

HOLY COVENANT ANGLICAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY 15 JUNE 2025



TRINITY SUNDAY

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

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Meeting ID: 882 096 2366
Password: 033643

SUNDAY 15 JUNE
8am and 10am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher:
Rev'd Dr Wayne Brighton

WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE
12 Midday Communion Service
No services on 18 or 25 June

SUNDAY 22 JUNE
8am and 10am Holy Communion
Celebrant and Preacher:
Rev'd Wendy Robertson

Coming soon:
Parish Dinner—26 July

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TRINITY SUNDAY 15.6.25

In a world filled with uncertainty, divisions, warfare, rising costs, epidemics of anxiety and depression, climate crises and economic turbulence many people look for hope to counter the gloom. People hope for good exam results, for loving relationships, a good career, for material comfort, for good health. Often it is little more than wishful thinking or optimism.

Hope in the Christian context is the cornerstone of faith. It is woven through out Scripture as both a promise and way of life. We desire the Kingdom of Heaven and eternal life placing our trust in God's promises. We rely on the strength of God through the Holy Spirit. Hope in the Christian sense is imbued with passion and grounded in the final victory of the creative, self-expending, community forming love of the triune God. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to express the hope we have that the love of God will triumph over hate, justice over injustice, freedom over bondage, peace over war and life with God over death. And yet death seems so prevalent and pervasive in this world. How can this be reconciled with hope?

Jesus made it clear that suffering is an inherent part of following him. We are invited to accept our crosses as Jesus did. Unlike Buddhism that treats suffering as an illusion, the Christian faith faces it directly yet buoyed by hope that love will win.

In Romans 5, Paul reminds us to "glory in our sufferings". It is often in suffering that we are most vulnerable and seek to be closer to God. Suffering and hope are an inherent part of our life journey and are inextricably connected as the former gives birth to the latter. Christian hope is not a virtue enabling personal goal achievement. It is a response to God's gifts and promised intentions. Hope is based in relying in faith in God's actions. That action is manifest most clearly in the suffering of Christ and the overcoming of that pain and death through the resurrection. This is the ground for our hope that in raising Christ, no one is ever left behind.

Oliver Rodger

What is love?

For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3:16

What is love I thought as I sat reflecting in my sacred space looking around at the winter flowers in the garden fresh from the frost with the sun glistening on them like a myriad of shining crystals. The sight was something that stirred my soul, something more than just, 'that's nice.' Or perhaps its seeing the delight of the flock of cockatoos enjoying the last of the acorns on the oak trees or perhaps it's something that we give away and it becomes the best part of us.

Or is it the drooping posy of wild flowers offered by the sticky hand of a small child. All is love, given to us by the one who gives the greatest love - Jesus Christ.

May the God of love bless you and keep you always. Anne, servant of the Lord

Love - A bunch of wildflowers



Reaching milestones



Four years ago, a quiet but resilient family first walked through our doors—a

devoted mother and her two teenage children, each carrying more than their share of life's burdens. Over time, their faces have become familiar, and their story has become one of courage, hardship, and hope.

The family's struggles have been significant. The mother, a kind and soft-spoken woman, has faced ongoing financial hardship for years, doing her best to provide for her children. More recently, her world was turned upside down when she was diagnosed with cancer. As her health declined, the weight of day-to-day responsibilities began to fall more heavily on her children—two teenagers trying to navigate their own lives while caring for the person who has always cared for them.

Despite the immense pressure, these young people have shown remarkable determination. Over the years, St John's Care has supported them with regular food assistance, support with transport and prescriptions, a listening ear, and help managing the complex emotional toll of their situation. Sometimes, simply having someone to talk to—a place where they feel safe, seen and supported, makes all the difference.

Recently, the family's daughter reached out for help with something that felt out of reach amid the chaos: booking driving lessons and applying for university. Despite her drive and determination, she was limited by the necessary resources to achieve these goals. Together, we worked through each step—connecting her with the right supports, helping her complete applications, and encouraging her every step of the way.

Last week, she proudly received her provisional driver's licence, and just days later, she was accepted into university.

As she drove up the driveway to St John's Care, I reflected on how significant these moments are for her, and for her whole family. They are reminders that even in the darkest of times, hope can take root—and with the right support, people can begin to rebuild.

To our donors: thank you. Your kindness and generosity help us walk alongside families like this one, not just in times of crisis, but through the long, slow work of healing and growth. Your support makes stories like this possible.

Thank you,

Robbie Speldewinde Operations Manager

Items Required: Vegemite, cooking oil, chunky soup, Shampoo and conditioner, dishwashing liquid,

ELECTRIC HEATER REQUIRED—Luke comes to our office looking for help. He needs a space heater this winter. If you have one you don't need, drop it into the office. Thanks, Wayne



CELEBRATING OUR PARISH BIRTHDAY!

Our special guest will be Brendan Smyth, OSI.

Brendan is the ACT's Commissioner for International Engagement and a board member of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.

He has represented the ACT as a member of federal parliament and led the Liberal Party in the ACT Assembly.

He is actively engaged with his local Catholic parish in Canberra's south and has a unique perspective on Canberra's place in the world and how faith can help the city to flourish.

A silent auction will make for a lively evening together.

We'll be sharing in a Greek themed menu with lamb, chicken and a variety of vegetarian dishes and desserts.

Tickets for registration will open shortly.

OFFICE

Caity is not in the Office at the moment. Emails will be monitored and basic tasks will done. It would be great if people can keep requests on the Office to a minimum for the next couple of weeks. Wayne will be back in the office on Thursday 3 July.

Thank you.

Come and join us
at Covenant Care Day Hospice
for a
Magic Show with Phillip Bevan
on

Monday 7th July 11am
Come along with your children,
grandchildren,
young friends or the young at heart!

All welcome

Contact: Leanne (Covenant Care
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Rainbow Centre Update

The plumbing items and kitchen appliances have been installed, so just a couple of inside things remaining (such as the TV). The disability carparking space and back path have been concreted, with more concreting (the front patio) happening the week after next.



PRAYER POINTS

IN THE WORLD

- ⇒ May the strengths and achievements of refugees and people displaced by violence be appreciated so that the doorways of welcome remain open
- ⇒ As the need for institutional aged care grows around the world, may the rights, safety, and dignity of aged care residents be respected and strengthened
- ⇒ For the US as protests about democracy and immigration spread around the country

IN AUSTRALIA

- ⇒ Giving thanks for the opening of the new ACT Day Hospital and advanced pain management centre in the ACT
- ⇒ For the Country Women's Associations and their advocacy for healthcare, education and domestic violence prevention
- ⇒ For staff and students at ANU as further job cuts are expected.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- ⇒ Diocese of Melbourne
- ⇒ St Alban the Martyr, Woden
- ⇒ Arawang
- ⇒ St Luke's Early Learning Centre Chapman
- ⇒ Australian Federal Police Chaplains
- ⇒ Canberra Hospital, Garran: Chaplaincy team
- ⇒ Pray for: Ministry to mentally ill and depressed people; the work of Lifeline Canberra.

IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY

- ⇒ For all members of our parish family including Anne and Lindsay McDowell; Bryan McGuinness; Lynda McMinn; David Meggs; Rod and Ann Menzies; and Christine Mitchell.
- ⇒ We uphold those in special need of prayer (often for long term needs) including Barry & Sandra Button; Glenys Wimmer; Bev Chambers, Bruce Barnes, Megan McKay, Bob & Hilary Harris, Geoffrey Ross and anyone known to us personally.

COMMEMORATIONS

17 Jun Nicholas Scott Winders (d. 2015)
Elizabeth Grant (d. 2022)

COLLECT

Father, we praise you,
that through your Word and Holy Spirit
you created all things;
you reveal your salvation in all the world
through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh;
through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your
life and love:
fill us with the vision of your glory,
that we may always serve and praise you,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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BIRTHDAYS

16 Jun Sarah David-Hoole

BIBLE READINGS

Proverbs 8:1-4, 8-15a
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16: 12-15