

Please pray for:

International Community and Church in: The Pacific Islands

The Anglican Communion: The Church of South India

Churches in Australia: Assyrian Church of the East

Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of North Queensland, clergy and people.

The Diocese: Queanbeyan and District Anglican Church, Community of Celebration and Mary's Place, The Bargain Hunter & other Anglicare recycling outlets, Alexander Maconochie Correctional Centre; work amongst needy, unemployed and homeless people of all ages

St Margaret's: The Elders and those responsible to search for a new Minister.

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

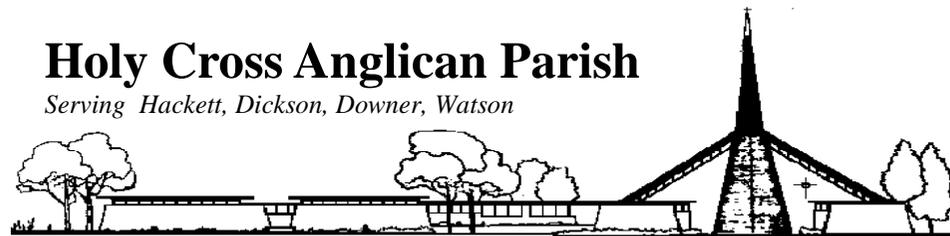
From the Parish Directory: Marie Arthur, Jean Bender, Brush and Jackie Gordon-Smith, Jean Clarke

People for Prayer: Val Clarke, Gladys Sanderson, Harry, Bert Folkard, Bec and Scott.

Give thanks for the life of: Beryl Holder (15.8.13), Patricia Bye (18.8.09), Peter Doering (20.8.04), Dallas Forrest (21.8.77), Daphne Field (21.8.06)

Holy Cross Anglican Parish

Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

17th August 2014

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

As we come together this morning for worship, I warmly welcome you to Holy Cross for our celebration of the Eucharist on this tenth Sunday after Pentecost.

Today we hear a gospel passage that challenges all prevailing assumptions - those of our society, or any society. In the social and religious culture in which Jesus lived, the prevailing assumption was that the Messiah's ministry and leadership would be confined to the Jewish people. But as Jesus grew in his understanding of his own ministry, it seems he began to question that assumption, and perhaps we can imagine that he deliberately wandered outside the borders of his homeland in order to test it. It did not take long for something to happen that God could use to challenge him. A woman pestered him and the disciples, would not let up; she kept chasing after them. How embarrassing! Then her quick sharp retorts demanded attention, and Jesus knew that through her God was challenging him to pull down the barriers that divide, that keep people apart, that cause one to be in conflict with another. The universality of God's concern is set of against the parochialism of all our human exclusiveness.

Last Friday evening the Parish Council held its monthly meeting, and several matters are listed over the page for your information and attention.

Next Sunday the children will again stay with us for the whole Service and assist in the leading of the liturgy. It is an important and special way to express our being together as a community of faith.

Saturday week is the Car Boot Sale. Please spread the word.

May God bless you richly this week.

Erica

FOR NEXT SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST 2014

Minister of the Word

Readings and Readers

Isaiah 51.1-6 Children
Romans 12.1-8 Children
Matthew 16.13-20

Intercessor

Children

Chalice

Adrian Wright

Organist

Susan Reid

Door

Children
Patricia Stoddart

Welcomer

Children

Morning Tea

Betty Marriott
Audrey Aedy

Counting

David Campbell

Cleaning

Patricia Stoddart

Flowers

Patricia Stoddart

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

From the Parish Council

Parish Council met on Friday night and discussed the following matters.

- The parish finances are in line with the budget. The insurance payment for the Rector's sick leave last year has now been received.
- Extra insulation has been installed in the Rectory and the hot water heater has been replaced after starting to leak.
- New plastic covers for the hymn books have been purchased and the books covered. Thanks to Lynda for doing the task.
- New weekly giving envelopes are being ordered.
- The Future Fund is increasing little by little and is available for donations at any time. Gifts can be placed in a clearly marked envelope in the offertory plate. Council thanks everyone who has given generously.



From St John's Care.

On Saturday, our Management Committee held its yearly strategic planning day to make sure that we are delivering the service we want to provide, look at where we want to be in 12 months time, and work out how to get there.

To start the day we reviewed our goals from the 2013 Planning Session. What a big year 2013 was! The redevelopment was a leap of faith: we had some money but we needed a lot of support from you and the community to update our facility so that we could provide a quality service fitting to our aim and vision. Thanks to the support from people like you, in February the extension was opened. It was a wonderful day, but more importantly, the renovations are a success. It is really rewarding when clients, who haven't been in for a long time, enter the new premises and see the transformation: they are so appreciative.

We have introduced some new programs. We are managing YouthCARE Canberra, a programme to help young people (12-25) who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. It is a magnificent programme. We had a few teething problems, but we are now able to provide a special service to "at risk Young Canberrans".

We have formed a partnership with Companion House, so that we can better serve the refugees and Asylum Seekers in our city.

We have also introduced a computer facility, so that clients can have internet access to Centrelink and other organisations.

We did well last year and we will do even better this year.

My wish list for this week: Vegemite, shampoo, and laundry detergent.

I am off on holidays for a few weeks, so take care.

Many thanks *Sue*

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>Choir</i>	6.30 pm	Thursday
<i>Tuckerbox</i>	2.00 pm	Saturday

Meditation

During the winter period, meditation is held in the small hall at 5pm. All welcome.

Choir Practice

Thursday 21st August 6.30 pm

Those wishing to sing in the joint choir for Holy Cross Day and the Creation Service should come along to the practice this week. Contacts: Sue Reid and Robin Bennett.

Beyond the Parish

Refugees: their hopes and concerns Wednesday 20th August 7.30 pm

Presenter Sr Jane Keogh CSB at the Rheinberger Centre Cnr Weston & Loch Sts Yarralumla. \$5 to cover costs. Contact Judy Netting : 62784163, 0400766784

Beyond this Week

In the Parish

Holy Cross Walking Group

Tuesday 26th August

This walk will be in the Lyneham wetlands. Meet in the church carpark at 9.15am. Morning tea at café. Contact John Campbell 0490 186 096

Car-Boot Sale

Saturday 30th August

The Sale is on! David Campbell is co-ordinating Chris Ledger is taking names for spaces. If you want a space, please contact Chris 6262 5975, if you have 'stuff' to pass on, please bring it on the day.



Holy Cross Day

Sunday 7th September 9am

The service will celebrate Holy Cross Day and our Holy Cross Community. The Preacher will be Bishop Stephen Pickard, Director of the ACC&C. The combined choir will sing. We will continue celebrating with a special morning tea.

Beyond the Parish

Beloved of God Retreat.

19-21 September

This will be led by Suzanne Dunbar, Spiritual Director and Retreat Leader, at Galong. See the brochure in the small hall for details.