

Please pray for:

International Community and Church in: Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia

The Anglican Communion: London - (Canterbury, England)

Churches in Australia: Coptic Orthodox Church in Australia

Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of North West Australia

In the Diocese: Yass, Boorowa, Murrumburrah-Harden, christian unity at local, national and world levels, National Council of Churches in Australia, NSW Ecumenical Council, ACT Churches Council.

St Margaret's: Rev Chris Lockley and wife Madeleine, beginning their ministry today, and church Elders.

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

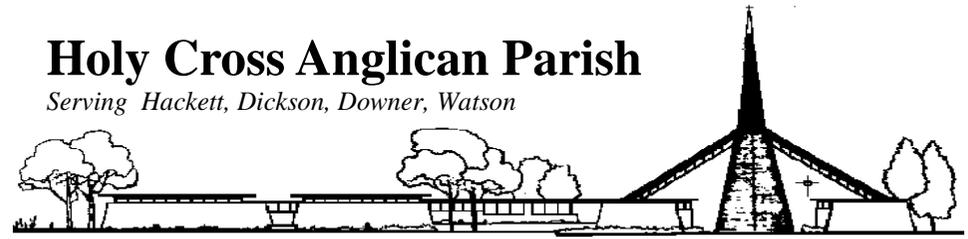
From the Parish Directory: Ellen Campbell, John Campbell, Hugh and Natalie Collis, Justin Combs and Kate Flaherty, Jasper, Caleb and Reuben, Alma Coote.

People for Prayer: Bert Folkard, Miriam Rijven, Rosemary Leonard, Jo Woodruff, people with marriage difficulties.

Give thanks for the life of: Stanley Redman (18.1.2001)

Holy Cross Anglican Parish

Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson



Second Sunday after the Epiphany 18th January 2015

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to be able to welcome you to Holy Cross this morning for our parish Eucharist. May our worship and fellowship be a time of inspiration and encouragement in our Christian discipleship.

In our series of readings this morning, we have quite a diverse offering. At the heart of the series is the remarkable and personal confession of the psalmist, who sees his life encompassed by the inescapable presence of God. Such an awareness of God prompts words of astonishment and commitment. That theme of commitment is there also in both the familiar story of the boy Samuel being disturbed in the night by the intrusive word of God, and in the gospel story of the call of disciples that highlights recognition of Jesus as the Christ being at the heart of discipleship. Finally Paul reminds us that true discipleship expresses itself in the way we conduct our lives. It is the whole self, in Christ, that glorifies God in all our relationships.

Once again, the pewsheet has a list (see over page) of the various tasks for which we need some volunteers for the roster. It is important for our community life that we have as many people as possible involved, and so if you are able to join the roster for one of these tasks, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Our parish annual meetings are only four weeks away and I draw your attention to the note on page 3 regarding the preparation of reports and the nomination for people to serve either as a Church Warden or member of the Parish Council.

We are looking forward to the Australia Day barbecue next Sunday, and I hope you will be able to join us. If you have not yet added your name to the list, please do so this morning.

Every blessing to you for this week.

Erica

FOR NEXT SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY

Minister of the Word
David Campbell

Readings and Readers
Jonah 3:1-10 Natalie Collis
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Anke Burns
Mark 1:14-20

Intercessor
Howard Smith

Chalice
Joan Smith

Organist
Natalie Collis

Door
Margaret Atkinson
Iris Forrest

Welcomer

Morning Tea
Betty Marriott
Audrey Aedy

Counting
David Campbell
Tony Jordan

Cleaning
Patricia Stoddart

Children

Flowers
Iris Forrest

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

People Needed

Many thanks to those who responded to the request for people to help in various areas of church life. We are still have some **Situations Vacant** and would love to hear from you if you can help. We need:

- ◆ another 2 people for cleaning the church ie dusting, vacuuming, mopping
- ◆ more volunteers at the door on Sundays
- ◆ another counter-of-the-money
- ◆ someone who can arrange flowers
- ◆ brass-cleaners
- ◆ another person interested in helping with kidschurch



Please speak to Erica Mathieson, Trish Stoddart or a Warden.

St John's Care

I went to the YouthCARE Canberra Prime Minister's Eleven Cricket Breakfast. It was a Fundraiser for YouthCARE Canberra, a program managed by St John's Care. At the breakfast our Youth Worker introduced himself and with his permission I would like to share some of that speech with you.

"It is estimated that at least 700 youth between the ages of 12 to 25 will be homeless tonight. Every day, I get to find and I meet these kids. My name is Zack Bryers and I am proud, as a returned soldier in the Australian Army, having fought in Afghanistan, to continue fighting for my country as a Youth Worker

How? By giving these kids the keys to change their life. By telling them that someone's opinion of you doesn't have to become your reality. That because it is hard now does not mean it will always be hard. You have a choice: ... continue the cycle; or break the curse. YOU are stronger than most adults could ever be. You have learned more in your few years, than most people learn in a lifetime. Survival skills, independence, persistence and determination. And this is your power!

... My mother broke the curse of the past. It has made us strong, and proud. Between us all, we can help other children to break that curse. We can provide them with practical support, but we can also offer opportunities to learn, to grow up to become some of the strongest, most loyal members of our businesses, and our community".

YouthCARE Canberra is a good program, supporting young people who would otherwise fall through the cracks and be a loss to our society.

My wish list for this week: tins of meat dishes, shampoo, toilet paper, and soap.

Many thanks Sue

This Week

In the Parish

<i>Eucharist</i>	10.00 am	Wednesday
<i>Meditation</i>	5.30 pm	Wednesday
<i>Gardening Group</i>	9.00 am	Thursday
<i>Choir</i>	6.30 pm	Thursday
<i>Tuckerbox</i>	2.00 pm	Saturday

Australia Day BBQ Sunday 25th January 12.00 pm

Join us for this start-of-year get-together, for conversation, good food and drink and fellowship. Please put your name on the list and indicate if you can bring a dessert. Meat, salad and drink provided. The cost is \$10.



Ross Walker Lodge

Sue Jordan has been appointed Chair of the Board of Ross Walker Lodge. We pray for her in the role, and for the Lodge and its residents.

Beyond this Week

In the Parish.

Parish Council Planning Meeting Friday 30th January

A special meeting of Parish Council will be held to review the past year and begin planning for 2015. Planning for this session is under way. If you have any thoughts, comments, ideas that you would like us to consider, please speak to Erica, one of the Church Wardens or any member of Council. We would love to hear from you.

Welcome service for St Margaret's Minister Sunday 1st February 10.30am

The Rev'd Chris Lockley and his wife Madeleine will be welcomed at this service to St Margaret's, and members of Holy Cross are warmly invited. His commissioning by Presbytery is at St James' Curtin, on Friday 30th January.

Parish AGM and AEM **Sunday 15th February** **10.30am**

In preparation for the AGM, reports from parish groups need to be given to Lynda (preferably electronically) by **1st February** for production of the Annual Report. It is important for us also to be thinking about those we wish to nominate as Church Wardens and Parish Council members. Those forms will be available next Sunday.