

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

a place for everyone



SUNDAY 21 JULY 2024

NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The work of the Creator, creation,
is good and revelatory of the Creator

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SUNDAY 21 JULY

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

WEDNESDAY 24 JULY

12 Midday Communion Service and
Lunch

SUNDAY 28 JULY

8am and 10am Holy Communion
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Coming soon:

Community lunch 25 July 12.15pm
Parish Birthday Dinner 27 July—
Tickets available.

Bank details for direct debit:

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Shepherd and sheep imagery, very familiar in ancient Israel, recur in today's readings. In Psalm 23 the imagery is anchored firmly within creation referring to green pastures, still waters and dark valleys. This focus on creation is very important in Celtic Christianity. God's good creation is delighted in, not only because it is the Creator's work, but also because it reveals the Creator's character and purposes. The grasses and waters, to which the sheep are led, reveal God's good provisioning care, and in death's dark vale the sheep are unafraid, revealing that God is present with them and that God's presence is protective. This good creation emphasis, which also embraced humans made in God's image, was early associated with the apostle John: eg "as he is, we also are in the world" (1 Jn 4:17).

Philip Newel (Listening for the Heartbeat of God: A Celtic Spirituality, 1998) argues that we must be taught "to look for God within creation and to recognise the world as a place of revelation and the whole of life as sacramental" (p3). The old Celtic prayers help us to see "a spirituality that seeks God by looking towards the heart of life, not away from life" (p4).

In Christian Celtic art (the high-standing crosses and the illuminated Gospel manuscripts) we find "designs that symbolised the interlacing of God and humanity, heaven and earth, spirit and matter" (p6). But they never confused creation and Creator. The prayers and hymns "distinguish creation from the Creator, between the Source of life and living things, and express the desire to be true to God" (pp43-44).

*I bind unto myself today,
the virtues of the sun-lit heaven,
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,
the whitening of the moon at even,
the flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling winds tempestuous shocks,
the stable earth, the deep salt sea
around the old eternal rocks.*

-RHS, part of a longer hymn attributed to St Patrick (c430).

Merilyn Clark

Governor-General Visit to St John's Care

Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia was sworn in as Australia's 28th Governor-General at Parliament House last Monday 1 July 2024.

Only a week or so later, St John's Care welcomed a visit from Her Excellency Ms Sam Mostyn.

As a businesswoman and community leader, Ms Mostyn spoke about her passion for the community sector and particularly agencies such as St John's Care. Ms Mostyn related how important the work of St John's Care (SJC) was to the Canberra community.

Her Excellency chose to visit SJC because of the passion that she has for care in the community. Ms Mostyn stated she was very thankful for the work of SJC and was encouraged to see the very real engagement with SJC. Her Excellency noticed SJC illustrating compassion, advocacy and respect shown to all. Ms Mostyn observed the application of holistic care, encouragement and empowerment of our clients. Ms Mostyn expressed that, 'Care has a deep and resonant place in our Australian identity. Care is the gentle thought and the outstretched hand that Australians have always been ready to share when great challenges present themselves. Care is the quieter, better part of ourselves.' www.gg.gov.au.

Ms Mostyn welcomed hearing about clients such as T's and their family. This family were at imminent risk of homelessness due to their rental accommodation being sold and their present income insufficient to meet the high Canberra rent. At crisis, T's family reached out to SJC. Through their engagement with case management, SJC were able to support this family through the difficult and often nasty journey of navigating government, legal and health systems and processes. T's family expressed thanks to SJC for the continued advocacy and support between realtors, solicitors, Housing ACT, OneLink and Canberra Health Services. SJC continue to support T's family through a very worrying time.

Ms Mostyn became a very active volunteer for the morning at SJC. Her Excellency packed shelves in the St John's Care pantry, cleaned up and took time to listen to clients share their journey. Ms and volunteers she gave time to. All that met Her Excellency felt heard and encouraged. Ms Mostyn demonstrated caring for people as individuals. All SJC staff and volunteers continue to remember that in the business of modern life, Australian community life is so very important. Often our clients feel socially isolated or are struggling with life's challenges. SJC is very thankful and grateful for all our donors who continue to support the vital work that SJC carries out. SJC strives to provide holistic care that empowers our clients to lead fulfilling lives.

Wendy, SJC Senior Case Manager

Items required: Toothpaste, cooking oil, vegemite, honey, 1L full cream UHT milk

The Continual Feast

A cheerful heart has a continual feast. Proverbs 15:15

We are never poor when our hearts have a continual feast: The company of friends around a picnic table sharing chocolate, sharing the beauty of nature, sharing life. Walking at sunrise, catching the making of the day, the fog, the mist, the colour. Walking a winters day in gentle rain, smelling the fresh earth, and jumping puddles. The blessings from God in greeting the stranger we meet along the way, the rubbing of a horse's snout as he leans over the fence for a morning greeting. Godly encounters and the countless blessing God gives us in our lives, his comfort and his love.

I read this from Iris Murdock: One of the secrets of a happy life is continuous small treats (and I just saw another as a tiny blue flower, on a spindly stem waved its joy in the breeze.)



Blessings dressed in blue.

Trajectories of hope: a future for the affirming church

Parish Birthday—27th July 2024

Dr Karen Pack is driven by the desire to empower young leaders with a sense of their own value and the beauty they bring to the world. She is a former pastor, missionary and bible college lecturer who has taught in Australia and internationally for over twenty years, including training pastors and lay leaders throughout Africa, Asia, North America and the Middle East.

When not training and mentoring others, Karen is a sessional academic lecturing in History at the University of Notre Dame Australia and Macquarie University. She specialises in the historical intersections of gender, faith and sexuality. She uses her research and personal experience to advocate for young queer people of faith, inspiring them to live authentically, brave and free.

Please join us on the night for a Palestinian meal, great company and a wonderful talk from Karen. Please scan the QR code below, or follow this link <https://events.humanitix.com/parish-dinner-fhcvxmsk> to get tickets.

Please also let us know if you're able to help with cooking, setting up, packing up and cleaning on the night.



Parish Dinner Cooks

This year's Parish Dinner has a Middle Eastern theme. Given we're eating in late July, the menu includes some hearty meat dishes, as well as traditional vegetarian dishes and tasty desserts.

We still need cooks, especially for salads and desserts. Please let Megan (0450 502 081) or Caity in the office (office@holycovenant.org.au) know if you can help with these. We will send you the recipes.

There are sign up sheets on the noticeboard. Please sign up there or via email to the Office and we can help get you started.

Silent Auction

Call for Items

If you have any items to donate to the parish for the silent auction, please be in touch with Deborah and Mark Greenaway (Email: Greenaway.mark@gmail.com).

You can also call Caity in the office from 10am-3pm on

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, or email office@holycovenant.org.au at any time to arrange a time to drop things off at the church.

The Parish Dinner and Silent Auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please remember to buy your tickets!

Save the date:

Saturday, 21 September 2024

St John's Care Groceries Collection and Cake Stall—Jamison Centre

This year we are once again doing a collection of groceries and cake stall at the Jamison Centre to support the work of St John's Care. We would love your assistance on the day to invite shoppers at Coles and Aldi to purchase a few extra items to donate, or to do a shift on the cake stall. We are also looking for a cake stall coordinator and some willing bakers to donate cakes, jams, and other goodies to sell.

A roster will soon be put up on the back wall seeking volunteers to help.

In the meantime, please talk to Carol Kubanek
E: Carol.kubanek@gmail.com if you would like to help.



Covenant Care Winter Community Lunch

Please join Covenant Care as they host their winter community lunch on Thursday, 25th July, at 12:15pm for a 12:30pm start.

At this lunch, Dr Marilyn Clark will speak, exploring some Old Testament lessons which have been important to her as her time as an Old Testament and Hebrew lecturer at St. Mark's National Theological Centre, and as a Bible Study leader.

Please sign up for this lunch via the sheets on the sign-up board and let Rhonda know if you can help with setting up and/or baking a slice.

Cost is \$5. RSVP by 21st July, for catering.



Australian Network for Spiritual Direction

Quiet Day with Frances Mackay

Poetry as Prayer

On Saturday, 17th August the ANSD is hosting a quiet day at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.

Date & Time: 17th August, 2024. 9:30am-3pm.

Location: Chapel at the ACC&C.

Cost: \$30.

RSVP: 9th August to ansdact@gmail.com

For more details, please refer to the flyer on the noticeboard in the church.

PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ For young people, learning and studying in Ukraine, anxious about their future.
- ⇒ For people of the UK and France as new governments take office.
- ⇒ For peoples of the Caribbean recovering from Hurricane Beryl.

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ For union members discouraged by abusive leaders.
- ⇒ For young women and girls as they embark on new careers and learning opportunities.
- ⇒ For First Nations children and young people in the Northern Territory.

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
- ⇒ Pray for: Licensed Lay Ministers in Parishes and Ministry Units throughout the Diocese.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Sally, Dylan, Dougal and Jemima Mordike; Belinda and Philip Moss; Di Mutch, Melanie Cantwell and Ella and Lily; Maurice Nevile; and Tobias Nevile.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer (often for long term needs) including Barry & Sandra Button; Glenys Wimmer; Bev Chambers; Kath Arthur, Joh Sheehan, Celeste Sandstrom, Bruce Barnes and family, and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

- 21 July **Harry Reece Sharpe (d. 1994)**
22 July **Trevor Charles Lawrence (d. 2019)**

COLLECT

Eternal God,
author of our life and end of our pilgrimage:
guide us by your word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations,
that we may not wander from your way,
but may run our course in safety
until we come to our eternal rest in you;
through the grace of 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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BIRTHDAYS

23 July **Grace Freeman**

BIBLE READINGS

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a
Psalm 89: 21-38
Ephesians 2: 11-22
Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56