

Please pray for:

International Community and Church in: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama

The Anglican Communion: Peru - (South America)

Churches in Australia: Roman Catholic Church

Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Grafton

The Diocese: Holy Covenant, Jamison, Christ Church, Hawker, Ginninderra Gardens Residential Aged Care, Calvary Hospital, Clare Holland House, St James', Holt, Anglicare activities caring for and supporting older people in nursing homes, hostels, independent living units and in the general community; for staff and volunteers.

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.

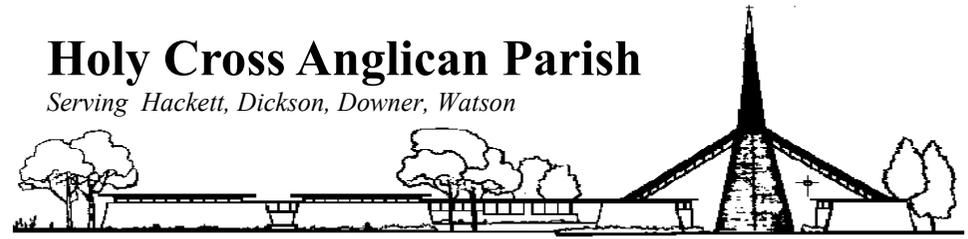
From the Parish Directory: Pat Tippetts, Freddie Turnbull, Ann Walsh

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

Give thanks for the life of: John Hambley (11.7.2009), Robert Woodruff

Holy Cross Anglican Parish

Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 12th July 2015

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

I warmly welcome you to Holy Cross this Sunday as we meet to celebrate the Eucharist. May you find new vision and strength for your journey as a disciple of Jesus as you worship.

Between last Sunday's gospel passage about the mission of the twelve, and next Sunday's passage, the feeding of the 5000, Mark places the account of the beheading of John the Baptist. The position of the story is significant as it looks backwards and forwards to the consequences of preaching a gospel of repentance. The flow of Mark's structure implies that as it was for John the Baptist and all the prophets who preceded him, so it will be for Jesus and those whom Jesus sends to continue his mission. It is a reminder that resistance to God's ways is a constant of human history. One of the prophets of the past who struggled to be heard was Amos from whose book of oracles we read today. Amos lived in the 8th century BCE and was not associated with any shrine or court or wandering band of prophets but was called from his work as an agricultural labourer to speak God's 'truth to power'. Amaziah, the priest, wants only words that will maintain the status quo and flatter the king. But Amos has only words that disturb the status quo—he calls for justice, and an end of corruption and inhumanity. He sees the destruction that these actions bring. Amaziah, speaking for King Jeroboam, orders Amos to go elsewhere. The letter to the Ephesians, from which we will read for the next seven weeks, outlines the rich blessings God longs to give us—life, salvation, joy, holiness, unity. Most scholars hold that the letter was not written by Paul but by one of his close disciples who wanted to encourage the church by collecting, editing and circulating aspects of Paul's teaching. Ephesians is cosmic in scope, praising God for God's plan to unite all things in Christ.

I remind you of the combined lunch to be held on 26th July. I hope you will plan to come. See inside for details.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Erica

FOR NEXT SUNDAY 19TH JULY

Minister of the Word

Richard Stoddart

Readings and Readers

Jeremiah 23.1-16 Mark Sayer

Psalm 23

Ephesians 2.11-22 Jennifer Blaik

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Intercessor

Sue Jordan

Chalice

Jean Hambley

Organist

Grace Mya

Door

Ann Walsh

Audrey Aedy

Welcoming

Adrian Wright

Morning Tea

Frances Sutherland

Sandra Blaik

Counting

John Briggs

Adrian Wright

Cleaning

Frances Sutherland

Geetha Amarasingham

Flowers

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

Poem

Somewhere someone

The kingdom of God's love is coming because:
somewhere someone is kind when others are unkind,
somewhere someone shares with another in need,
somewhere someone refuses to hate, while others hate,
somewhere someone is patient - and waits in love,
somewhere someone returns good for evil,
somewhere someone serves another, in love,
somewhere someone is calm in a storm,
somewhere someone is loving everybody.
Is that someone you?

Author Unknown

St John's Care

It is about this time of year I always write about begging and not giving money. There is a lot of homelessness in Canberra, and because of the weather people find it very difficult. One of the rough sleepers told me that his body was always so tired in winter, because at night you hold your body tight trying to keep the warmth so in that in the morning you wake up stiff and very tired.

Each morning this week we have seen a fellow at SJC. He is rough sleeping near one of our national attractions. He has a heavily loaded shopping trolley and comes each morning for coffee and something to eat and then disappears for the day.

Then I go to my local Shopping Centre and there are two young men sitting on the pavement outside the supermarket with their cap in front of them begging. I do not believe that either of these young men is homeless; it is just an easy way to make a bit of money.

There also seems to be a lot of begging going on in the city and the Bus Interchanges – “I just need enough money for a bus ticket, or money for a sandwich or a cup of coffee. I have just had my wallet stolen and I can't get home”.

My advice for what it is worth – please don't give money or take your wallet out.

If they want food – offer to take them to a coffee shop and buy them a sandwich and coffee – if they are genuine, they will accept and you can pay in the company of others, if not they will just drift off into the crowd. If they want a bus ticket – offer to take them to the Bus Interchange and pay for their bus fare.

Tell them where St John's Care is (open Monday to Friday 9:30am- 2:00pm) with a free lunch on the First Friday of the Month and we will help them.

Unfortunately, handing out money is not always the solution; sometimes it just feeds a nasty habit.

My wish list for this week: shampoo, conditioner, little tubs of fruit for school lunches.

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

Holy Cross Walking Group **Tuesday 14th July 9.15 am**

The walk will be a Watson Walk, Morning tea @ café. Meet in the church carpark.
Contact: Pat Tippetts 6257 2204

Church Recipe Book

Many thanks to all who have sent recipes. The cut-off is the end of July and more recipes are needed, especially for MAINS and DESSERTS. Bev Scott eagerly awaits your favourites. Send to wallacescott@grapevine.net.au This is a fete project.

Beyond the Parish.

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

Guest speaker the Hon. Bob Carr, at the Manning Clarke Lecture Theatre 1, ANU.
Information: Dr Kevin Bray 0406 376 878. Note change of venue.

St John's 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.

Beyond this Week

In the Parish.

Combined Lunch **Sunday 26th July 12.30 pm**

There will be a combined lunch with St Margaret's congregation—this is a wonderful new 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 payable to Sue Jordan.

Beyond the Parish

Cafe@ Limestone **Monday 20 July 7.30 pm—9.00 pm**

Geoff Alves will speak on 'Tales of a grocer's son' with stories behind popular supermarket products. Coffee and cake (\$5.50). Church of Christ Hall, 82 Limestone Ave, Ainslie. RVSP 16 July to Chris and Geoff 6262 5975 or Gwenyth 6251 2087.

Hope and Hospitality **Thursday 30th July 7.30 pm**

St Simon's Anglican, Kaleen. Helping refugees and new arrivals. Ph. 0407 408 333.