

Please pray for:

International Community and Church in: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

The Anglican Communion: The Arctic - (Rupert's Land, Canada)

Churches in Australia: Indian Orthodox Church

Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of North West Australia

The Diocese: Yass Valley, 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'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, Youth Group and Children's Ministry.

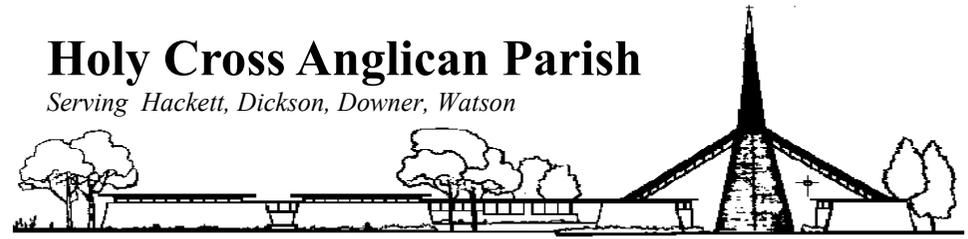
From the Parish Directory: Rosemary Radford, Nick Radford, Judith Ramage, Susan Reid and Michael Braund.

People for Prayer: Bert Folkard, Mildred Rendell, Anita Faulks, Jackie and Brush Gordon-Smith, Jane Mathieson, Bryce and Kate Wilson.

Give thanks for the life of: Sadie Howard (19.10.85), Barbara Brown (20.10.78), Dawn McCorrison (24.10.2000), Ted Lawson (23.10.03)

Holy Cross Anglican Parish

Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson



Luke Evangelist and Martyr 18th October 2015

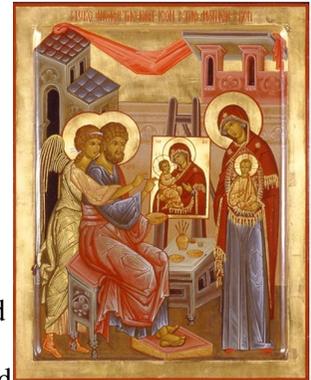
The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

You are warmly welcome at Holy Cross today as we gather to celebrate the Eucharist together, and give thanks for St Luke whose feast day it is. May you find peace, joy and new courage for your week ahead through our worship.

Tradition says that St Luke was born a Greek, and a Gentile, in Antioch, Syria. He was a physician and became a close companion of Paul of Tarsus on his missionary journeys.

His presence is hinted at in the 'we' passages of the book of Acts, of which there are 5 covering most of Paul's sea journeys. Luke is known as the writer of the third gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. In the gospel, Luke emphasises Christ's compassion for the poor and for those who suffer. There is also a strong emphasis on the role women played in Christ's ministry. It is believed that Luke lived a long life and died c. 74 in Greece. He is venerated by the Church as the patron saint of physicians and surgeons. He is also considered



the patron saint of painters because according to tradition, he painted icons of Mary and of Jesus. Mark and Dee will be married at Holy Cross on November 14th. They would love as many of the congregation to be at their wedding as are able to come. Their invitation accompanies this page. Every blessing for the week ahead,

Erica

FOR NEXT SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER

Minister of the Word

Richard Stoddart

Readings and Readers

Jeremiah 31.7-9 Natalie Collis

Psalms 126

Welcome

Margaret Atkinson

Hebrews 7.21-28 Mark Sayer

Mark 10.46-52

Intercessor

Patricia Stoddart

Chalice

Howard Smith

Organist

Susan Reid

Door

Damien Burns

Anke Burns

Sunday School

Adrian Wright

Kate Flaherty

Morning Tea

Mark Sayer

Dee Baird

Counting

Adrian Wright

Tony Jordan

Cleaning

Mark Sayer

Dee Baird

Flowers

St Margaret's

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

News from Parish Council

Parish Council met on Friday and discussed the following matters.

- A new ride-on-mower is being bought jointly with St Margaret's. Thanks to David Campbell for the research and organisation.
- The new Holy Cross brochure is available and looks great. They are designed to give to visitors and friends. The format is such that it can be reprinted as needed and as activities change.
- Finances are generally on track. Thank you everyone for your continued support.
- The parish is planning to hold a Parish Weekend Away in the second half of 2016. An organising group is needed. If you can help, please contact Michael Braund.
- A combined Christmas Lunch is being arranged this year with St Margaret's. The date will be announced soon.

Rosters

Please let Sue Jordan know your availability for rosters for November and December. They are being prepared now. Christmas Day rosters will be organised later.

St John's Care

This week has been Anti-Poverty Week which aims to strengthen understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty in Australia and the world.

Our statistics for July and August show that 83% of our clients are "returning". It suggests that many are locked into a cycle of poverty which leads to seeking assistance regularly.

One client came for help with her energy bills – \$1,330 for gas and \$540 for electricity. They were much higher than she expected, probably due to the cold winter and her severe arthritis. She was registered with ACTewAGL for their Staying Connected program for her electricity. We suggested that she also register for her gas bill – paying off \$25 per fortnight for each, an amount she can hardly afford. She noted that it would take her 18 months to pay the account off and that doesn't include new energy bills each quarter, or any unforeseen bills. How will she ever get out of the spiral of debt?

Anglicare Australia, principal national sponsor of Anti-Poverty Week, released a report called *State of the Family*, an 8 year study of Anglicare's emergency relief centres, NSW. A major finding was that over reliance on emergency relief indicates that the measures in place are failing a proportion of Australians. Susan King, a co-author of the report said, "...for many people relying on emergency relief, disadvantage is not short term; it is complex and entrenched" and further, "living costs and soaring property prices had outstripped welfare payments, creating a poverty trap". These are the people SJC seeks to support every day.

St John's Care participated in a Passport to Anti-Poverty project during the week, where Canberrans could visit local services, hear about poverty and the services in place, and have their passport signed. It was a small contribution to a large and complex issue.

Wish list: tinned meat, large tinned tuna, biscuits, long-life milk, shampoo, conditioner.

Many thanks, *Stuart Davis-Meehan*

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

Addition to the directory:

Marilouise Rijven
58/58 Cotter Court, Wattle
Street, Lyneham.
0466 260 621
marilou_lflower@hotmail.co

The Rector's Dozen.

Collect tickets for the fete raffle from Joan Smith: \$2 per ticket in books of five. Joan is also looking for donations of wine.

Wine Donations wanted

Holy Cross Walking Group

The walk will be at Kingston foreshore. Morning tea @ café. Meet in the church carpark. Contact: David Campbell 6249 8853

Tuesday 20th October 9.15 am

Socially Crafty.

Join with Tuckerbox to share fellowship while pursuing craft of your choice. Gold coin donation to cover tea and coffee. Meet in the annex.

Wednesday 21st October 1-3pm

Beyond the Parish

CES Public Forum:

Speaker: Dr Steve Hatfield-Dodds: "Environment or Economy: A False Dichotomy"; at ACC&C, Donation: \$5. Supper provided. Contact: Robyn Coghlan 6254 0487.

Tuesday 20th October 7.30 pm

Dr Val Webb - Lecture

The Centre for Progressive Religious Thought is host. Her new book is: 'Testing Tradition and Liberating Theology: finding your own voice'. Entry by donation \$5. Entrance and parking at 40 Gillies Street, St James UC, Curtin

Friday 23rd October 7.30-9.30pm

Beyond this Week

In the Parish

Youth Group

Fellowship for young people in school years 7-10. Be part of something fun and relaxed. Enjoy games and activities, eating and hanging out. \$5 covers pizza and drinks. Meet at the hall. Contact Toni Hassan 0426 207 726 home.toni@gmail.com

Friday 30th October 6.30 pm

All Saints Drinks

Ray and Erica invite you to the Rectory Gardens for drinks and nibbles. Cost \$5 to help with expenses. Please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church if you are able to come.

Sunday 1st November 4:30-6:00pm