

*Please pray for:*

**International Community and Church in:** Djibouti, Somalia

**The Anglican Communion:** Nebbi - (Uganda)

**Churches in Australia:** Antiochian Orthodox Church

**Anglican Church of Australia:** Diocese of Perth.

**The Diocese:** Young District Anglican Ministry, Mothers' Union, shared ministry with our neighbouring Dioceses particularly Riverina and Bathurst - our Tri-Diocesan partners; development of unity and cooperation in our Province and National Church.

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

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

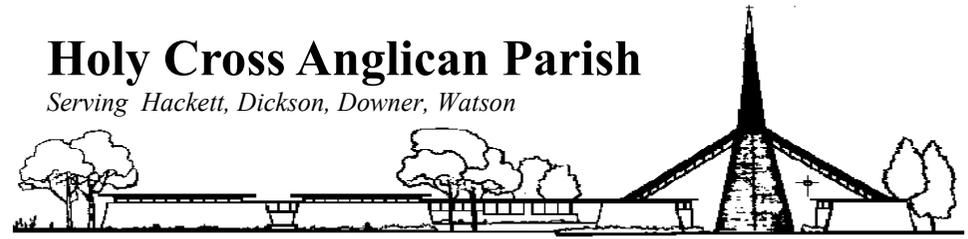
**From the Parish Directory:** Anne Abbott, Audrey Aedy, Geoff Alves and Chris Ledger, Geetha Amarasingham.

**People for Prayer:** John Tyler, Jackie and Brush Gordon-Smith, Elizabeth, June and Keith Burnett, Barb Edward.

**Give thanks for the life of:** Priscilla Tyler (15.4.2015 ), Evelyn Turnbull (23.4.82), Arthur Longley (25.4.91)

# Holy Cross Anglican Parish

*Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson*



## Third Sunday of Easter 19th April 2015

### *The Rector Writes*

Dear Friends,

Christ is risen. Alleluia! Once again, a very warm welcome to you as we gather to celebrate our Eucharist this morning. May our sense of the love of Christ fill us and send us out as agents of God's grace, justice and love.

Our Scripture readings continue our focus on the Resurrection and what it meant for the first generation of Christ's disciples. But the gospel today represents a departure from the normal pattern. In this year of the 3-year cycle, the norm is to follow a course of readings from Mark, supplemented by John; but today we hear from Luke. The passage is the Lucan story of Jesus' appearance to the disciples in the upper room. It is the counterpart of the passage from John we heard last week. The location is the same; the risen Lord's greeting is identical; the emphasis on the reality of the resurrected Christ is similar. Both writers would have taken these elements over from the tradition and developed them to witness to their faith in the risen Christ. But Luke's real interest is to be found toward the end of the passage where there is the command to proclaim the good news to all nations. This is a primary concern for Luke, and he has passed it on to us.

This morning you will notice an addition in the annex, and you will see reference to it in the Parish Council report (on page 2). The new shelving for use by Tuckerbox will make an enormous difference: it will make for easier shopping; but above all it will greatly ease the tasks of setting up and clearing away. It is also an indication of the growth of our ministry through the Tuckerbox. We are grateful to God.

Yesterday's Car Boot Sale produced an income of approx. \$900, with the Holy Cross stall raising about \$570 and the Barbeque and morning tea making about \$200. We offer our sincere thanks to David Campbell for organising it, and all who helped.

May God bless you this week with resurrection joy.

*Erica*

### FOR NEXT SUNDAY 26TH APRIL

**Minister of the Word**

Richard Stoddart

**Readings and Readers**

Acts 4.5-12

Sandra Blaik

Psalm 23

1 John 3.16-24

Patricia Stoddart

John 10.11-18

**Intercessor**

Fay Nevile

**Chalice**

Jean Hambley

**Organist**

Natalie Collis

**Door**

Anne Abbott

Bev Garrard

**Children**

Dorothy Mackenzie

**Morning Tea**

Frances Sutherland

Sandra Blaik

**Counting**

Tony Jordan

David Campbell

**Cleaning**

Patricia Stoddart

**Flowers**

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

## NEWS FROM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish council met on Friday night. Its members are Adrian Wright, David Campbell and Mark Sayer (Wardens), and Tony Jordan (Presiding Member), Kirsty Baker, Michael Braund (Treasurer), Caity Cameron (Assistant Secretary), Chris Ledger (Secretary), and Frances Sutherland. We discussed the following.

- ◆ There will be a Musical Evening featuring the Choir in September in association with Holy Cross Day. Practice begins on May 7th. If you enjoy singing, come along. We are grateful to Susan Reid and all the Choir members.
- ◆ Parish finances are on track. The Future Fund has been at the same level for a number of months and Council commends it to all the congregation.
- ◆ Tuckerbox has grown so amazingly that it is no longer feasible to set up and pack up tonnes of food each week. At the same time it is such an important ministry of this parish. The shelving in the annexe is a wonderful solution. It can be wheeled into position on Thursdays, and wheeled into the annexe corner after Tuckerbox on Saturdays. We thank David Campbell, John Campbell and Kirsty Baker for the enormous amount of work that has been done last week.

### *St John's Care*

Friday was 'Homeless Day'. The first client has been homeless for a few months. He is in his 40s, and has lost his flat. It was ok in summer but he was less buoyant now—feeling the cold. He was happy when we gave him food and a warm jumper and jacket. The next client was Michael, homeless for months. Last week he, Randy and the dog, Bear, featured in the Canberra Times. Michael lives under a bridge with the dog, who is the size of a small horse. Last winter he was homeless but had a car to live in. It was trashed, so this will be the first winter of living rough.

The third homeless person was new to Canberra. He came a few months ago to help his brother get off drugs but has been beaten up by the dealers and looks very sad and sorry. He has moved away from his brother's and has found safety in the bush.

The fourth homeless person was the most worrying. A female, 45-50, escaping domestic violence. She has been homeless for a month, and has registered with FirstPoint, the organisation that deals with homelessness issues. She rings FirstPoint everyday. She sleeps in her car, but last week the car was broken into so she is worried about safety. I rang FirstPoint and I had to leave a message. 4 hours later Fred called back. I expressed my concern about a middle aged woman on a Disability Support Pension due to mental health issues living rough. He said he knew her, and she does ring every day, but there was nothing available. There could be in 12 months! 'What about a Refuge?' I asked. 'That is what I am talking about', he said, 'the waiting list for ACT Housing is 6 years'. Come on Canberra - we cannot accept a woman with mental health issues not being housed for 12 months and living rough. This morning I saw the new Common Ground building in Gunghalin. It is functional, practical and beautiful. This will be a new home for 40 homeless or low wage Canberrans to live in with dignity. I pray that this homeless woman might be one of the first residents. I am really upset with the poor performance of FirstPoint but well done to the Common Ground Committee.

My wish list for this week: tins of tuna, pasta Sauce, noodle cups and washing powder.  
Many thanks Sue

## 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>Tuckerbox</i>	2.00 pm	Saturday

### *Funeral*

**Tuesday 21st April 11 am**

The funeral for Priscilla Tyler will be held at Holy Cross/St Margaret's followed by lunch in the hall. The combined choir will sing during the service. There will be a practice on Monday at 6.15pm.

### *Holy Cross Walking Group*

**Tuesday 21st April 9.15 am**

The walk will be at the Cotter. Bring morning tea & BBQ lunch. Meet in the church carpark. Contact: Betty Marriott 6249 1857

### *Meditation*

**Wednesday 22nd April 5pm**

Please note that Meditation will now occur at its 'non-daylight-saving' time of 5pm.

### *Recipes*

A reminder to send Bev Scott recipes for the Holy Cross Cookbook. The cut-off date will be the end of July so that it can be printed in the lead up to the fete. Thank you to everyone who has already given a recipe. We need lots more. Send your favourites to wallacescott@grapevine.net.au

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## Beyond this Week

### In the Parish

*St Margaret's Fashion Afternoon* **Saturday 30th May**

Holly Grove Boutique Kippax will show their winter fashions followed by afternoon tea. Entry \$10. Raffle, Lucky Door Prize and Trading Table. All funds will go to St Margaret's Biggest Morning Tea for the Cancer Council. Shirley Larson 6255 3464

### Beyond the Parish

#### *Safe Shelter*

Safe Shelter Canberra offers a secure warm place to sleep for men over 18, 3 nights a week, and is run by volunteers. If you can help by giving just one night a month, please contact John 0413758415, Sharon 0409299305 or Richard 0412164404 or email safeshelteract@gmail.com.

#### *Bishop's Convention*

**Friday 15th and Saturday 16th May**

At Goulburn Cathedral. Speaker Friday night: Dr Stuart Piggan. Keynote speaker on Saturday: Rev'd Dr Alison Morgan, thinker and writer for ReSource, a Church of England charity dedicated to renewal, mission and discipleship. Cost \$60, concession \$40. For information, please pick up a brochure at the back of the church.