

Please pray for:

International Community and Church in: Portugal, Spain, Italy, Malta

The Anglican Communion: Mandalay (Myanmar)

Churches in Australia: Mar Thoma Church

Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Melbourne

In the Diocese: St Alban the Martyr, Woden; Australian Federal Police Chaplains; Emergency Worker Chaplains; Canberra Hospital Chaplain; ministry to mentally ill and depressed people; the work of Lifeline Canberra.

St Margaret's: Rev'd Chris Lockley and his wife Madeleine and church Elders.

Our Parish: Erica Mathieson and Ray Williamson; the annual meetings to be held today and those who will be elected; the Tuckerbox, Choir and Children's Ministry.

From the Parish Directory: Bob and Claire Lewis, Dorothy Mackenzie, Betty Marriott, Peter Martin and Toni Hassan, Grace, Oliver and Lavinia

People for Prayer: Miriam Rijven, June and Keith Burnett, Bryce and Kate Wilson, Jackie and Brush Gordon-Smith

Give thanks for the life of: Alma Brotherton (16.2.04), Gordon Marriott (18.2.07), David Swadling (19.2.95), John Gill (22.2.06)

Holy Cross Anglican Parish

Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson



Last Sunday after the Epiphany Transfiguration 15th February 2015

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

A very warm welcome as we come together for our worship on this Sunday morning. Today brings us to the end of the Sundays we observe 'after the Epiphany' and so it brings us to the threshold of Lent. It is a day when our attention is turned to the Transfiguration of Christ. May God's glory fill our eyes, our hearts and our lives as we worship this week.

Today's gospel passage, which tells of the Transfiguration of Jesus, is found right in the middle of Mark's Gospel, yet it reminds us of the passage back at the beginning, in chapter 1, where we read of Jesus being baptised. These two stories, of baptism and transfiguration, 'bracket' the season of Epiphany: we read the baptismal story back on the first Sunday after the Epiphany, and now we read the transfiguration story on the last Sunday. They are two stories that Mark tells that are revealing stories about Jesus' unique identity as the one in whom shone the divine light of the presence of God. The Transfiguration story declares for us that what the disciples saw in the face of Jesus was the glory of God.

The Transfiguration also points towards the journey Jesus will make to Jerusalem - and beyond, to resurrection. We are about to embark on our Lenten journey. Before we do, though, today we take a few moments to reflect on our own growth as persons of faith during the past year, and then I encourage you strongly to take the Lenten journey seriously: be frequent in attending worship, use our study groups, the Quiet Day, and make some special endeavours of your own, so that we might all grow in our life of faith and live a little more fully and clearly the love of God in our lives.

God richly bless you this week and throughout this Lent.

Erica

FOR NEXT SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

Minister of the Word

Richard Stoddart

Readings and Readers

Genesis 9:8-17

Children

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Caity Cameron

Mark 1:9-15

Intercessor

Children

Chalice

David Campbell

Organist

Grace Mya

Door

Michael Braund

Welcomer

Children

Morning Tea

Dorothy Mackenzie

Frances Sutherland

Counting

Tony Jordan

Cleaning

Michael Braund

Children

Richard Stoddart

Susan Reid

Flowers

Lent

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

A Journey Through Lent

We begin our observance of Lent this Wednesday - **Ash Wednesday** - with the Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes at both 10.00am and 6.00pm.

Weekly Worship

We give priority to worshipping each week.

Lent Groups

We seek to grow in our understanding and practice of faith, and to help us are:

- ◆ **Questions in Christianity**, with prayer and discussion. This is a series of DVDs, and the sessions will be in the Rectory on Sundays 4-5.30pm, and repeated on Monday at 10am. Please put your name on the lists.
- ◆ an introduction to **Christian Meditation** on Monday afternoons at 5.30pm in the church for one hour.

St John's Care

I have advised the Rector of St John's and the Management Committee of St John's Care that I will retire on 17 July this year. Being the Director of SJC has been a real privilege and has been a fantastic 7 years (this time). I have made so many friends and I think I have helped a lot of people, but it is now time to start the next stage of my life – retirement! One of the things I have learnt in my time as Director is that Canberra is not the affluent city that people think it is, and it is not an even playing field out there. So many Canberra families have a hard time surviving. They need support to make ends meet and I am pleased that St John's Care is able to provide it. But we can't do that without you, so thank you for your generosity.

Zack, our Youth Worker, is dealing with a young lad, I call Fred, who is in a difficult situation. He is 16, in his first year at College, and wants to complete Year 12. He seems a nice kid - quiet and intelligent. After his parents separated he lived 2 weeks with Mum and then 2 weeks with Dad. His mum moved interstate, so he has been staying with his Dad for the last year. He doesn't want to go back to his Mum and other half-siblings, in fact he would rather live on the streets. His Dad, who has struggled for years with mental health issues and drug and alcohol addiction, now feels that his home is no longer a safe place for Fred. So what happens now? Zack is exploring options for him, but there are not many available. YouthCARE Canberra is such an important program. It stops kids falling through the cracks. I hope that I will be able to continue this story another time and I hope that it will have a happy ending.

My wish list: Tinned Fruit, Toilet Paper, Shampoo and Conditioner.

Many thanks *Sue*

This Week

In the Parish

Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes	10.00 am	Ash Wednesday
	6.00pm	Ash Wednesday
Meditation	5.30 pm	Ash Wednesday
Gardening Group	9.00 am	Thursday
Choir	6.30 pm	Thursday
Tuckerbox	2.00 pm	Saturday

Parish AGM and AEM Today 10.30am

Please join us after church in the large hall for these meetings. The bundle of Annual Reports was sent out by email and distributed last Sunday.

Those elected today will get to work immediately with the following meetings during this week:

Wardens and Presiding Member meeting:

Monday 16th, 4.30pm in the Rectory

Joint Executive Meeting: Monday 16th, 5.30pm in the small hall.

Parish Council Meeting: Friday 20th, 5.30pm in the small hall.

Shrove Tuesday Tuesday 17th February 7.00pm

We celebrate Shrove Tuesday with dessert pancakes served in the Rectory. Please put your name on the list and join us \$5 donation.

Choir Thursday 19th February 6.30 pm

The combined choir have commenced practice for Good Friday. If you enjoy singing and would like to come, you are welcome. Contact: Sue Reid 6241 7040

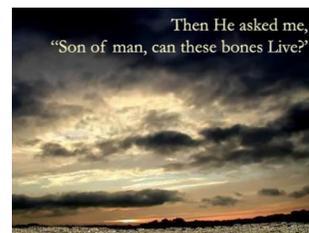


Beyond this Week

In the Parish

Quiet Day for Lent

Tuesday 3rd March 10.00 am until 3.15 pm.



We will explore Ezekiel's 'Dry Bones' (and our experience of such times in our own lives) and the possibility of dry bones coming to life through the breath of God's Spirit being breathed on them.

Morning Tea will be provided; Please BYO lunch. If you are able to attend or have any questions, please contact Joan on 62510374.