

*Please pray for:*

**International Community and Church in:** Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia

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

**Churches in Australia:** Armenian Apostolic Church

**Anglican Church of Australia:** Mission Agencies, Vocational Deacons in their specialised ministries

**The Diocese:** Diocesan Clergy, active and retired, Clergy widows and widowers, vocations to missional service both at home and overseas.

**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.

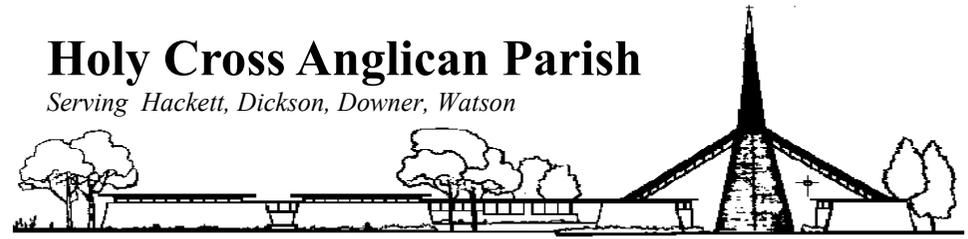
**From the Parish Directory:** Ellie Duggan, Barb Edward, Amanda Edworthy, Iris Forrest, Bev Garrard.

**People for Prayer:** Bert Folkard, Eleanor, Anita Faulks, Brush and Jackie Gordon-Smith

**Give thanks for the life of:** Gertrude Crane (3.9.74), Lydia Searle (3.9.52), Clement Searle (3.9.55), David Searle (3.9.2000), Peter Robinson (4.9.02).

## Holy Cross Anglican Parish

*Serving Hackett, Dickson, Downer, Watson*



### Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

30th August 2015

### *The Rector Writes*

Dear Friends,

Welcome most warmly to Holy Cross this morning. We particularly welcome the young members of our congregation, kids church, who will be sharing in leading the worship. We thank them for being the blessing they are to us.

After six weeks of reading in John's gospel the great chapter on Jesus, the Bread of Life, we are, today, back in Mark's Gospel. The passage explores what it means to obey God's law and to live a life consistent with God, and concludes that, if our faith is simply legalistic, outward observance, it is not authentic. Indeed all the readings challenge us to live honestly, justly and generously by following God's will and ways—from our hearts. They urge us to allow our hearts to be changed by what we know of God so that what we do for God and others is a true, heartfelt response. Psalm 15 tells us that living in God's presence goes hand in hand with striving to live justly and kindly. It also assures us that with God as our constant enlightening and guiding presence, we shall not stumble. In James, those who hear the law but fail to live it out are compared to people who look at themselves in a mirror and then forget what they look like. As followers of Christ we are called to put God's law and God's ways into practice. There is a deep interiority and intimacy involved as God's Word gets planted deep within us and grows, transforming us from the inside out. In the passage from Mark's gospel, Jesus teaches that following the law is not about legalistic, outward observance, but is about being changed inwardly by the values and behaviours we know reflect God. This is what ensures our faith connection with God and with love.

I look forward to celebrating Holy Cross Day together next Sunday. Details are inside this pewsheet.

Every blessing for the week ahead,

*Erica*

#### FOR NEXT SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

**Minister of the Word**

David Campbell

**Readings and Readers**

Numbers 21.4b-9      Barbara Campbell

Psalms 98.1-6

1 Corinthians 1.18-24      Nichola Worrall

John 3.13-17

**Welcoming**

Adrian Wright

**Intercessor**

John Nevile

**Chalice**

Adrian Wright

**Organist**

Susan Reid

**Door**

Bev Garrard

Ann Abbott

**Sunday School**

Dorothy Mackenzie

Sandra Blaik

**Morning Tea**

Kirsty Baker

The K Team

**Counting**

Barbara Campbell

John Briggs

**Cleaning**

Frances Sutherland

Geetha Amarasingham

**Flowers**

Dorothy Mackenzie

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



## NEXT SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

### FEAST OF HOLY CROSS

**PREACHER: REV'D NIKOLAI BLASKOW**

We celebrate our Patronal Festival with a Eucharist followed by a special morning tea.  
This our Back-to-Church Sunday

#### *St John's Care*

Can you believe it is week 5 already? I want to take this opportunity to remind people about the range of services that we provide at St John's Care :

- Emergency Relief Centre – we provide non-perishable food, fresh fruit and vegetables, Telstra vouchers, clothing and bedding, prescription vouchers, Action bus tickets and help with some bills such as water, electricity, gas and car registration.
- Community Lunches – all are welcome at our free lunch on the 1st Friday of each month and on Christmas Day. Gai Brodtmann, Federal Member for Canberra will be at the October lunch. November's lunch which will be catered by the Sri Lankan community.
- Breakfast Club – we provide free breakfast for students at Ainslie Primary School on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week.
- Youth Care Canberra – we manage the YCC program and employ one Outreach Youth Worker and are considering employing a second.
- Patch-a-Puzzle – volunteers repair and restore wooden puzzles, especially for early childhood centres. Please donate any broken puzzles you have.
- Grief and Loss Program – clients are offered 6 free sessions of support.
- Marriage Education Course – a full day pre-marriage workshop run 5 times per year. The course is open to all intending to marry, not just at St John's.
- Christmas Present Room – a fortnight before Christmas.

I understand that there are some who are worried about changes that a new Director might bring. Let me reassure you that I think we are doing an excellent job across and I only seek to strengthen them. I am in the process of developing relationships with other service providers so we can ensure that our clients have access to the range of services that they need, and also identifying where the gaps are. If there is to be change, then it will be in how we respond to addressing these gaps. I welcome your input. Where do you see unmet need in Canberra and who is missing out?

Wish list: vegemite, jam, tinned fish, sweet biscuits. (We have an oversupply of baked beans and canned soup)

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>Tuckerbox</i>	2.00 pm	Saturday

#### *Socially Crafty.*

This will be the second gathering of Socially Crafty. An off-shoot of Tuckerbox this group meets for fellowship while doing a craft of your choice. The group is open to all with a gold coin donation to cover tea and coffee. Bring a craft project, or learn from others. There will be knitting! See Sandra Blaik 6241 4939

#### **Wednesday 2nd September 1 - 3pm**

#### **Funeral for Dorothy Ward**

At Norwood Park.

#### **Tuesday 1st September 12 noon**

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## Beyond this Week

### In the Parish

#### *Choir*

Practice for a short piece for Holy Cross Day. Regular practice resumes on Thursday 10th September at 6.30pm.

#### **Sunday 6th September 8.30am**

#### *Holy Cross Walking Group*

The walk will be at Molonglo Reach, bring morning tea. Meet in the church carpark. Contact: Ann Walsh 6251 5675.

#### **Tuesday 8th September 9.15 am**

#### *Diocesan Synod*

In Goulburn. Please pray for Bishop Stuart and all involved. Our representatives are Kirsty Baker, Richard Stoddart, Adrian Wright and the Rector.

#### **Friday 11th to Sunday 13th September**

#### *Creation Service*

We worship with St Margaret's outdoors near the cherry tree. Please note the later time for the service.

#### **Sunday 20th September 9.30am**

### Beyond the Parish

*St Philip's Community Spring Fling* **Saturday 5th September 11.30am - 3.30pm**

*Can Christianity and Islam co-exist?* **Wednesday 9th September 7 pm**

A national dialogue at the Chapel, ACC&C. Free admission. Speakers: Rev Prof James Haire AC and Prof Azyumardi Azra CBE, prominent Indonesian Muslim scholar and public intellectual. 6272 6203 This is one of a series of dialogues being held in cities around Australia.