

Please pray for:

International Community and Church in: Ireland, United Kingdom

The Anglican Communion: Luwero - (Uganda)

Churches in Australia: Indian Orthodox Church

Anglican Church of Australia: The Anglican Church of Australia

In the Diocese: The General Synod, Standing Committee, Boards, Committees and Commissions; General Secretary; the Bishops' Office, Diocesan Registrar/General Manager, and the staff of Diocesan Services, Anglican Investment Development Fund; the strengthening of relationships between the 23 Dioceses of the Australian Anglican Church, the development of our life and witness as a National Church and for our ecumenical relationships.

St Margaret's: Rev'd Chris Lockley and wife Madeleine and church Elders.

Our Parish: Erica Mathieson and Ray Williamson; Wardens and Parish Council, the Tucker box and Children's Ministry.

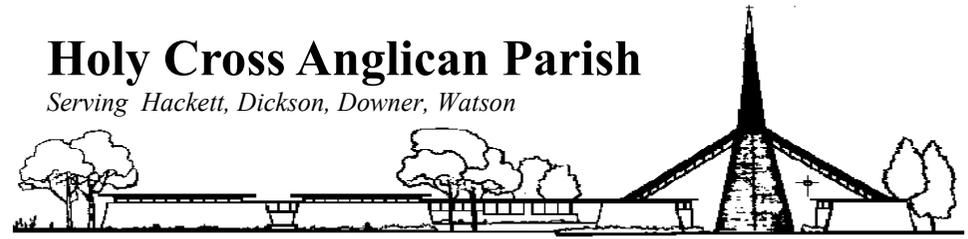
From the Parish Directory: John Haig, Jean Hambley, Toni Hassan & Peter Martin, Grace, Oliver and Lavinia, Michael and Doreen Htun.

People for Prayer: Miriam Rijven, June and Keith Burnett, Bryce and Kate Wilson

Give thanks for the life of: Eric Atkinson (4.2.83)

Holy Cross Anglican Parish

Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

1st February 2015

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends

Welcome to our Eucharist this morning. We bring ourselves, our joys and concerns to the God who loves us and meets us in Scripture, in shared bread and wine, and in our fellowship together. May you find fresh vision for your faith and strength and courage for your following Jesus from our worship.

The readings this morning invite us to explore the authority and power of Jesus. There is no question in Mark's mind that the authority, glory and power of God are revealed in Jesus and that these are very different from the way we normally think about them. The reading from Deuteronomy speaks about a prophet 'like Moses' who would arise—it became a dream of the Hebrew people and may be why they asked John the Baptist if he was 'the prophet'. As Epiphany gives us another perspective on the glory revealed in Jesus we find that he is far more than another Moses. In the gospel reading we are shown that Jesus had an authority in his teaching that went beyond that of the religious leaders and, by implication, beyond that of Moses. Then in his power to heal the demon-possessed man, Jesus revealed his divine authority. As the Psalmist sings, God has honoured God's promises, God has cared for us his human creatures, and God has given us one whose teaching gives wisdom and life. Paul warns us that we cannot take the glory and authority of Jesus and use it for our own glory—this more than food is his concern in speaking to the Corinthians. We need to be aware of others' needs and struggles and be sensitive to what is for the good of all.

Lent is only a little over two weeks away. You will find inside this pewsheet details of happenings on Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and during Lent. I look forward to seeing you at them.

God bless and be with you this week.

Erica

FOR NEXT SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

Minister of the Word

Rosemary Radford

Readings and Readers

Isaiah 40:21-31

Chris McLenaghan

Psalm 147:1-11

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Iris Forrest

Mark 1:29-39

Intercessor

John Nevile

Chalice

Jean Hambley

Organist

Susan Reid

Door

Joan Smith

Howard Smith

Welcomer

Morning Tea

Barbara Campbell

David Campbell

Counting

Adrian Wright

Sue Jordan

Cleaning

Patricia Stoddart

Children

Toni Hassan

Adrian Wright

Flowers

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All items for the pew sheet to **Lynda by Wednesday**, please.

SHROVE TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

We will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with dessert pancakes served in the Rectory. Please add your name to the list and join us. \$5 donation.

ASH WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday brings us to the beginning of Lent. We will observe it with the Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at both 10.00am and 6.00 pm.

LENT GROUPS

Two Lent Groups are planned, one on Sunday afternoons 4-5.30pm, the other on Monday mornings 10am, both in the Rectory. We will watch a series of DVD's on 'Questions in Christianity', with prayer and discussion. Please put your name on the lists at the back of the church if you will be attending.

St John's Care

We had a call from Fred, a young man who has been living in a tent in his friend's back yard, paying rent, but the Real Estate Agent found out and was not happy. The young man had to move. He had organised a private rental, \$170.00 per week, for furnished accommodation. Not sure what it is like but at least it is a roof over his head and is better than a tent. He arranged to pay the Rental Bond of \$680 for ACT Housing at \$20 per fortnight. So he thought he was finally housed. Unfortunately, the owner, as is his right, asked for 2 weeks rent in advance. He was not in a position to pay the \$340 required.

When he rang SJC asking for help I was doubtful. For us, it was a lot of money for one client, so to consider his request I needed a copy of the lease, an income statement from Centrelink, a copy of the approved agreement for the Rental Bond Loan and a current bank account statement. He turned up the next day with all the paperwork.

When I looked at the statement I was amazed. His Newstart Allowance had been paid in but his current balance was minus \$4.90. A couple of large sums of money had been taken out, which I questioned. He had been broke before Christmas so had taken out a couple small loans with an internet loan company. Unfortunately these loans are expensive, with setup fees and high interest rates, and they have to be repaid quickly. He has now finished paying and assures me that was the first and last time he will ever do it. He has no one to support him. He is only 28 and very alone. We paid the rent for him and he was delighted and very thankful. He has some mental health issues and I think that he would have found it very hard being "homeless". He went away with lots of food and was looking forward to his new accommodation and hopefully a new start.

My wish list for this week: tinned meat dishes, pasta meals and school supplies, such as A4 exercise books etc

Many thanks Sue

This Week

In the Parish

<i>Eucharist</i>	10.00 am	Wednesday
<i>Meditation</i>	5.30 pm	Wednesday
<i>Gardening Group</i>	9.00 am	Thursday
<i>Tuckerbox</i>	2.00 pm	Saturday

Welcome service for St Margaret's Minister Sunday 1st February 10.30am
The Rev'd Chris Lockley and his wife Madeleine will be welcomed at this service to St Margaret's, and members of Holy Cross are warmly invited.

Change of address.

Please add to your Parish Directory. Natalie and Hugh Collis, 79/15 Burnie St, Lyons, ACT, 2606. Ph. 02 6169 3579. Email - collisnh@esc.net.au

Parish Council News

At Friday's meeting, Council reflected on the highlights of last year, the disappointments of the year, matters of immediate concern and longer term plans for the parish. It was a very good process with the outcomes being prepared for the new Parish Council to use to help set its agenda for the coming year. More detail will follow the new Council's decisions. Thank you everyone who has contributed ideas.

Beyond this Week

In the Parish

Holy Cross Walking Group Tuesday 10th February 9.15 am
The walk will be at Weston Park. Meet in the church carpark. Morning tea at a cafe. Contact: Claire Lewis 6248 0302

Meg's Toy Box—Open Day Saturday 14th February 2.00 pm
There will be an open day with jumping castle, face painting etc for the first day of opening. The library caters for 3 months to 4 year-olds. New members welcome.

Parish AGM and AEM Sunday 15th February 10.30am
In preparation for the AGM, reports from parish groups need to be given to Lynda (preferably electronically) **today** for production of the Annual Report. It is important for us also to be thinking about those we wish to nominate as Church Wardens and Parish Council members. Forms are available today.

Beyond the Parish

CES Public Forum Thursday 12th February 7.30 pm
The speaker is Rev'd Dr Thorwald Lorenzen on "Free and Equal! Towards a more Humane Society". Forum Chair: Bishop George Browning. At the ACCC, Barton. Donation: \$5. Supper provided. Contact: Robyn Coghlan 6254 0487