

*Please pray for:*

**International Community and Church in:** Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

**The Anglican Communion:** The Church of the Province of Uganda

**Churches in Australia:** Greek Orthodox Church

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

**In the Diocese:** Holbrook, Gundagai; diocesan candidates training for ordination; Licensed Lay Ministers; the diocesan Centre for Lay Ministry and Mission.

**St Margaret's:** The ministry offered by the congregation, and for the Rev'd Chris Lockely and Madeleine as they prepare to come to St Margaret's.

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

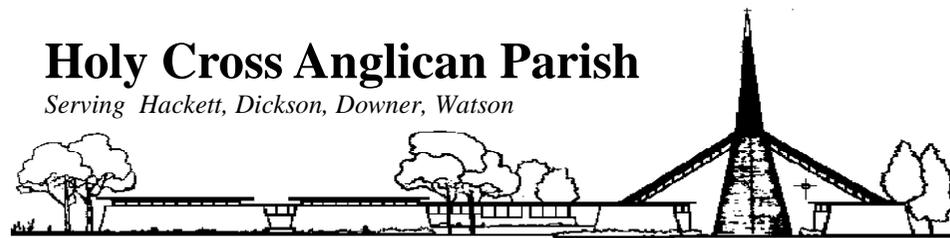
**From the Parish Directory:** Justin Combs, Jasper, Caleb, Reuben and Kate Flaherty, Alma Coote, Don and Beverley Doering, Ellie Duggan, Barb Edward

**People for Prayer:** Gladys Sanderson, Miriam Rijven, Bert Folkard, Rhonda Evans, Sue and Tony Jordan.

**Give thanks for the life of:** Val Clarke (16.9.2014)

## Holy Cross Anglican Parish

*Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson*



## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

21st September 2014

### *The Rector Writes*

Dear Friends,

A very warm welcome to you as we gather for worship this morning, especially as we come together with the St Margaret's congregation for this Creation Service. I hope that our celebration of the Eucharist today will help us to focus thankfully on the marvel of creation and our stewardship of our total environment.

We come this morning keenly aware of our sadness at the death of Val Clarke. She was a devoted member of Holy Cross for years, a friend of many of us; we mourn her passing and offer our love and sympathy to Sue and Tony in the bereavement.

Our worship this morning intentionally turns our attention to the whole created order, and especially to the natural environment that we enjoy. In two days time, over 120 presidents and prime ministers will gather in New York for a UN Summit on climate change. It is the first time the subject has brought so many leaders together since 2009. They are expected to assert again that reining in global warming is a political priority. Coincidentally, the meeting will begin only days after the Climate Council released its latest report on Australia's great vulnerability to rising sea levels through the remainder of this century. Our time of worship today helps us focus our minds on these matters as Christians concerned for the welfare of our planet. Of course, such concern is no new thing. A study commissioned by the Abp of Canterbury in 1975 examined "the historical roots of our current ecological crisis", and grounded our Christian concern in our 'sacramental' understanding of the universe: that it is created and sustained in being by God, creative Love, and every part of it, in its own way, reflects something of the nature of God. We celebrate this truth as we share the sacrament of bread and wine, and so are renewed in our responsibility for the earth.

May God bless you richly this week.

*Erica*

### FOR NEXT SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2014

**Minister of the Word**

David Campbell

**Readings and Readers**

Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32

Nichola Worrall

Psalms 25:1-9

Philippians 2.1-13

Hugh Collis

Matthew 21.23-32

**Intercessor**

Joan Smith

**Chalice**

Jean Hambley

**Organist**

Natalie Collis

**Door**

Iris Forrest

Tony Strain

**Welcomer**

Volunteer

**Morning Tea**

Iris Forrest

Jean Hambley

**Counting**

David Campbell

Dorothy Mackenzie

**Cleaning**

Tha Naw

Dorothy Mackenzie

**Flowers**

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

# News from Parish Council

At its meeting last Friday evening, the Parish Council discussed the following matters:

- Tuckerbox is part of a trial in the use of vouchers redeemable at Foodbank outlets, and given out by various charitable agencies.
- Parish finances are on track with respect to budget and Parish Council thanks everyone for their generous support of the parish
- A report from the recent diocesan synod was given, and will be made to the parish at morning tea on Sunday 28th September. A few copies of Bishop Stuart Robinson's Presidential address are available at the back of the church for borrowing and passing around.
- A process of review and planning for the parish is being developed.



## **From St John's Care.**

I have been asked to share some of my experiences as an SJC volunteer. I have been volunteering at SJC a day a week for 2 ½ years. I really enjoy touching the lives of the clients in some way. I like that we show respect by giving clients choices about what food they take away. They can drop in for a chat, coffee or some help and we sit with them in an informal way. Being there each week keeps me grounded and grateful. It also helps me see a different side of Canberra. Some of our clients have been coming for a long time but now there are also refugees or those in limbo until their refugee status is assessed as well as people who are employed but cannot make ends meet.

I am excited that we have established a Director's Discretionary Fund because sometimes a small amount of finance can sort out a problem which may be an insurmountable stumbling block for a client. It might be as simple as a client I had earlier this year, a single mother with 2 children, who had been through a rough time but was working and studying to get a better job and who needed her mobile phone bill paid. She used it for the internet to help with her study and as a contact with the childcare facility for her kids.

Federal Government funding for SJC is limited and we do not yet know what the longer term will bring in this regard. I have recently done two new things to help SJC financially. I have moved my donations to a monthly direct debit which means I don't forget and SJC can budget more easily. I have also made provision in my will for SJC. Please speak to Sue or Robyn if you'd like more information.

## **Rhonda**

*Wish list for this week:* school lunch snacks, savoury biscuits, honey, men's and women's deodorant, washing powder and pasta sauce.

# This Week

## In the Parish

<i>Eucharist</i>	10.00 am	Wednesday
<i>Meditation</i>	5.00 pm	Wednesday in the church
<i>Gardening Group</i>	9.00 am	Thursday
<i>Tuckerbox</i>	2.00 pm	Saturday

## **Funeral Friday 26th September 11am**

Val Clarke's Funeral Service will take place at Holy Cross on Friday.

It will be followed by refreshments, and if you can help with food, please phone Bev Garrard on Tuesday after 1pm, 62486872.

## **Men's toilet renovation. Commencement 22nd September**

The refurbishment will take up to 4 weeks. The ladies' toilet will be the only one available and will be redesignated as a unisex toilet.

## **Holy Cross Walking Group Tuesday 23rd September**

This walk will be in Dickson wetlands. Meet in the church car park at 9.15am and bring morning tea. Contact: Barbara Campbell: 6249 8853

## **Spring Quiet Day Wednesday 24th September 10am-3.15pm**

The Rev'd Joan Smith will lead the day on the theme of "Sabbath: setting time aside for God" - a Quiet Day is an example!. Please BYO lunch. Contact Joan: 6251 0374.

## Beyond the Parish

### **Public Forum Tuesday 23rd September 7.30pm**

"Speaking for a peaceful future", Arda Aghazarian from Jerusalem shares her vision for a just future for Israel and Palestine. At the ACC&C. Supported by World Vision and the Palestine-Israel Ecumenical Network. See notice board.

### **Theology Seminar Wednesday 24th September 3-5pm**

Palestine and Israel: Justice-Based Theologies at St Mark's, Sulman Room, supported by World Vision Australia and coordinated by the Palestine-Israel Ecumenical Network. RSVP by 23 September. Contact Patricia Abbott 0418793512.

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### **Combined Choir. Recess till Thursday 9th October**

The combined choir will take a 2 week break and recommence practice for Advent on the 9th of October at 6.30pm. All welcome. See Susan Reid.