

Please pray for:

International Community and Church in: Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia

The Anglican Communion: Rochester (USA)

Churches in Australia: Syrian Orthodox Church

Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn .

The Diocese: Bishop-in-Council and the Ministry Executive, Diocesan Treasurer, the Anglican Church Property Trust and The Pelican Foundation; Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture; All Saints' Ainslie; Holy Cross, Hackett; Brindabella Court; growth of the Pelican Foundation and the Anglican Investment Development Fund.

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; and Children's Ministry.

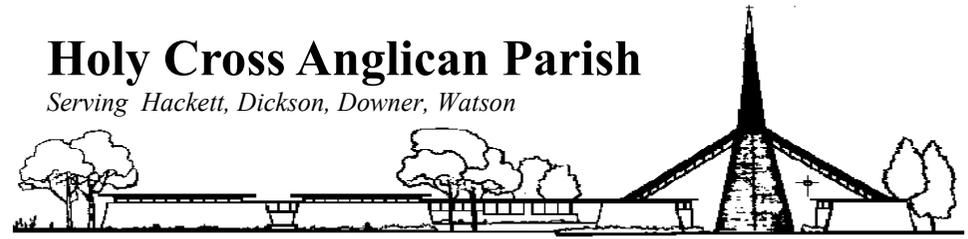
From the Parish Directory: Maree Blundell, Michael Braund and Susan Reid, John and Jane Briggs, Anke Burns.

People for Prayer: Keith Burnett, Irena Kurek-Bradén, Eleanor, Jackie and Brush Gordon-Smith, Anita Faulks.

Give thanks for the life of: Gladys Salisbury (15.8.2000), Muriel Ramage (16.8.07)

Holy Cross Anglican Parish

Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 9th August 2015

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our Parish Eucharist this morning. May our worship together today lead us more deeply into the grace and compassion of Jesus, and may that grace and compassion be seen in us a little more as we go about our lives this week.

The readings today focus us on God's goodness and they then encourage us to reflect that goodness to others. In the gospel reading, as we continue in John 6, Jesus proclaims himself as the bread of life, and responds to his critics by comparing the life that he gives to the manna that their Hebrew ancestors ate in the wilderness. That was a bread which could not keep them from death, but, Jesus says, he gives life that does not end. God is the one who feeds a despondent Elijah who is hiding in the desert from a vengeful Jezebel, in 1 Kings. God provides food, and then instructs Elijah to get up and he travels to Horeb, the mountain of God. Psalm 34 is a psalm of thanksgiving in which the psalmist encourages others to join him in praising God for God's salvation, and all are encouraged to "taste and see" that God is good. The writer of the letter to the Ephesians instructs believers about how to live as true followers of Christ – to be honest with one another and encouraging, to avoid anger and slander, and to choose instead the way of forgiveness and compassion. The instruction is summed up in the saying, 'be imitators of God, and live in love, as Christ loved us'.

It is only two weeks to the car boot sale. What we need most of all is people to come so please let your family, neighbours and friends know that it is on. We will have a Holy Cross space so if you have things you no longer need, please bring them along.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Erica

FOR NEXT SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST

Minister of the Word

Rosemary Radford

Welcome

Iris Forrest

Intercessor

John Nevile

Door

Dorothy Mackenzie
Adrian Wright

Counting

Dorothy Mackenzie
Richard Stoddart

Readings and Readers

Proverbs 9:1-6 Fay Nevile

Psalm 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:11-21 Michelle Osborne

John 6:51-58

Chalice

Chris Ledger

Sunday School

Patricia Stoddart
Nichola Worrall

Cleaning

Mark Sayer
Dee Baird

Organist

Grace Mya

Morning Tea

Barbara Campbell
David Campbell

Flowers

St Margaret's

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



Thank you to everyone who helped with refreshments at the funeral for June Burnett. It was greatly appreciated.

BURMA FLOOD APPEAL

Burma/Myanmar has been hit by one of the worst floods in living memory. The latest news is that at least 69 people have been killed and over 260,000 people are affected in most regions of the west of the country.

The Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) is in communication with the Anglican Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM) who report need of emergency supplies of food and medicines. Parish Priest, Rev'd Myint Htoo, says, 'We need rice but more, we need drinking water urgently. School is closed and children are at home'. ABM is aiming to raise \$50,000 to meet these immediate needs. All donations will be forwarded to CPM, as they seek to help and then rebuild the many communities affected by this disaster.

Please keep praying for the people affected by the flood waters, for the CPM, its clergy and people, and all aid and government agencies who are assisting in the relief efforts.

Donations can be placed, clearly marked, in the offertory plate, or made on the ABM website: <http://www.abmission.org/appeals.php/32/myanmar-burma-flood>



St John's Care

I have begun meeting with local agencies/providers/supporters and am impressed with the high regard in which St John's Care is held in the local community. I am keen to re-establish our connections under a new Director and ensure that we have the right partnerships/networks in place so we can provide the maximum assistance and support for our clients.

This week is Homelessness Prevention Week, an annual week coordinated by Homelessness Australia. This year's theme is "Step up to end homelessness". In my very short time in Canberra I have been made aware of the significant issue of homelessness in our local community and I know that Sue wrote regularly about this. I visited Safe Shelter in Braddon on Tuesday night. Safe Shelter provides simple overnight accommodation for up to 8 homeless men on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights during the winter months. The basis for the Safe Shelter project is that inner city church halls are often unused overnight and, on selected nights, could provide safe, warm places for at least some of the homeless men seeking shelter in Canberra. I encourage you to think about how we all might step up to end homelessness and to keep the needs of people who are homeless in your prayers.

Wish list: rice, large tins of tuna, tins of fruit

Many thanks, *Stuart Davis-Meehan*

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

Choir

The choir is in recess until Thursday 10th September when it will recommence at 6.30pm in the church.

Questions in Christianity

9th August 4pm

In the Rectory. This session continues the DVD programme on questions and issues in Christian faith, with discussion.

Holy Cross Walking Group

Tuesday 11th August 9.15 am

The walk will be at Black Mountain Peninsula, bring morning tea.. Meet in the church carpark to leave at 9:15am. Contact: Pat Tippetts 6257 2204

Parish Connectors

Saturday 15th August 5.00 pm

We meet in the Rectory in preparation for Holy Cross Day.

Beyond the Parish.

Winter Quiet Day

Saturday 15th August 9.30 am –4.00 pm

By the Rev'd Susanna Pain at St Mark's, Barton, this is an opportunity for reflection and spiritual refreshment. BYO lunch. RSVP on 0418 637 469 or susanna.pain@gmail.com

Beyond this Week

In the Parish

Holy Cross Car Boot Sale

Saturday 22nd August

Cost is \$20 per space. Please book through Chris Ledger 6262 5975. Please let family and friends know, and bring them along on the day.

Beyond the Parish

Christians for an Ethical Society.

Thursday 27th August 6.30pm

This is a Dinner Forum with speaker Tim Costello AO. "Fortress Australia— myth or reality". \$50 for 3 course meal with drinks at Bella Vista Restaurant Belconnen. Bookings close August 19. Robyn Coghlan 6254 0487 admin@ces.org.au

St Philip's Community Spring Fling Saturday 5th September, 11.30am - 3.30pm