

Please pray for:

International Community and Church in: Eritrea, Ethiopia

The Anglican Communion: New Jersey - (II, The Episcopal Church)

Churches in Australia: Armenian Apostolic Church

Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Wangaratta.

The Diocese: Anglicare South East, Eden Sapphire Coast Anglican Church, Bimbimbie Lifestyle Village, Merimbula, Mariner Park Lifestyle Village, Tura Beach and Nullica Lodge Hostel, Eden-Bega, including Ricky's Place, Wambiri Youth and Conference Centre, Sapphire Coast Anglican College, the Church's ministry in holiday resorts.

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

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

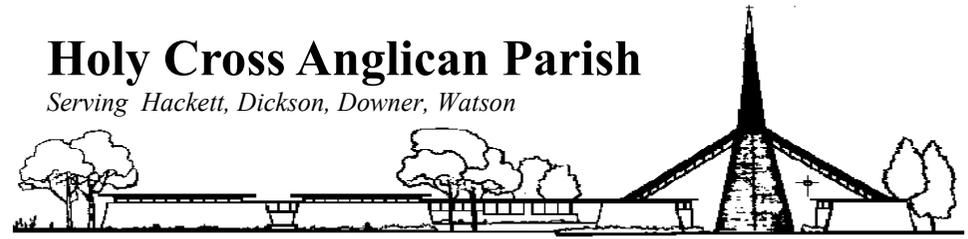
From the Parish Directory: Margaret Atkinson, Gretel Ayre, Kirsty Baker.

People for Prayer: Irena Kurek-Braden, John Tyler, Elizabeth, June and Keith Burnett, Audrey Aedy, Jackie and Brush Gordon-Smith.

Give thanks for the life of: Reggie Crilley (27.4.69), Gladys Swadling (29.4.98)

Holy Cross Anglican Parish

Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson



Fourth Sunday of Easter

26th April 2015

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends

Christ is risen. Alleluia! Welcome to our parish Eucharist this morning. May our worship help deepen our sense of God's living presence, strengthen our faith and renew our joy.

If the Easter season is about anything, it is about restoration, life, and God's compassionate care for God's people. These are needs that the marking of ANZAC day yesterday brings into stark focus. They are the themes too that come through the readings for this week. In Acts the disciples, who are put on trial for healing a lame man outside the Temple, proudly proclaim Jesus as the name by which the healing has happened, and by which humanity can be made whole. David's Psalm celebrates God's care as shepherd. And in John's letter the love of God that is revealed in Christ's self-giving is to be passed on through us who are Christ's disciples as we choose to love one another and lay down our lives for one another. Finally, in John 10 Jesus proclaims himself as the Good Shepherd who cares for the sheep with commitment and courage, and who lays down his life for the sheep. But, in this loving self-gift lies the hope of resurrection – Jesus confidently asserts that he will take up his life again. The message is an important one as we reflect on the resurrection over this Easter season. Resurrection can easily be seen as an individual experience of life beyond the grave, but the Gospel reveals that it is much more than that. Resurrection calls us to be life-bearers for others – people who, like Jesus, lay our lives down for others, preferring sharing to greed, truth to deceit, peace-making to violence. It is the hope of resurrection that makes self-giving possible, and that gives us the strength and courage to risk loving and serving others even when it costs. Next week as an expression of our relationship as co-operating congregations, we will welcome the Rev'd Chris Lockley as preacher at our service. Chris is the Minister of the Word at St Margaret's, and at St James' Curtin. May God bless you with Easter life this week.

Erica

FOR NEXT SUNDAY

3RD MAY

Minister of the Word

Rosemary Radford

Readings and Readers

Acts 8.26-40 Scott Medling

Psalm 22.26-32

1 John 4.7-21 Chris McLenaghan

John 15.1-8

Intercessor

John Nevile

Chalice

Jean Hambley

Organist

Surprise

Door

Scott Medling

Anne Medling

Children

Dorothy Mackenzie

Morning Tea

Bev Garrard

Ann Abbott

Counting

John Briggs

Richard Stoddart

Cleaning

Dorothy Mackenzie

Francis Sutherland

Flowers

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

**TRINITY PROGRESSIVE LUNCH
SUNDAY 31ST MAY 12 NOON**

We begin in the hall for soup, move to various homes for the main course and gather together again for dessert.
If you are able to come, please put your name on the list at the back of the church. Transport can be arranged. Cost \$15 to be paid by 24th May.
Please also indicate if you would be happy to host a group of about 8 for the main course.



St John's Care

Friday was hard day. Late in the afternoon I was working with Zack, the YCC Youth Worker, with a 16 year old. At the end of the day I went home, had a few tears for the young woman, and was irate at how unfair life is for some people.
Mary is a very vocal young woman. She can't live with her family, they have moved away, so she is living in a Refuge. She hates it. She has no money, and no credit on her phone. Life is miserable! She should be on Youth Allowance, which is not a lot of money, but she receives no benefits from Centrelink, because she has no ID. She rang her Mum who doesn't have her Birth Certificate anymore, so it is not easy. You can't get a copy of your Birth Certificate unless you have identification—a 'Catch 22' situation.
Zack is working on it but it takes time. Thankfully she had her Medicare number so was able to go to the Doctor. On Friday, she needed a script filled, but with no benefits and no money that was a serious problem. SJC and YCC fixed that. Paying for the medication was the easy part. We had to phone 6 pharmacies before we found one that had the right medication and then I had to drive to Hughes to get it. How would Mary have managed? And why should she have to? She is just 16 and shouldn't be worrying about things like that. She should be at school and having a good time with her friends. Instead she is miserable living in a refuge.
Over the years I have worked with many young people Mary's age who are at school and need to do some volunteer time with a community organisation. They are lovely young carefree people and often talk about their plans for university, their recent holidays etc. They have good clothes and the newest electronic equipment, but more importantly they have parents who love them. Their parents may not be rich, but these kids have a future. Everyone thinks that Canberra is a happy middle class city, but let me assure you that it is not. We have a lot of poverty. I see it every day. We are lucky that we have no slums so the poverty is hidden, but it is there. What sort of future will Mary have?
My wish list for this week: tinned fruit, ladies' deodorant, tissues and toilet paper.
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

Recipes

A reminder to send Bev Scott recipes for the Holy Cross Cookbook. The cut off date will be the end of July so that it can be printed in the lead up to the fete. Thank you to everyone who has already given a recipe. We need lots more. Send your favourites to wallacescott@grapevine.net.au

Beyond this Week

In the Parish

Questions in Christianity

Sunday 3rd May 4 pm

This series using a DVD with discussion continues in the Rectory next Sunday, then 17th and 24th May. All are welcome, previous attendance is not necessary. If you have not already told her, please let Erica know if you would like to come.

Holy Cross Walking Group

Tuesday 5th May 9.15 am

The walk will be in Dickson wetlands, Morning tea @ café. Meet in the church carpark. Contact: Jean Hambley 6248 9527

Choir

Thursday 7th May 6.30 pm

There will be a Musical Evening featuring the Choir in September in association with Holy Cross Day. Practice begins on May 7th. If you enjoy singing, come along. Speak with Susan Reid 6241 7040.

Biggest Morning Tea

Sunday 24th May 12 Noon

Let's get together to help beat cancer. Your donations will fund research. Lunch, raffle, trading table. In the large hall. Phone Shirley 0429 600 478.

St Margaret's Fashion Afternoon

Saturday 30th May

Holly Grove Boutique will show their winter fashions followed by afternoon tea. Entry \$10. Funds to the Biggest Morning Tea. Contact Shirley Larson 6255 3464

Beyond the Parish

Passion for Peace

28th and 30th April, 2nd May 7.30 pm

A new choral work by Glenda Cloughley in the style of an oratorio will be sung by the Canberra Chorus of Women to mark the 100th anniversary of the International Congress of Women. Venue, the Albert Hall. Cost \$35.