

Please pray for:

International Community and Church in: Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Andorra, Monaco and San Marino

The Anglican Communion: Mbale - (Uganda)

Churches in Australia: Roman Catholic Church

Anglican Church of Australia: The Anglican Church of Australia, the Primate, General Synod, Standing Committee, Boards, Committees and Commissions, the Bishops' Office, Diocesan Registrar, AID 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.

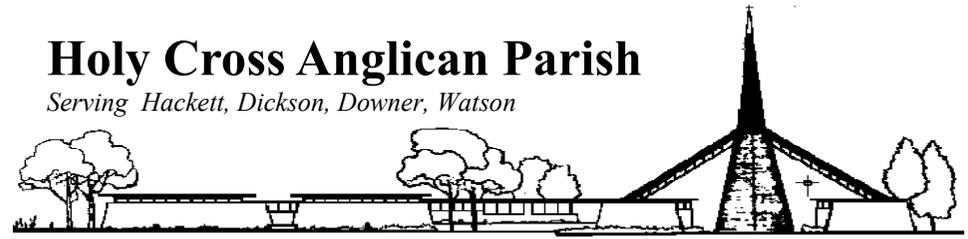
Our Parish: Erica Mathieson and Ray Williamson; Wardens and Parish Council, the Tucker box and Children's Ministry.

From the Parish Directory: Chris Nailor, John and Fay Nevile, Toni O'Keefe and Karen Moloney, Myles and Aida.

People for Prayer: June and Keith Burnett, Jackie and Brush Gordon-Smith, Bryce and Kate Wilson, Miriam Rijken, Harley Woodruff

Holy Cross Anglican Parish

Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson



Second Sunday in Lent 1st March 2015

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to see you at Holy Cross this morning, and I welcome you as we come together for worship on this second Sunday in Lent.

Each year, Lent reminds us that we are invited to walk in Jesus' steps: to go with him into the difficult places, the vulnerable places, to struggle with whatever is false, whatever prevents us becoming a little more like our true selves - a self centred on God. Today, the gospel passage expresses that Lenten invitation rather starkly, as we hear Jesus' challenge: *deny yourself, and take up your cross and follow me*. The 'cross' had only one connotation in the Roman Empire, so Mark's first readers could not have missed the terrible implications of such a saying. But it was not as though he was goading them to heroic martyrdom. He was introducing the central paradox of the Gospel: the paradox of losing our life to gain our life. Jesus' challenge to his followers, to us, is a challenge to a lifelong dedication to costly discipleship. It is the struggle to move from the self-centred 'me' to the 'me' that is bigger, broader, more compassionate and loving, becoming more God-centred.

Our Lenten Study Groups continue this week. The two groups meet in the Rectory this afternoon at 4.00 and tomorrow morning at 10.00. We will be exploring two further *Questions in Christianity*. If you would like to join one of the groups, please know that you will be most welcome.

I also want to remind you of the working bee next Saturday. It will be held in two sessions, morning and afternoon. Many hands will guarantee the work being done quickly and effectively.

Every blessing for this week,

Erica

FOR NEXT SUNDAY 8TH MARCH

Minister of the Word

Kirsty Baker

Readings and Readers

Exodus 20:1-17 Hugh Collis

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Barbara Campbell

John 2:13-22

Intercessor

Sue Jordan

Chalice

Adrian Wright

Organist

Susan Reid

Door

Chris Ledger

Geoff Alves

Welcomer

Volunteer

Morning Tea

Howard & Joan Smith

Sandra Blaik

Counting

Tony Jordan

David Campbell

Cleaning

Susan Reid

Michael Braund

Children

Patricia Stoddart

Nichola Worrall

Flowers

Lent

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

SENIORS' CELEBRATION AND LUNCH

Wednesday 18th March

Speaker: **Graham Downie on 'Life as a Journalist'**

The day begins with a service of celebration at 10am followed by morning tea
Graham Downie will speak
We share a chicken and champagne lunch
There is no charge but booking is essential on 6248 5327.



St John's Care

St Peter's Weston did their monthly collection for SJC and Norm sent me an email. "A very rewarding day in terms of food. As I spent all morning accepting gifts I got to say thanks to a lot of people. What was great was the number saying "thanks for what you are doing". One very touching encounter, a lady handed me a bag of goodies and when I thanked her she quietly said "You have fed me before". Grown men don't cry!!" It made me think about some of the 21 clients we have seen today and their struggles. Some need a lot of support; some only a little to get them over a rough patch.

- One young woman is a fairly regular client. She has a child 18 months, a baby 6 months and another on the way. I think she will be a client for a while.
- Another woman has never been before. Her family is having a hard time. She has 2 children aged 2 and 5 and her husband has a reasonable job. Normally they can just survive. Last week the family travelled to Tasmania for the funeral of her 25 year old sister. It has ruptured the budget. She found us on the internet and was amazed by the support she received. I am sure that they will be back on their feet in the near future.
- A young woman, 17, has just moved into an ACT Housing Flat. She has been with Care and Protection for most of her life. Sometimes she was able to live with her Dad but it never lasted for long. He was abusive and neglected her. She does not know her Mum. She has furniture but no food. SJC soon solved that dilemma. I have asked her to come back but I am not sure that she will. What a hard life this child has had.
- The next young man is 20. He is homeless and has been living in his car for the past year. He used to stay with his Mum, but then Mum would get drunk and violent. Sadly his car, which was also his home, has broken down and he cannot move it. That causes problems with the police. Thanks to your generosity it will be fixed this week and at least he can live in it for a little longer.

My wish list for this week: tinned fish, tinned meat dishes and your commitment to St John's Care. The problems are getting worse but you are wonderful supporters.
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>Choir</i>	6.30 pm	Thursday
<i>Tuckerbox</i>	2.00 pm	Saturday

Lent Groups **Sunday 4pm, Monday 10am**
In the Rectory

Rosters

The Sunday rosters are being prepared for April, including Easter Day, and May. Please let Sue Jordan know if you will be away during this period, 6247 7563 or email.

Quiet Day for Lent

Tuesday 3rd March 10 am until 3.15 pm

We will explore Ezekiel's 'Dry Bones' (and our experience of such times) and the possibility of life through the breath of God's Spirit. MT provided; BYO lunch. If you are able to attend or have any questions, please contact Joan on 62510374.

Parish Connectors

Friday 6th March 5.30pm

In the Rectory

Parish Working Bee

Saturday 7th March 9am & 4.30pm

We will give the church its annual thorough clean. If you can help, please come with dusters, rags etc. The split time allows for cleaning the annex after Tuckerbox.

Following are new contact details for Grace Mya

Email: gmya46@gmail.com Address: 6 Comet Street, Amaroo, ACT, 2914

Beyond the Parish

Peace in our Time.

Tuesday 3rd March 7.30pm

Sarah Thompson, the Executive Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, will speak at St Mark's Barton. CPT works in places of conflict through nonviolent direct action.

World Day of Prayer service

Friday 6th March

At 11am, St Paul's, Manuka, with a light lunch after.

At 7pm, Queanbeyan Uniting, cnr Rutledge and Crawford Streets. Bring a plate.

Beyond this Week

In the Parish

Holy Cross Walking Group

Tuesday 10th March 9.15 am

The walk will be Sullivans Creek. Meet in the church carpark. Morning tea @ cafe.
Contact: Barbara Campbell 6249 8853