

Please pray for:

International Community and Church in: Ireland; United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales

The Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Burundi

Churches in Australia: Churches of Christ in Australia

Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Ballarat

The Diocese: North Goulburn, Wollondilly Gardens Self Care Units, NSW Police Chaplaincy, West Goulburn, F5 Service at West Goulburn, Marulan, Goulburn Base Hospital Chaplaincy, Goulburn Correctional Centre, Spouses and families of clergy and lay ministers and stipendary lay ministers (SLM).

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

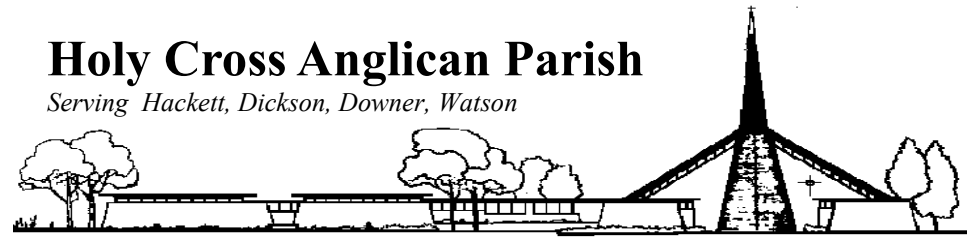
St Margaret's: Rev'd Chris Lockley and his wife Madeleine, the church Elders and Ross Walker Lodge.

From the Parish Directory: Jean Hambley; Toni Hassan, Peter Martin, Grace, Oliver and Lavinia; Michael and Doreen Htun; Kenneth Ihuoma, Bernice and Sean

People for Prayer: Hugh Collis; John & Fay Nevile and Susan Joy

Holy Cross Anglican Parish

Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson



Third Sunday in Lent

4th March 2018

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

We continue our Lenten journey as we worship this morning, on this Third Sunday in Lent, and I welcome you to Holy Cross for the offering of our worship in the celebration of the Eucharist.

This morning we have the children with us for the whole service, assisting in the welcoming and in the leading of worship; and again I am very grateful to Kate Flaherty for preaching the homily on this occasion.

On this Third Sunday in Lent we hear the Exodus version of the Ten Commandments, and to continue this theme for the children, in the gospel we will listen to Jesus give us the two Great Commandments. In spite of usual interpretations, the Ten Commandments begin with relationships rather than rules. Grounded in divine grace and deliverance, the commandments begin with our relationship with God. In a God-breathed, God-designed universe, alignment with God's vision is the foundation of social and personal morality and well-being. The Hebraic people, at their best, saw this truth. God's love for people elicits a loving response which embraces all our day to day relationships, touching every aspect of life, including economics and public policy: religion and politics do mix! Accordingly, the commandments provide a framework within which to live our lives.

Following morning tea, once again the Lenten Study Group will meet in the Rectory to continue the discussion of Rowan Williams' book, *God with Us*.

I draw your attention to the note on p.3 about the Planning Evening for the parish, on Tuesday 13th March at 5.30pm, and I share the Parish Council's hope that you will be there for this vital discussion.

Every blessing to you for the week ahead,

Erica

Sunday 11th March

Minister of the Word

Rosemary Radford

Readings and Readers

Numbers 21.4-9 Audrey Aedy

Psalms 107.1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2.1-10 Jennifer Blaik

John 3.14-21

Welcoming

Iris Forrest

Intercessor

Joan Smith

Chalice

Caity Cameron

Organist

Grace Mya

Door

John Briggs

Geetha Amarasingham

Sunday School

Adrian Wright

Morning Tea

Dorothy Mackenzie

Sandra Blaik

Counting

Caity Cameron

Cleaning

Dee Sayer

Flowers

Lent—no flowers

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

Conference on World Mission and Evangelism

The modern Ecumenical began with an international missionary conference in Edinburgh in 1910. Following in a long line of such conferences, the next one will start on Thursday in Arusha, Tanzania. The conference theme is, *Moving in the Spirit: Called to Transforming Discipleship*.

The conference will consider mission as multi-dimensional: witness in word and deed to Jesus Christ and his gospel; commitment to working for justice and reconciliation among all peoples and within all of creation; and participation in interfaith, secular, and ecumenical dialogue that seeks mutual understanding and common witness. It will celebrate the unity of all peoples as it marvels at their God-given diversity; and it will seek new ways of being faithful to God's mission in the world with the Spirit's leading.



THANK YOU

How generous you all were in supporting our Cancer Council Fund Raising stall, purchasing jam Chutney and pot plants etc. We raised \$373 which will go towards our Biggest Morning Tea, which will be on Sunday 20th May.

St John's Care

Horrible times in life can happen to anyone.

Friday afternoon, we had a visit from a very distressed man who was happily married with two children. Life should be good for them, but unfortunately it is not. He was close to tears and had run out of options. He was made redundant, and by Friday he had \$6.00 left. He thought he would get a new job, but it just hasn't happened. His wife has a small part-time job, so he does not qualify for Centrelink Benefits. Her salary helps, but it is not enough. He is at the end of his tether. Suicide seems like a good option. SJC was unable to help him financially, but he agreed to contact Care Financial Counselling, and he promised to contact Lifeline or Beyond Blue, if he finds life too intolerable.

We were able to give him a generous amount of food. It will make his \$6.00 go further. Next week, we will help with some prescriptions and a Telstra Bill.

By the time he walked out of SJC he was a much happier person.

This month SJC has assisted 280 people with food, finance and moral support. We have also provided people with advocacy and information to assist them.

We have seen a significant increase of people with financial difficulties, as well as having more people attending the Centre.

Wish list: Soap, full cream long life milk, peanut butter, Vegemite and cereal.

Also, if you have spare plastic bags, please drop them in as we go through many in the Centre each week.

Sarah Murdoch

A/Executive Officer

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

Parish Directory for 2018

An update to the parish directory will be produced soon. If you are new and would like to be included, or if you have changes to make, please contact Chris Ledger on chrisledger@icloud.com. The deadline is next Saturday, 10th March.

Social Justice & Environment Group Monday 5th March 7.00pm

This Group will meet tomorrow evening at the home of Adrian and Liz Wright.

Socially Crafty

Wednesday 7th March 1.00 - 3.00pm

Join with Tuckerbox to share fellowship and craft. Gold coin donation.

Beyond the Parish

Stations of the Cross Exhibition 3rd - 15th March 10.00am - 4.00pm

This Exhibition is being held in the Chapel at the ACC&C, and you are invited to visit the Exhibition during opening hours over the next ten days.

Beyond this Week

In the Parish

Planning Evening

Tuesday 13th March 5.30pm

The Parish Council is holding this Planning Evening for the whole parish, and strongly encourages you to come along.

Palestine

Wednesday 14th March 7.00pm

The Social Justice and Environment Group has invited Ros Harper to speak about Ecumenical Accompaniers in Palestine. Ros attends City Uniting Church. Please put the date in your diary and come to learn more about the situation.

Parish Council

Monday 19th March 5.30pm

Members of the Parish Council are asked please to note this date.

Beyond the Parish

Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees Sunday 25th March 1.00pm

Please support Refugees and Asylum Seekers by attending this Rally in Garema Place on Palm Sunday, to appeal for a more humane and compassionate policy.