

Please pray for:

International Community and Church in: Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

The Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Churches in Australia: Coptic Orthodox Church in Australia

Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Ysabel, Solomon Islands.

In the Diocese: Good Shepherd, Curtin & Cross Cultural Ministry, Fred Ward Residential Aged Care/Hostel, Curtin, St Peter's Weston, All Souls', Chapman, organisations offering counselling and support to families and individuals.

St Margaret's: Rev'd Chris Lockley and his wife Madelaine as they prepare to come to St Margaret's.

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

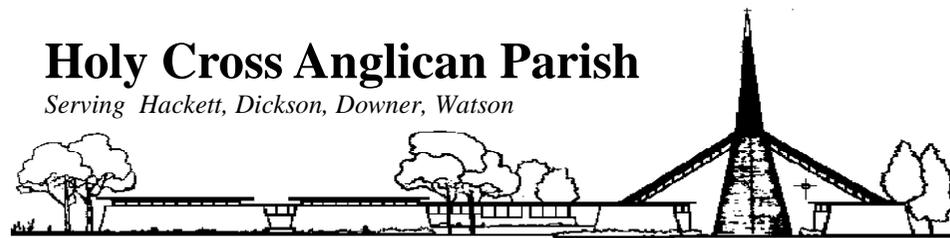
From the Parish Directory: David and Barbara Campbell, Ellen Campbell, John Campbell, Hugh and Natalie Collis.

People for Prayer: Val Clarke, Gladys Sanderson, Miriam Rijven

Give thanks for the life of: Stella Taber (20.9.2004), Bob Lega (21.9.1995)

Holy Cross Anglican Parish

Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

14th September 2014

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Parish Eucharist this morning. I greet you from a distance - from the diocesan synod in Goulburn where I am with Kirsty Baker, Adrian Wright and Richard Stoddart. My prayer this morning is that your worship may strengthen your faith, hope and love and send you into the week ahead refreshed and enabled to 'go faithfully and with courage in the power of the Spirit'.

In the gospel reading today Peter indulges in what he thinks is a very generous calculation in response to Jesus' call to forgive. He answers his own question about how many times he should do this with 'seven times?'. But Jesus replies with a disconcerting, 'Not seven times but seventy-seven times (or seventy times seven). Such a multiple of seven, the number of perfection or fullness, implies that forgiveness is to be infinite because it is to reflect God's unconditional forgiveness of us. Jesus then goes on to tell a dramatic parable that illustrates the point and is an imaginative expansion of the line in the Lord's prayer, 'Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors'. Jesus likens belonging to the kingdom of God to the expectation that is at the heart of the parable, namely that forgiveness received from our loving and compassionate God is the basis for us, then, offering forgiveness to others.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our celebration of the Holy Cross Festival last week. Special thanks to Susan Reid and all the members of the Combined Choir for the wonderful singing that enriched our worship. Thanks too to Kirsty Baker for the brunch/morning tea which was very splendid and which we all enjoyed.

May God bless you richly this week.

Erica

FOR NEXT SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2014

Readings and Readers

Revelation 22.1-5 Anne Medling
John 7.37-39 St Margaret's

Intercessor

Chris Ledger

Chalice

Adrian Wright

Organist

Sue Reid

Door

Volunteer

Welcomer

Volunteer

Morning Tea

Patricia Stoddart
Dorothy Mackenzie

Counting

Adrian Wright
Nick Radford

Cleaning

Patricia Stoddart

Children

Flowers

St Margaret's

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

News: *Appointment to St Margaret's*

St Margaret's have announced the appointment of their new Minister of the Word and Sacraments, the Rev'd Chris Lockley. Chris will work 50% with St Margaret's and 50% with St James' Curtin. Chris was ordained almost 25 years ago and has worked in parish placements in NSW. Chris takes an interest in Adult Education and at present is the Mission Resource officer with Parramatta Nepean Presbytery. Chris sees as his strengths that he sees the big picture, is a strategic thinker, a mentor and a good listener. He is comfortable working with two congregations, comfortable with interfaith services and gatherings, and working in multicultural contexts. Chris lists as the areas of ministry he offers – preaching, pastoral care, missional planning, change agent. Chris values contemporary worship, Bible study/prayer/discussion groups, wider community ministry, and an openness to diversity, in the social, spiritual and faith dimensions of church life. He lists his leadership style as equipping, helping with discipleship formation and building relationships.

Chris is married to Madeleine, and has adult children. His interests include photography, reading, the arts, music and doing cryptic crossword puzzles.

Chris will begin at St Margaret's in January next year. We look forward to welcoming him and Madeleine to Hackett and to sharing with us at Holy Cross in ministry in our community.

From St John's Care.

Hospitality is what the Lunch held on the first Friday of each month is all about. Hospitality is the act of welcoming friends and strangers with generosity and kindness, and doing this without any expectation of reward. Those who come represent a broad spectrum of the community but they are for one reason or another finding life difficult. This month we served over 100 meals.

Apart from serving a nutritious meal, the aim of the Lunch is to provide social contact and a breathing space from the situations our clients find themselves in.

The Parish kitchen is transformed. With the deadline of 12 noon the volunteers work to turn basic ingredients into the meal of the day. Other volunteers set tables, welcome guests, serve meals and clear everything away. We try to make it a special occasion eg with music. Many guests say thank you and often commenting on how good it is, not only to have a meal cooked, but also being waited on.

Teams of volunteers work in all programs offered by SJC. Financially we are a donation-based organisation. As chair of the Management Committee I am aware of the many different ways people contribute to the work of SJC. We are like a jigsaw made up of many pieces all fitting together to create the organisation that is SJC. As with a jigsaw each piece is essential. Thank you for your part in the work of SJC.

Glenda, Chair SJC Management Committee

Wish list for this week: small tins of fruit, biscuits, jam, peanut butter, honey.

This Week

In the Parish

<i>Eucharist</i>	10.00 am	Wednesday
<i>Meditation</i>	5.00 pm	Wednesday in the small hall
<i>Gardening Group</i>	9.00 am	Thursday
<i>Tuckerbox</i>	2.00 pm	Saturday

Choir Practice

Thursday 18th September 6.30 pm

The choir will begin practice for Advent. All welcome. Contact: Sue Reid

Beyond the Parish

Diocesan Synod

12th – 14th September in Goulburn

Pray for Bishop Stuart and all the members of Synod. Our parish representatives are Kirsty Baker, Richard Stoddart and Adrian Wright.

Beyond this Week

In the Parish

Creation Service.

Sunday 21st September 9.30am

We celebrate Creation with St Margaret's in the outdoors. If you have a pot plant which we could use in decoration please bring it on the day. Please bring a plate for morning tea. Volunteers who can come early and set up would be appreciated.

Holy Cross Walking Group **Tuesday 23rd September**

This walk will be in Dickson wetlands. Meet in the church car park at 9.15am and bring morning tea. Contact: Barbara Campbell: 6249 8853

Spring Quiet Day.

Wednesday 24th September 10am-3.15pm

The Rev'd Joan Smith will lead the day on the theme of "Sabbath: setting time aside for God" - a Quiet Day is an example! Please BYO lunch. Contact Joan: 6251 0374

Beyond the Parish

Community Response to the Federal Budget. **22nd September 4 - 6pm**

Speakers John Falzon & Susan Helyar. National Film & Sound Archive. Phone 62347347 to save a place or register online <https://www.vinnies.org.au/events#!act>

CES Public Forum

Tuesday 30 September 7.30 pm

Speakers: Prof. Bob Gregory OA and Katy Chambers. Chair: Bishop George Browning. Topic: "Unemployment: Causes, Consequences and Cures". At ACC&C. Donation: \$5. Supper provided. Contact: Robyn Coghlan 6254 0487.

Inaugural Elizabeth MacKinlay Public Lecture. **Wednesday 1st October 7.30pm,**

Chapel, ACC&C. John Swinton will speak on 'Living longer-living well: Ageing, spirituality and why we might not want to live forever'. Entry by donation.