to Wayne about a small group or personalized options?

NEW ASSISTANT BISHOP



Ven Vanessa Bennett
Vicar

On 5 May Bishop Mark announced a new Assistant Bishop

Vanessa has experience and qualifications in education and ministry. She has held positions as a high school teacher, a School Chaplain, and has ministered in the Anglican parishes of Avalon with Palm Beach, St Andrew's Wahroonga, and St Anne's Strathfield. Vanessa has also served as a member of the School Council of Barker College Hornsby and as a member of the Anglican Education Commission in the Sydney Diocese.

Vanessa currently serves as Archdeacon of Essendon and Vicar of the Parish of Moonee Ponds in the Diocese of Melbourne. In those capacities she has led an established congregation into growth and worked with a broad range of Parishes in a culturally diverse part of Melbourne to find new avenues for effective mission.

Details of Vanessa's consecration will be announced shortly

Vintage Piano for Free

Looking for a new home for a much loved piano. It has been with the owner for over 60 years and only moved about 4 times in all that time. It is in reasonable condition and still plays a good tune.

It will incur a cost for moving. The owner is prepared to discuss contributing to removal costs if the piano goes to a charitable organisation.

Call Alan on 0400 433 422

Help Wanted

- ◆ Do you like statistics from the ABS and love thinking about town planning?
- ◆ Do you want to know how Belconnen has changed and will change in the years ahead?
- ◆ We're looking to understand how our corner of Canberra is changing. If you 'd like to help us understand the suburbs of Aranda, Cook, Macquarie, Bruce and Belconnen Town Centre better, please speak to Wayne.

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ For those living around Kharkiv and the renewed Russian offensive.
- ⇒ For those seeking peace in Myanmar and dealing with resurgent fundamentalism in West African nations of Nigeria, Mali and Burkina Faso.
- ⇒ For those seeking shelter in Rafah and those working to provide aid and peaceful solutions in Palestine-Israel.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ For universities as they navigate difficulties involved with free speech, safety and justice with campus protests.
- ⇒ Families experiencing cost of living pressures as winter approaches.
- ⇒ Those involved with behaviour change programs for male perpetrators of violence against women.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Perth
- ⇒ Young District Anglican Ministry
- ⇒ Mothers' Union
- ⇒ Embracing Ministries
- ⇒ Ministry in our neighbouring Dioceses of Riverina, Bathurst, Gippsland, Wangaratta, and Sydney.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Quentin and Carol-Ann Kubanek; Janice Green, Perry Wiles and Cassandra Wiles; and Deborah and Mark Greenaway.
- ⇒ 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, Joh Sheehan and anyone known to us personally

COMMEMORATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 21 May Lainie Robertson
- 23 May Tom Primrose
- 25 May Peter Dent

BIBLE READINGS

- Acts 2: 1-21
- Psalms 104: 26-36
- Romans 8: 22-27
- John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love, joy, and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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