

*Please pray for:*

**International Community and Church in:** Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

**The Anglican Communion:** Hong Kong Sheng Kung

**Churches in Australia:** Coptic Orthodox Church Diocese of Sydney & Regions

**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.

**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.

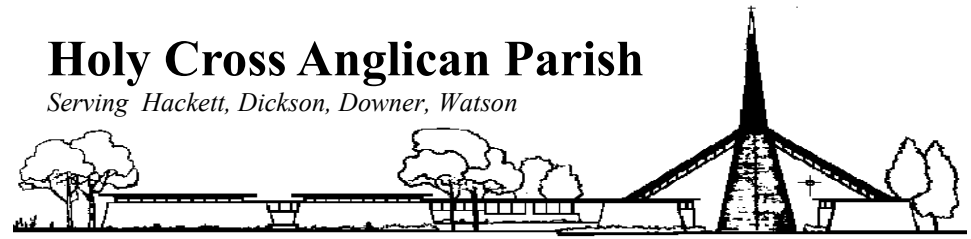
**From the Parish Directory:** Bob and Claire Lewis, Dorothy Mackenzie, Chris McLenaghan, Betty Marriott, Peter Martin, Toni Hassan, Grace, Oliver and Lavinia.

**People for Prayer:** Hugh and Natalie Collis, June Weston, Louise Reid [Sue's mother], Iris Rundle, Jo Woodruff, John and Fay Nevile and Susan Joy, Caity Cameron

**Give thanks for the life of:** John Mya (18.3.14), John Stevens (19.3.96), Dorothy Stevens (21.3.99)

## Holy Cross Anglican Parish

*Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson*



## Fifth Sunday in Lent

18th March 2018

### *The Rector Writes*

Dear Friends

Welcome this morning to our Parish Eucharist on this last Sunday in Lent before Holy Week. The readings explore the paradoxical wisdom of what is referred to as the 'paschal pattern' or 'paschal mystery': the process of emptying in order to become full, of dying so we may be raised to new life. This 'paschal pattern' is the path to the new heart promised in Jeremiah, a heart shaped by God's law of generous love and enabled by that same love. We see the pattern plainly in the dying and rising of Jesus and it is central to our Christian discipleship.

I encourage you to be present at the services during Holy Week. There is a powerful spiritual movement from Palm Sunday to Easter Day through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Accompanying Jesus on the whole journey draws us closer into the love of God that these central events of our faith reveal, and allows them to have their transforming effect in our lives. I remind you of the service times.

Palm Sunday 9am Eucharist with the Procession of Palms and dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel.

Maundy Thursday 8pm Footwashing and Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 9am Readings, reflection, songs re-memorating the crucifixion of Jesus.

2pm Readings, songs and silence

Easter Day 6am Lighting the New Fire, Baptism, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and first Eucharist of Easter.

9am Visit to the Easter Garden, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Eucharist.

I hope you will take each opportunity to be present.

God bless you richly this week.

*Erica*

### Palm Sunday 25th March

**Minister of the Word**

Richard Johnstone

**Readings and Readers**

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Rosemary Radford

Psalms 31.9-18

Philippians 2.5-11

Michael Braund

Mark 14.1-15

**Welcoming**

Michael Braund

**Intercessor**

Howard Smith

**Chalice**

Joan Smith

**Organist**

Grace Mya

**Door**

Kirsten Merlino

Mike Merlino

**Sunday School**

Trish Stoddart

**Morning Tea**

Sue Jordan

Tony Jordan

**Counting**

Adrian Wright

Barbara Campbell

**Cleaning**

Michael Braund

**Flowers**

no flowers

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

## PALM SUNDAY

We gather outside on the paved area near the hall. Bring a green branch for the procession.

If you have any large palm branches that could be used to decorate the church, please speak to Erica. We would need them on Saturday.



## PARISH WORKING BEE

**SATURDAY 24TH MARCH 4.30PM**

Clean the church thoroughly for Holy Week and Easter.

If we have enough people an hour is all it will take.

Bring dusters, mops etc

## Help Needed

After Erica's retirement help is needed in preparing some aspects of Sunday worship.

- Lynda in the office prepares the pewsheets and liturgy sheet. Someone is needed to add information, check and format both sheets and give them to Grace Mya who prints them on Saturday afternoons.
- The Scripture readings as set out in the Lectionary need to be prepared for use at worship. This is cut-and-paste job from internet Bible resources.

If you can help please speak to Erica.

## St John's Care

Last week, SJC was contacted by the Department of Foreign Affairs with a complex situation. A woman client purchased a one-way ticket to Europe. She is in her thirties and suffers from mental illness. While on the plane she realised that she had made a terrible mistake and was in a vulnerable position. When she landed she faced minus 17 temperature without appropriate clothing. She had no support and was in a country where she didn't speak the language. She was admitted to a psychiatric facility. It would be overwhelming for anyone, and for her, it would be horrendous. With her approval we were able to provide information regarding her health, mental wellbeing and financial circumstances to DFAT. She is still overseas as it is a long process to get her home. We're continuing to update and provide emotional support to her mother and do what we can to assist DFAT.

The complexities and challenges people face with mental illness can be debilitating. We can't fix the woman's situation, but we can provide support to make life a little easier for her and her mother. She comments that she considers SJC a safe place.

We are not half way through the month, but SJC has helped about 130 people with food, finance, information and moral support.

I would like to thank everyone who attended, donated items and supported our Sri Lankan Dinner. We raised around \$2,300 to help our work.

Wish list: One litre full cream long life milk, peanut butter, breakfast cereals, Vegemite and soap.

*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

*Lent Group*

**Today 11am**

*Parish Council*

**Monday 19th March 5.30 —7pm**

*Holy Cross Walking Group*

**Tuesday 20th March 9.15 am**

The walk is in Aranda. Bring Morning tea . Contact: Joan Smith. Meet in the church to car pool and then meet Joan at Calvary Retirement Centre Bruce. All welcome.

*Socially Crafty*

**Wednesday 21st March 1 - 3pm**

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

*Choir Practice*

**Thursday 22nd March 6.30pm**

Practice for Easter this week and again on 29th March. There will also be a practice on WEDNESDAY 4th April at 6.30pm for the service on 8th April.

### Beyond the Parish

*Canberra Choral Society*

**Saturday 24th March 7pm**

St Matthew Passion, in German , at St Christopher's Cathedral by a choir of 120. Tickets \$40-60 <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=356110&>

*Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees*

**Sunday 25th March 1pm**

At Garema Place. Support refugees and asylum seekers and add your voice to the appeal for a more humane and compassionate policy.

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## Beyond this Week

### In the Parish

*Garage Sale*

**Saturday 7th April 8 - 4pm**

At Doering's, 27 McCawley St Watson. Funds to the Tuckerbox building.

### Beyond the Parish

*Ending Slavery*

**Tuesday 27th March 7.30pm**

At the ACC&C Chapel., a forum with speakers and a panel. Stop the Traffik aims to stop modern-day slavery. Come and learn about the situation.