

*Please pray for:*

**International Community and Church in:** Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela

**The Anglican Communion:** Oyo - (Ibadan, Nigeria)

**Churches in Australia:** Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

**Anglican Church of Australia:** Diocese of Bathurst

**The Diocese:** St Mark's National Theological Centre; Centre for Ageing and Pastoral Studies; all being prepared for ministries, both ordained and lay, the process of selection of candidates.

**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, Children's Ministry.

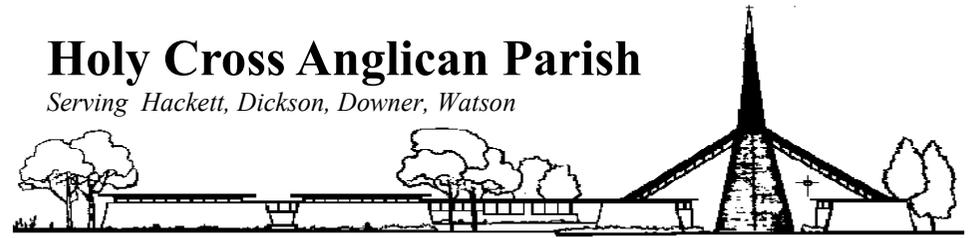
**From the Parish Directory:** Marjorie Sharp, Howard and Joan Smith, Richard and Patricia Stoddart, Tony Strain, Margaret Swift.

**People for Prayer:** June and Keith Burnett, Elizabeth, Eleanor, Irena Kurek-Bradén, Jackie and Brush Gordon-Smith, Bryce and Kate Wilson.

**Give thanks for the life of:** John Hambley (11.7.2009)

## Holy Cross Anglican Parish

*Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson*



## Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 5th July 2015

### *The Rector Writes*

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Holy Cross this morning to the Eucharist where we bring our joys and concerns from the week to God, and find again God's hospitality and love, forgiveness and new strength for the week ahead. May you be blessed through the worship today.

In this Sunday's readings a common theme is the place of faith in a world that does not want to know, and our role as individuals and a community to be prophetic in our strong, gentle and persistent living the gospel. In the reading from the prophet Ezekiel God commissions Ezekiel to proclaim to the people in exile that though they are hard-hearted and rebellious, and whether they listen or not, God is with them and longs that they be people of faith. Psalm 123 indicates the life of faith is to pay attention to God even in the midst of opposition and mockery. In writing to the Corinthians Paul rejects the boasting of the 'super-apostles', refuses to boast in anything except his weaknesses. He finds in the pattern of Christ's death and resurrection reproduced in his life a power that energises and brings joy. So he celebrates his weaknesses for it is in them that God's strength is made perfect. The gospel passage brings Jesus to his home town where the people reject him because they know him, and find no reason to honour him. Jesus finds no openness to the healing he would give, no faith, and is amazed. He then sends the twelve out in pairs, without resources, and they go, preaching, healing, and casting out demons. In each case, success is not measured by response but by faithfulness to the God who calls and sends.

Please note the item about our combined lunch with St Margaret's on the last Sunday in July. It would be lovely if as many of us as possible come along to meet and mingle and enrich the relationship we have.

May God bless you richly in the week ahead,

*Erica*

### FOR NEXT SUNDAY 12TH JULY

**Minister of the Word**

Chris Ledger

**Readings and Readers**

Amos 7:7-14

Natalie Collis

Psalm 85:8-13

Ephesians 1:1-14

Sandra Blaik

Mark 6:14-29

**Intercessor**

Chris Ledger

**Chalice**

Adrian Wright

**Organist**

Natalie Collis

**Door**

Margaret Atkinson

Geetha Amarasingham

**Welcoming**

Rosemary Radford

**Morning Tea**

Sue Jordan

Tony Jordan

**Counting**

Richard Stoddart

David Campbell

**Cleaning**

Sandra Blaik

**Flowers**

Patricia Stoddart

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

## UPDATE—NEW MONASTICISM

New monasticism describes a movement, now about 30 years old, of people who come together in intentional communities so that they can deepen their Christian discipleship. The communities follow a 'rule of life' that includes prayer, bible study, worship, hospitality, care of creation and social action, doing these things together with the understanding that being an alternative in the midst of society's materialism and individualism is easier/better done with others. The movement is new in that some communities include single and married people, and those who continue their work in business and industry. The Archbishop of Canterbury has established a community at Lambeth Palace that allows 16 young people to live, pray, learn and work with others for 12 months. It is vastly oversubscribed.

### *St John's Care*

Following up Zack's Pew Sheet last week. Zack has been to Bimberi this week to visit Mary. She is still positive and looking forward to starting with the hairdresser after her release. And we have to say thank you to the hairdresser for giving her a chance. Zack is in America for the next couple of weeks, representing Australia in the World Gridiron Competition.

At the moment SJC is a little short of volunteers: retirement, European summer and passports - a lethal combination for anyone trying to fill a Roster in Canberra in winter. I only have a 3 weeks left to make you aware that there are two Canberras. The one that you and I know: good housing, heating, a car so that we can visit attractions in the city. But there is a hard side to Canberra.

Today, because we were short of volunteers, I was allowed to spend time on the floor and this is what I will miss the most when I leave.

The first woman I saw has escaped from a domestic violence situation. At the moment she and her young son, Fred just 8, are living in a safe house, but they are finding it difficult to manage financially. Her son is still attending his old school so each morning and afternoon they both have to travel back there. I know it doesn't sound financially draining but it is. Because Fred is 8 she has been changed from the Sole Parenting Payment to Newstart Allowance ie she has lost about \$150 a fortnight. Very hard when you are on a fixed income.

This was the first time that she had ever had to ask for help. We had a great chat, I think she was pleased that she could talk to someone about her situation. Eventually I asked her what type of food they would like. She preferred to have non-processed foods, so thanks to our Oz Harvest friends we had plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables for her to choose from and we were able to provide her with some bread, margarine and meat and lots of things for Fred's lunches. She was so relieved with the food I was able to give her, so I asked why. They had run out of money and she had not been able to buy bus tickets or food for school lunches, so Fred had not been to school for the past few days. No excuse now, Fred has bus tickets and food. Thank you for your support.

My wish list for this week: children's and adult toothpaste and brushes.

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>Tuckerbox</i>	2.00 pm	Saturday

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## Beyond this Week

### In the Parish.

#### *Combined Lunch*

**Sunday 26th July 12.30 pm**

A combined lunch with St Margaret's congregation – this is a great opportunity to strengthen our cooperating relationship. There will be good food, opportunities for conversation, mixing and fun. Please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church if you are able to come. Cost \$10

#### *Questions in Christianity*

**Sundays 2nd and 9th August 4pm**

In the Rectory. These sessions continue the DVD programme on questions and issues in Christian faith, with discussion.

### Beyond the Parish

#### *Australians for Justice and Peace in Palestine* **Tuesday 14th July 5.30 pm**

Guest speaker the Hon. Bob Carr, at the Copland Lecture Theatre, ANU. Information: Dr Kevin Bray 0406 376 878.

#### *St John's Care Farewell to Sue Jordan* **Friday 17th July 5.30—7.00pm**

Members of Holy Cross are invited to join the farewell to Sue Jordan at St John's Parish Hall, Reid. RSVP by 10th July to Robyn Body, admin@stjohnscare.org.au. Contributions to a gift for Sue can be made by phoning Robyn 6248 7771

#### *Hope and Hospitality*

**Thursday 30th July 7.30 pm**

St Simon's Anglican, Kaleen. Join with other churches to share the joys and challenges of helping refugees and new arrivals. To get involved contact Revd Dr Wayne Brighton 0407 408 333.

#### *Time with Mark Berry*

**Sunday 16th August 3-5.00pm**

At the ACC&C, \$30 or 5 people for \$100. Mark Berry works with CMS in the UK and will speak on 'Fresh Expressions—Life behind the hype: the story of "safespace", and the new monasticism'. See noticeboard

#### *Car Boot Sale*

**Saturday 22nd August**

Let your friends know. Cost of a space \$20. Contact Chris Ledger to book.