

Please pray for:

International Community and Church in: Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico

The Anglican Communion: Port Elizabeth , Pretoria - (Southern Africa)

Churches in Australia: Romanian Orthodox Church, Romanian Patriarchate
Australian Churches

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 his wife Madeleine and the church Elders, Ross Walker Lodge.

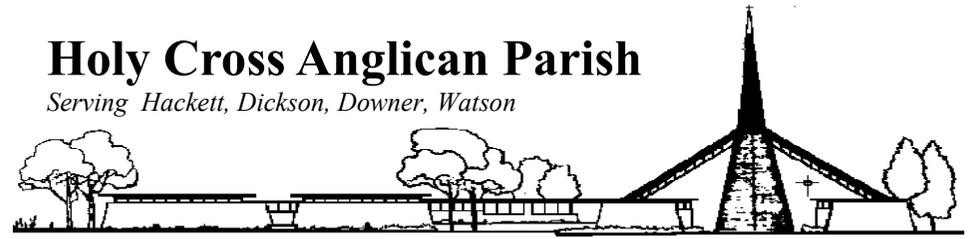
Our Parish: Erica Mathieson and Ray Williamson, Wardens and Parish Council, the Tuckerbox, Choir and Children's Ministry.

From the Parish Directory: Bill and June Weston, Beryl Woodhouse, Jo Woodruff, Nichola Worrall, Adrian and Liz Wright, Jewel Wright.

People for Prayer: June and Keith Burnett, Elizabeth, Eleanor, Irena Kurek-Braden, Jackie and Brush Gordon-Smith, Anita Faulks, Dorothy Ward, little Aiden.

Holy Cross Anglican Parish

Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 19th July 2015

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

Welcome as we gather for the Eucharist this morning. May our worship draw you more deeply into the spiritual dwelling place of God, whose foundation is Christ, and may you experience grace, peace and renewal.

The theme that links the readings this morning is God as Shepherd. From Jeremiah we hear a prophecy of judgment on the wicked shepherds of God's people who exploit for their own advantage the very people for whom they should care. We hear too a promise that God will gather his remaining flock together and care for them placing over them a caring shepherd, a descendant of David who will be just and righteous. In Psalm 23 the psalmist, David by tradition, sings of the God who is his Shepherd and who leads him beside still waters, restores his soul, protects him in the valley of the shadow of death, prepares a table for him before his enemies, and provides a place for him in God's house forever. The imagery in Ephesians shifts from sheep and shepherd to a building and community. Jews and Gentiles together have been reconciled to God in Christ and brought into one community in which the lines of division have been removed. Now both are part of God's house, built into a temple for God's Spirit. The gospel passage picks up the shepherd imagery. It opens with the disciples' return from their mission; they tell Jesus all they have done, and he calls them to rest. But the crowds follow them and Jesus has compassion on them because they are like sheep without a shepherd. The people bring the sick to him and Jesus heals them. The readings show us the boundless love and care of God, and we find that we are called to embody that love and care in a diverse, inclusive community where all people are welcome and where God works to heal and transform.

Sue Jordan's farewell from St John's Care on Friday was a wonderful occasion. As Sue retires, we say thank you from this community for her vision and hard work and her weekly letter. And we wish her and Tony well for the future.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Erica

FOR NEXT SUNDAY 26TH JULY

Minister of the Word

Sue Jordan

Readings and Readers

2 Kings 4:42-44 Michael Braund

Psalm 145:10-18

Ephesians 3:14-21 Chris Ledger

John 6:1-21

Sunday School

Patricia Stoddart

Intercessor

John Nevile

Chalice

Dorothy Mackenzie

Organist

Sue Reid

Door

Michael Braund

Frances Sutherland

Welcoming

Don Doering

Morning Tea

Iris Forrest

Jean Hambley

Counting

Sue Jordan

Tony Jordan

Cleaning

Michael Braund

Sue Reid

Flowers

Iris Forrest

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

Combined Lunch with St Margaret's Sunday 26th July 12.30 pm in the hall



We will enjoy a three-course lunch
Parsons' Potage, Sumptuous Sunday Surprise and
Delicious Dessert with conversation and fun.
Please plan to come and put your name on the sheet
at the back of the church today.
Cost \$10 payable to Sue Jordan.

St John's Care

Today Stuart, the new Director of SJC, and I were having our handover, then an enjoyable afternoon tea with the Volunteers. It was lovely to have so many of them together. They are all fantastic and it is a joy to spend time with them. The room was warm and we had lots of goodies to eat.

At about 3pm I noticed a young woman outside looking fairly desperate. By this stage SJC had been closed for an hour. I went out to have a chat with her. She apologised for her lateness, but she was desperate. She had been supporting her oldest son in the court during the day and his case had just finished, unfortunately not well for the son. She looks after her disabled son 21 and her children aged 10, 9 and 7. She had no food in the house and had come straight from the Courts, so she was in her best clothes. It was 12 with a wicked wind and all she was wearing was a thin cotton shirt. I asked her if she had a warm coat in the car but the answer was no. Thanks to my friend Bill, who organised for 10 boxes of beautiful brand new warm coats to be delivered to SJ C, that problem was soon fixed. It has been a joy to have the coats on a rack in the foyer so that the clients can try them on. For many it has been like Christmas. While someone got food for the client I had the privilege of talking with Mary. I noticed that she was on the Parenting Payment and asked her why she was not receiving Carer's Allowance because she was looking after her disabled son. She said that she has been trying to change it but was having problems with Centrelink. She was also concerned that her youngest child was about to turn 8, and when that happens she will be changed to Newstart Allowance which means that she will lose \$150 per fortnight and will be expected to look for a job. She knows she will not manage. She just looked at me and asked – how would she ever find a job? She is in her mid-40s, has never held a job before and is illiterate. She has no top teeth and only a few bottom teeth and she still has to look after her disabled son, and has 3 young children. I have asked her to come back and see us early next week. Hopefully, but no promises, we may be able to convince Centrelink that she should be on a different payment. I think that she was relieved that there was someone who understood her situation and wanted to help. The other Canberra!

My wish list for this week: shampoo, conditioner, children's toothpaste and brushes

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

Parish Council **Friday 24th July 5.30pm**
Please circulate reports by Wednesday.

Beyond the Parish.

Cafe@ Limestone **Monday 20th July 7.30 pm—9.00 pm**
Geoff Alves will speak on 'Tales of a grocer's son' with stories behind popular supermarket products. Coffee and cake (\$5.50). Ainslie Church of Christ Hall, RVSP today to Chris and Geoff 6262 5975 or Gwentyth 6251 2087.

Beyond this Week

In the Parish

Holy Cross Walking Group **Tuesday 28th July 9.15 am**
The walk will be at Mulligans Flat. Please bring morning tea. Meet in the church car-park. Contact: Jean Hambley 6248 9527

Questions in Christianity **Sundays 2nd and 9th August 4pm**
In the Rectory. These sessions continue the DVD programme on questions and issues in Christian faith, with discussion.

Holy Cross Car Boot Sale **Saturday 22nd August**
Cost is \$20 per space. Book through Chris Ledger 6262 5975. Tell your friends. If you can help with tea/coffee, marshalling, and the Holy Cross site, please speak with David Campbell.

Beyond the Parish

Hope and Hospitality **Thursday 30th July 7.30 pm**
St Simon's Anglican, Kaleen. Join with other churches to discuss helping refugees and new arrivals. Contact Revd Dr Wayne Brighton 0407 408 333.

Christians for an Ethical Society. **Thursday 27th August 6.30pm**
This is a Dinner Forum with speaker Tim Costello AO: "Fortress Australia— myth or reality". \$50 for 3 course meal with drinks at Bella Vista Restaurant Belconnen. Bookings close August 19th. Robyn Coghlan 6254 0487 admin@ces.org.au