

Please pray for:

International Community and Church in: Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay

The Anglican Communion: Olympia - (IX, The Episcopal Church)

Churches in Australia: Lutheran Church of Australia

Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Rockhampton

The Diocese: Holbrook, Gundagai, Diocesan candidates training for ordination, Licensed Lay Ministers; the Diocesan Centre for Lay Ministry and Mission.

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, and Children's Ministry.

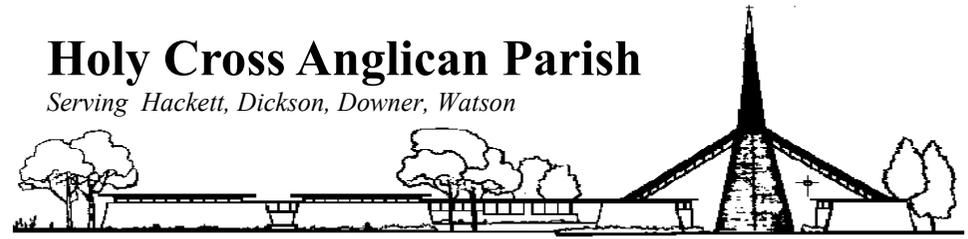
From the Parish Directory: Chris Nailer, John and Fay Nevile, Rosemary Radford and Lara, Nick Radford, Judith Ramage, Susan Reid and Michael Braund, Mildred Rendell.

People for Prayer: June and Keith Burnett, Caity Cameron, Irena Kurek-Braden, Elizabeth, Jackie and Brush Gordon-Smith, Bryce and Kate Wilson, Rosemary Leonard, Eleanor.

Give thanks for the life of: Robert Mockett (27.6.1995)

Holy Cross Anglican Parish

Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 21st June 2015

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

I am very pleased to welcome you all to Holy Cross for our Sunday worship. As we celebrate the Eucharist this morning may we, through the strength of Christ, be renewed in hope.

As we hear the Gospel passage we can be reminded that in the Scriptures water is often a sign of chaos. The Bible opens with the imagery of water everywhere, but God is seen as triumphant over the sea in the work of creation when the Spirit breathes over the waters and brings peace out of chaos. This morning we also have on our minds the Papal Encyclical, *Laudato si*, that was issued a few days ago. In it the Pope reflects on the state of the planet as being in chaos due to the way in which humans have misused it, and he concludes with a profound meditation on the need for an 'ecological conversion' that entails a recognition that the world is God's loving gift and that we are joined in a splendid communion with all creatures. This takes us back to water as another symbol: often for the great spiritual writers the sea has been a symbol of God's immensity, a symbol of God's infinite love. To be enveloped in that love, as Jesus was, brings peace—peace in the midst of chaos such as faces us in our time.

I hope you enjoy and make use of Pope Francis' Ten Commandments for the Environment that I enclose with this pewsheets.

The Parish Council held its monthly meeting last Friday, and there are several matters to report to you. You will find them listed over the page.

It would be lovely to see you at the Rectory next Sunday afternoon starting at 4pm when I will talk about my book that has recently been published and enjoy a cuppa, drinks etc. Please add your name to the list that is in the annex.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

Erica

FOR NEXT SUNDAY 28TH JUNE

Minister of the Word

Rosemary Radford

Readings and Readers

Ezekiel 34.11-16 Caity Cameron

Psalms 34.11-10

Children

Adrian Wright

2 Corinthians 8.7-15 Beverley Scott

Mark 5.21-43

Intercessor

Toni Hassan

Chalice

David Campbell

Organist

Natalie Collis

Door

Howard Smith

Joan Smith

Welcoming

Geetha Amarasingham

Morning Tea

David Campbell

Barbara Campbell

Counting

Barbara Campbell

Tony Jordan

Cleaning

Patricia Stoddart

Flowers

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

From the Parish Council

Parish Council met on Friday and discussed the following matters.

- We are holding a second Car Boot Sale on Saturday 22nd August. Please let your friends and family know, and start gathering your unwanted goodies. David Campbell is Co-ordinator; Chris Ledger will take bookings. We need volunteers for the sausage sizzle, teas/coffees, and to run the 'Holy Cross Car Boot'. Please let David know if you can help.
- Parish Finances are on track in relation to the budget. Income is a little low, but expenditure is also a little below what was expected. Thank you all.
- Scott Medling is bringing his skills to our website, and it would be good to have others join the website team. Please speak to Chris Ledger if you would like to.
- Parish Council is wanting to develop a social-networking profile. We are looking for people who could develop and maintain a Facebook page for us.
- We thank the young Rotaract people from Macao who emptied, sorted and repacked the Tuckerbox container on Thursday.

St John's Care

Good news, the Management Committee has found a new 'Sue'. His name is Stuart Davis-Meehan. For the past 30 years Stuart has been involved in the social and community sector at national, state, regional and local levels. He is strongly committed to social justice. I am looking forward to handing over to him and I am sure that he, with your continued help, will serve well those in Canberra who are having a hard time.

Today we were very busy, so the volunteers allowed me to help. Whilst with a client, I became sad about leaving. Working with the clients is what I will miss the most.

A friend has been a client for a number of years but she only asks for help when she is in real trouble. After we had a cuppa today, I asked her how she was, which I thought was a good question, and she let me have it with both barrels. Mary was cranky. She is a single parent with a 12 year old daughter. Because the daughter is over eight she has been transferred to Newstart Allowance, \$480 per fortnight plus Family Tax Benefits for her child. She can't manage. Mary has problems with her wisdom teeth. The dentist has recommended that both bottom wisdom teeth come out. The dentist can't do it, it needs an Oral Surgeon. Waiting time - 12 to 18 months. It was no wonder that she was cranky. I was able to fill a script for painkillers for her and we were able to provide her with the sensitive type toothpaste and food she could manage, but we couldn't help with the underlying problem, no charity could.

We know there are 2 Canberras when one of our clients - someone struggling to make ends meet - has to wait 12 to 18 months for pain relief. It is not an even playing field. Living on a limited budget is very hard.

My wish list for this week: tinned tuna, shampoo and conditioner and deodorant.

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

Congregational Meeting Today 10.30am

We will meet in the large hall over morning tea to discuss Tuckerbox and possibilities for its future operation.

New Church Directory—photos

Would you like a new photo in the parish directory? In preparation for the new directory, Chris Ledger will be taking photos after church TODAY, somewhere at or near morning tea

Beyond the Parish

Kippax Monster Garage Sale, Saturday 27 June 8am - 1pm

This is a way for people to have access to affordable second-hand goods and a fundraiser. There will be morning tea, a sausage sizzle, kids' activities etc.

Beyond this Week

In the Parish

Erica's Book launch, Sunday 28th June 4.00pm

Erica will talk about her book on early Christian women and 'launch' it next Sunday afternoon, when there will be light refreshments in the Rectory. All are welcome. Please write your name on the list.

Holy Cross Walking Group, Tuesday 30th June 9.15 am

The walk will be a Hackett walk & planning meeting. Bring morning tea. Meet in the church carpark

MU Overseas Day, Thursday 2 July 10.00am

There will be a Eucharist, a speaker, and a \$10 lunch. Funds raised will go to one of our Overseas Links in the Wave of Prayer. RSVP to Dorothy Mackenzie, 6248 928, by next Friday. Everyone is welcome.

Combined Luncheon, Sunday 26th July 12.30 pm

There will be a combined lunch with the people of St Margaret's on 26th July. It is a new and special opportunity for our two congregations to get together, so please note this date in your diary and plan to come.