

Please pray for:

International Community and Church in: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden

The Anglican Communion: Long Island - (II, The Episcopal Church)

Churches in Australia: Greek Orthodox Church

Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of the Northern Territory

In the Diocese: Cooma, Berridale and Snowy Mountains, Southern Monaro, Cooma Correctional Centre: Chaplain, Premier of New South Wales, Chief Minister of the ACT and their respective Governments and the Opposition parties.

St Margaret's: Rev Chris Lockley and wife Madelaine and church Elders.

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

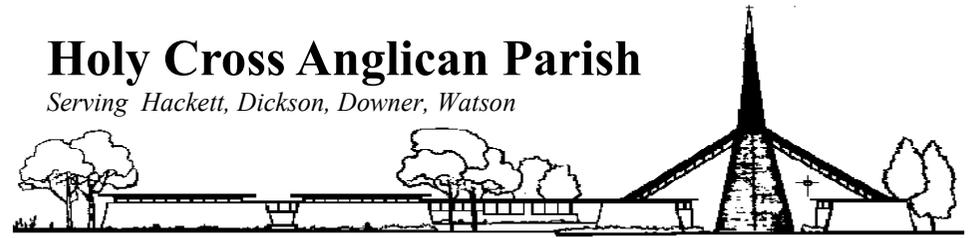
From the Parish Directory: Don and Beverley Doering, Ellie Duggan, Barb Edward, Bert Folkard, Iris Forrest, Bev Garrard

People for Prayer: Jackie and Brush Gordon-Smith, Miriam Rijven, Bryce and Kate Wilson

Give thanks for the life of: Edgar Thomson (1976), Desmond Eddowes (30.1.96)

Holy Cross Anglican Parish

Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson



Third Sunday after the Epiphany 25th January 2015

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends

A warm welcome to you as we gather today to worship God, to listen once again to the good news of God's love for us and all people, and to bring our heart-concerns to God—and do all this together, as community. May this time bring fresh hope, courage and encouragement for our faith journeys.

The theme of the call to follow Christ which was the focus of last week's readings continues this week, with Mark's Gospel telling us about Jesus' call of Peter, Andrew, James and John to be disciples. Jesus calls the two sets of brothers to join him in his mission of inviting others into God's new world – they will 'fish' people into God's reign of love. The reading from the book of prophecy called Jonah tells of God sending Jonah to people who are enemy 'outsiders' in the city of Nineveh, warning them to repent and offering them fullness of life. The reading from 1 Corinthians adds another dimension to our thinking about discipleship. Alongside, or better, as part of the call to follow, and share Jesus' mission, this reading challenges us to trust God, daringly and riskily, and not to let ourselves get caught up in trusting things in our world that promise security, identity, and the 'good life', and which ultimately can give us nothing of lasting value. The psalmist tells the same truth. As we reflect more deeply we find we are being called to commit ourselves in all we are to God and God's purposes, and the life of grace, and to invite others to do the same.

I look forward to seeing you at today's Australia Day BBQ. It is a most enjoyable way to launch the year and we are grateful to Sue and Tony Jordan for organising, cooking, decorating etc.

God bless and be with you this week.

Erica

FOR NEXT SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

Minister of the Word
Patricia Stoddart

Readings and Readers
Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Adrian Wright
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Jean Hambley
Mark 1:21-28

Intercessor
Chris Ledger

Chalice
Adrian Wright

Organist
Grace Mya

Door
Ann Walsh
Audrey Aedy

Welcomer
Volunteer

Morning Tea
Iris Forrest
Jean Hambley

Counting
John Briggs
Dorothy Mackenzie

Cleaning
Sandra Blaik

Children

Flowers
St Margaret's

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

THANK YOU

**Sunday
rosters**

Today, we say a very BIG THANK YOU to Trish Stoddart who has been doing the rosters for many years for all the jobs that make Sunday worship happen. Trish is now passing the 'baton' to Sue Jordan (to whom we are also very grateful). Trish has done a great job getting the rosters done on time, accommodating people's preferences and absences, and filling numbers of vacancies herself. Trish is 'retiring' from rostering but will continue to coordinate kidschurch, be a Minister of the Word, and do many other tasks of ministry among us. Trish, thank you.

St John's Care

This week I have seen the worst and the best of the Canberra Community and I am so proud of St John's Church. Over the past 6 months, SJC has been supporting 2 homeless guys and their very very large hound. The Parish has been extremely tolerant allowing them to keep their vehicle in the car park. During winter it was home for Ron, Matt and this very big dog. As the weather warmed, the 2 guys and their very big dog have set up a camp somewhere near which is safe and comfortable.

At this time of year, the car is used for storage. SJC has been helping them submit their application to ACT Housing and providing hot drinks and a bit of food from time to time, including dog food. These guys were homeless but self-sufficient.

Unfortunately on Friday night their car was broken into, the windscreen was smashed and the car trashed. All their gear was strewn around the car park and the car was a write-off. The car was worth nothing but it was theirs, their home. The police were called and did their stuff but I guess the perpetrators will never be found.

I can't understand why the local thugs pick on strugglers. It was an old car, clearly didn't belong to someone well off. Ron and Matt have lost their few possessions and their winter home. The Wreckers paid the boys \$100, which is probably what the car was worth, but to Ron and Matt it was worth so much more.

That was the worst! The best - the Reverend Paul organised a retiring collection for Ron and Matt after the services on Sunday. Thank you for being so generous, they have never seen so much money and are overwhelmed by the support. Ron said to me today that he has never felt so loved and supported.

Christianity - so important to me, I learnt it by osmosis from my parents - it is such a great thing. Thank you for your support.

My wish list for this week: pasta sauce, shampoo and school supplies.

Many thanks *Sue*

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>Tuckerbox</i>	2.00 pm	Saturday

In the Parish.

Australia Day BBQ

Today 25th January 12.30 pm

Parish Council Planning Meeting **Friday 30th January 5.30pm**

A special meeting of Parish Council is being held to review the past year and begin planning for 2015. If you have any thoughts, comments, ideas that you would like us to consider, please speak to Erica, one of the Church Wardens or any member of Council. We would love to hear from you. Thank you to those who have already given us feedback and ideas.

Change of address.

Please add to your Parish Directory.

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Email - collisnh@esc.net.au



Beyond this Week

In the Parish.

Holy Cross Walking Group **Tuesday 27th January 9.15 am**

The first walking group for 2015 will be next Tuesday. Meet in the church car-park. Morning tea at a cafe. We will also plan our walks for the coming six months, so come with your ideas and favourites

Welcome to St Margaret's Minister **Sunday 1st February 10.30am**

The Rev'd Chris Lockley and his wife Madeleine will be welcomed at this service, and members of Holy Cross are warmly invited.

Parish AGM and AEM
Sunday 15th February 10.30am

Reports from parish groups need to be given to Lynda (preferably electronically) by next Sunday **1st February** for production of the Annual Report. Nomination forms for Church Wardens and Parish Council members are available today.