

*Please pray for:*

**International Community and Church in:** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

**The Anglican Communion:** Spokane - (IX, The Episcopal Church)

**Churches in Australia:** Congregational Federation of Australia

**Anglican Church of Australia:** Diocese of Willochra

**The Diocese:** Cobargo, Bodalla-Narooma, Moruya, Batemans Bay, Aboriginal Ministry, Boomerang Meeting Place, Mogo, St Peter's Anglican College, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministry, Bimbadeen Training College, Cootamundra.

**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, Choir and Children's Ministry.

**From the Parish Directory:** John McCorriston, Chris McLenaghan, Scott and Anne Medling, Karen Moloney, Toni O'Keefe, Myles and Aida

**People for Prayer:** Bert Folkard, Mildred Rendell, Caity Cameron, Eleanor, Jackie and Brush Gordon-Smith, Anke Burns.

**Give thanks for the life of:** William McLaren (30.9.1973)

# Holy Cross Anglican Parish

*Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson*



## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 27th September 2015

### *The Rector Writes*

Dear Friends,

My very warm welcome to you as we come to worship this morning. As we worship, may our hearts be open to God's surprising grace.

The gospel story we hear this morning parallels our Old Testament story. It indicates that the circle of disciples was not sewn-up amongst the Twelve, and so they felt threatened by someone outside the 'inner circle' being equally effective in serving other people. And the OT passage, similarly, declares that the spirit was not confined to those who were in the right place at the right time. In both passages we find the call to embrace the unexpected and surprising. Both passages witness to the unpredictability of the Spirit. We may see the activity of God's Spirit in places where we least expect it. For us, it may mean that we need to be careful of where we draw the boundaries of 'true faith' or 'right order' in the Church. We can never be certain that faithful and effective disciples are to be found *only* in 'like-minded' Christians – or just our denomination. The Scripture stories remind us that we, as the Church, are to be a sign of reconciliation and hope in our world. But they also remind us of the misunderstandings, blindness, exclusiveness that get in the way and prevent us from being such a sign in a truly authentic way. And so they challenge us to accept the need to keep working at it, to keep making the effort – only in this way can we walk the way of discipleship that is a life lived in God's surprising grace.

A few of our people now need to lift to church on Sundays, and I draw your attention to the note on page 3 about the need for a roster of drivers to collect them.

The new youth group started on Friday evening, and will meet again in late October. Please encourage any young people you know to come along.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

*Erica*

### FOR NEXT SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

**Minister of the Word**

Sue Jordan

**Readings and Readers**

Genesis 2:18-24

Tony Jordan

Psalms 8

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Audrey Aedy

Mark 10:2-16

**Welcome**

Tony Strain

**Chalice**

Caity Cameron

**Organist**

Susan Reid

**Door**

Chris Ledger

Geoff Alves

**Sunday School**

Holidays

**Morning Tea**

Iris Forrest

Sandra Blaik

**Counting**

Dorothy Mackenzie

Tony Jordan

**Cleaning**

Sandra Blaik

**Flowers**

St Margaret's

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

## INVITATION

**Sunday 4th October 2pm**

Frances Sutherland and Owen Martin  
are getting married

and invited the parish to join the celebrations.

At Mount Ainslie Reserve, at the top of Philip Avenue  
followed by a bring-and-share afternoon tea in the hall.

Please RSVP to [owensan.frances@gmail.com](mailto:owensan.frances@gmail.com)



### **Changed and New directory entries**

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### **St John's Care**

St John's Care has been providing emergency relief for years and will continue to do so. There is a huge need for its service. But, with Anglicare, we are also considering how we might help clients to thrive.

Most people come asking for food or clothing or assistance with bills, which we gladly provide. Occasionally they invite us into their lives by sharing their stories, and we can help in other ways. A recent example is of a woman who received food relief from St John's Care on several occasions. She has given me permission to share her story.

This woman is a mother of 3 and soon to be 4. She was born in a war-torn nation where her first husband was murdered and she was captured by rebels and suffered unspeakably. She then lived in a camp and came here as a refugee. She is now an Australian citizen, works as a casual cleaner but does not read or write English yet. When she came into St John's Care she told of being constantly chased, shouted at and threatened by a male neighbour she described as having mental health problems ('I'll burn your house down. I'll kill you.'). As a result she was very stressed.

Two volunteers spent time on the phone arranging for a visit to the Magistrate's Court for a Personal Protection Order and advocating for her with Government Housing. (Her current house is quite inadequate - apart from the trouble with the neighbour - and only has 2 bedrooms.) One volunteer accompanied her the next day to the Court to support her. The Protection Order was granted. She and her family were put on high priority by Housing ACT and amazingly, this week she was offered a 4 bedroom house in another suburb and she is beaming. She was so grateful saying "After St John's Care got involved everything started to happen for me."

Wish list: pasta sauce, tinned vegetables (not corn), 1 litre milks

Many thanks, *Stuart Davis-Meehan*

## 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>Choir</i>	6.30 pm	Thursday
<i>Tuckerbox</i>	2.00 pm	Saturday

**Synod Report** Today at morning tea  
The parish's synod representatives will report on this year's diocesan synod.

### **Tickets on sale—The Rector's Dozen.**

Collect tickets for the fete raffle from Joan Smith:  
\$2 per ticket in books of five.

**AN URGENT NEED**  
We have some members of our congregation who need to be picked up and brought to church on Sunday mornings on a regular basis. If you are able to volunteer to assist in this way, please speak to Erica. Thank you.

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## Beyond this Week

### In the Parish

**Holy Cross Walking Group** Tuesday 6th October 9.15 am

The walk will be at Black Mtn - forest track. Bring morning tea. Meet in the church carpark. Contact: John Campbell 0490 186 096.

**Socially Crafty.** Wednesday 7th October 1-3pm

Join with Tuckerbox to share fellowship while pursuing craft of your choice. The group is open to all with a gold coin donation to cover tea and coffee. In the annex.

**Youth Group** Friday 30th October 6.30 pm

Fellowship for young people in school years 7-10. Be part of something fun and relaxed - activities, eating and hanging out. Please bring \$5 to cover pizza and drinks and meet at the hall. Contact Toni Hassan 0426 207 726 [home.toni@gmail.com](mailto:home.toni@gmail.com)

### Beyond the Parish

**We are better than this.** Wednesday 7th October 7.30pm

Essays addressing policies on asylum seekers edited by Robyn Cadwallader to be launched by Jon Stanhope. Venue: ACC&C. Price: \$30. RSVP: [hdregan@atf.org.au](mailto:hdregan@atf.org.au)

**Stand up for Refugees** Sunday 11th October 1pm

The rally in Garema Place is organised by the Refugee Action Committee Canberra..

**Holy Trinity Curtin** Wednesday 14th October 7.30pm

Anne Lanyon, a Catholic theologian in the area of justice and the environment, will speak on *Laudato si' and a Spirituality for the Whole World*. Cost \$5