

*Please pray for:*

**International Community and Church in:** Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda

**The Anglican Communion:** Ngbo - (Enugu, Nigeria)

**Churches in Australia:** Assyrian Church of the East

**Anglican Church of Australia:** Diocese of Armidale

**The Diocese:** St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn, Goulburn Mental Health Service Chaplaincy, Anglicare Canberra and Goulburn, the Cathedral Chapter, and all aspects of the ministry of St Saviour's Cathedral.

**St Margaret's:** Rev'd Chris Lockley and his wife Madeleine and the church Elders, Ross Walker Lodge.

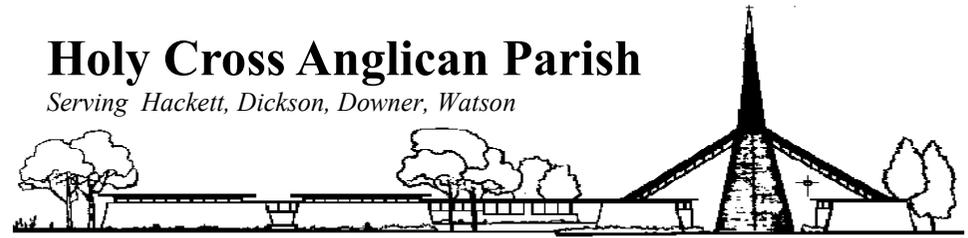
**Our Parish:** Erica Mathieson and Ray Williamson; Wardens and Parish Council, the Tuckerbox, Choir and Children's Ministry.

**From the Parish Directory:** Jennifer Blaik, Sandra Blaik, Murray, Rohan and Nicola, Maree Blundell, Michael Braund and Sue Reid, John and Jane Briggs.

**People for Prayer:** Irena Kurek-Braden, John Tyler, Audrey Aedy, Jackie and Brush Gordon-Smith, June and Keith Burnett, Bryce and Kate Wilson.

## Holy Cross Anglican Parish

*Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson*



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

3rd May 2015

### *The Rector Writes*

Dear Friends,

Christ is risen. Alleluia! I offer you a warm welcome to Holy Cross for our celebration of the Eucharist. May our worship challenge us to live as those who bear the fruit of the good news of Jesus.

I am very pleased to offer a special welcome to the Reverend Chris Lockley who is with us as our preacher this morning. His presence is a tangible sign of our ecumenical partnership with St Margaret's, and I am particularly glad that he has been able to join us today.

The image of the vine in the gospel passage this morning is a radically non-hierarchical picture of the people of God. All the branches grow from the central stock and are differentiated only by their fruitfulness. This, John says, is what the relationship is like between Jesus and the new community that grows from his death and resurrection. The community expresses the life of Jesus—and this is the meaning of 'fruit' in John's gospel. We bear fruit when our words and actions reflect the love and goodness of God. This expression of love is also the subject of John's first letter—the practical expression of love that makes a difference to those in our neighbourhood whether we think of that in global or local terms.

Please remember that the study series, 'Questions in Christianity', re-commences in the Rectory this afternoon at 4 pm, and you are more than welcome to join us even though you may not have been to the earlier sessions.

I also want to remind you of our Trinity Progressive Lunch. Please add your name to the list in the annex, and I would also be grateful if you would indicate on that list whether you are willing to be a host for the main course. The cost is \$15 each.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

*Erica*

### FOR NEXT SUNDAY

10TH MAY

#### Minister of the Word

Chris Ledger

#### Readings and Readers

Acts 10:44-48

Anne Medling

Psalms 98

1 John 5:1-12

Sue Jordan

John 15:9-17

#### Intercessor

Sue Jordan

#### Chalice

David Campbell

#### Organist

Grace Mya

#### Door

Sue Jordan

Tony Jordan

#### Children

Dorothy Mackenzie

#### Morning Tea

Barbara Campbell

David Campbell

#### Counting

Sue Jordan

Adrian Wright

#### Cleaning

Sandra Blaik

#### Flowers

Dorothy Mackenzie

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

# Disaster relief for Nepal

After the earthquake disaster in Nepal, many organisations are seeking donations, and you can offer support through:



- **National Council of Churches:**  
9299 2215; [actforpeace.org.au](http://actforpeace.org.au)
- **Anglican Board of Mission:**  
1300 302663; [abmission.org](http://abmission.org)
- **Red Cross:**  
1800 811 700 [redcross.org.au](http://redcross.org.au)
- **UNICEF:** 1300 884 233, [unicef.org.au](http://unicef.org.au)

## St John's Care

An update on 16 year old Mary. Zack our Youth Worker has been able to establish Mary's identity so this week she will receive Youth Allowance. Although she will not be living with her family, this week she will be moving to Queensland. Zack is trying to get her into a Refuge on the Gold Coast. Hopefully this move will work out for her.

When all this was resolved I felt a little happier until Zack said 'Sue, I would like you to meet Freda, she needs help'. She too is 16, can no longer live at home, so is 'couch surfing' at a friend's house. She too has no income, because she has no ID. She needed warm clothes and most importantly some credit on her mobile phone. Thankfully we were able to help her with those. Zack is working on the ID to get her on Youth Allowance. It really is unfair what some kids have to put up with.

On a happier note: Friday afternoon we had a Mum in who was a first time visitor. Due to some unexpected bills she was short of money and needed food for her family of 5 for the weekend. While talking with the volunteers, she mentioned that her son, who suffers from ADHD, was turning 10. She had invited a few of his friends to a party, but was now so short of money she was not sure what she was going to do. I have never seen the Volunteers move so quickly. They assembled a Birthday Present and a Birthday Party for her son. We always keep a few presents on hand! This Mum was lucky and was able to have a choice of gifts - something she thought her son would like.

Thanks to your generosity, our Mum went home with lots of normal food for the family plus a cake mix and candles for the Birthday Cake, decorations and lots of party food, even some small bags of lollies for the guests. She was so relieved and appreciated the kindness that she started to cry. She had not known about SJC until that morning, but I think she will remember the kindness she received that day for a long time.

My wish list for this week: savoury biscuits, dehydrated pasta meals, shampoo and tinned tuna.

Many thanks,

*Sue*

## This Week

### In the Parish

<i>Eucharist</i>	10.00 am	Wednesday
<i>Meditation</i>	5.00 pm	Wednesday
<i>Gardening Group</i>	9.00 am	Thursday
<i>Choir</i>	6.30 pm	Thursday
<i>Tuckerbox</i>	2.00 pm	Saturday

### Recipes.

A reminder to send Bev Scott recipes for the Holy Cross Cookbook. The cut off date will be the end of July so that it can be printed in the lead up to the fete. Thank you to everyone who has already given a recipe. We need lots more. Send your favourites to [wallacescott@grapevine.net.au](mailto:wallacescott@grapevine.net.au)

### *Questions in Christianity*                      **Sunday 3rd May**                      **4.00pm**

This series using a DVD with discussion continues in the Rectory today, then 17th and 24th of May. All are welcome, previous attendance is not necessary. Please let Erica know if you would like to come.

### *Holy Cross Walking Group*                      **Tuesday 5th May**                      **9.15 am**

The walk will be Dickson wetlands, with morning tea @ café. We meet in the church car park. Contact: Jean Hambley 6248 9527.

### *Choir*                      **Thursday 7th May**                      **6.30pm**

There will be a Musical Evening featuring the Choir in September in association with Holy Cross Day. Practice begins on May 7th. If you enjoy singing, please come along. For further details please see Susan Reid.

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## Beyond this Week

### In the Parish

### *Parish Council*                      **Friday 15th May**                      **5.30 pm**

The Parish Council will hold its monthly meeting in the small hall on Friday week.

### *Trinity Progressive Lunch*                      **Sunday 31st May**                      **12.00 noon**

Our annual Trinity Progressive Lunch is being organised again this year. We gather in the hall for soup, go in smaller groups to a parishioner's home for the main course, and come back together for dessert. Cost: \$15. Please add your name to the list in the annex if you are able to come.

### Beyond the Parish

### *The Bishop's Conference*                      **Saturday 16th May**

The Bishop's Conference is being held in Goulburn next Saturday week. Mark Sayer, Frances Sutherland and the Rector will be representing the parish.