

OUR PRAYERS

Ecumenical Cycle: Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal.
Pray for: An end to discrimination on the basis of religion or ethnicity

Anglican Communion: The Lusitanian Church - (Portugal) The R't Rev'd Fernando Soares

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocese of Bathurst: Bishop Richard Hurford, Bishop John Stead, Clergy and People.

St Mark's National Theological Centre, Canberra: Tom Frame, Director; staff & students.

All being prepared for ministries, both ordained and lay in the Diocese and beyond, and Trevor Edwards, Director of Ministry Training & Development.
Centre for Ageing and Pastoral Studies: Elizabeth MacKinlay, Director
Pray for: Vocations to the sacred ministry (priesthood & diaconate), the process of selection of candidates. Examining Chaplains: Tim McGhie, Caroline Campbell, Kevin Farrelly, Ken Foster and Elizabeth Sloane.

Those in need: Mary McGiven-Shaw, Jean Pound, Gwen Green, Meg Colwell, Michael Sawyer, Mervyn McInnes, Vera Bowman, Myrle Bovis, Shirley Barrett, Claude Woodbridge, Paul and Maria Blinksell.

We remember & give thanks for: Peter David Blaseotto (d.10/12/03)
The Saints: Nicholas of Myra, bishop & philanthropist (d.c.342); Ambrose of Milan, bishop & teacher (d.397); Richard Baxter, pastor & spiritual writer (d.1691)

From the ecumenical prayer cycle:

Lord God, forgive the white slave-traders of Europe and over the seas!
With your help, may all the people of Europe, Asia, Africa,
and all who have sweated blood and suffering look beyond
and see the haloed heads of my people.
Extend a warm handshake to them so that we may all
interlace our fingers to belt the earth in fraternal love.

NEXT SUNDAY

8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings: Isaiah 35.1-10, Song of Mary, James 5.7-10, Matthew 11.2-11

Rosters:	Flowers:	Kerry-Anne Cousins
8am:	Reader:	Rhonda Evans
	Sidespeople:	Volunteer
10am:	Bible Readers:	1 st Sarah Gowty?, 2 nd Jack Adams
	Sidespeople:	Leighton Mann & Hardy Palethorpe
	Chalice Servers:	Ruth McGorman-Mann & Hardy P
	Morning Tea:	St Philip's Kids

Offerings received 24 & 28 November: \$620.40 + EFT \$601
Pandora's s 26 & 27 November \$215.00 Kindergarten rent \$2841.67

Items for the **Pewsheets** and names for the **Prayer list** (add or remove), please forward to Leighton by **Thursday 12 noon**. leighton.ruth@grapevine.com.au or 61617133

Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor!

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 5 December 2010

8am & 10 am Eucharist

The services begin on page 119 of the (Green) Prayer Book.

Readings: Isaiah 11.1-10
Psalm 72.1-7, 18-21 – page 294
Romans 15.4-13
Matthew 3.1-12

10am Music:

Hymns - *Together in Song:*
454, 282 (tune 161), 630, 315

Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Rebecca Newland
Flowers: Rebecca Newland

8am:

Reader: John Girdlestone
Sidespeople: John Girdlestone

10am:

Lay Minister: Brian McKinlay
Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
Bible Readers: 1st Fiona Dyer, 2nd Rebecca Palethorpe
Sidespeople: Roger Sharp & Chris Cheah
Chalice Servers: Tim Gowty & Denise Manley & 1 more
Morning Tea: Ann Munro & Helen Palethorpe

Visitors are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
At 10.00am Communion bread is administered first, then the small cup for intinction (dipping). The two common cups for sipping follow.

Today following 10am service: **Christmas Trading Table**

"Come and see," said Philip

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Hon. Priest: Rev'd Jeannette McHugh

Wardens: Helen Palethorpe, Ian Cousins & Denise Manley J.P.

The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Leader: On the second Sunday of Advent we light two candles to show that the church joyfully awaits the coming of its Saviour, who enlightens our hearts and scatters the shadows of fear and doubt. We pray that God will bless our lighting of these candles so that we may reflect the splendour of Christ, our Light

Response: **Come, Lord Jesus, and turn us toward your light.**

Leader: (Read while the candle is being lit)

If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from sin. (1 John 1:7, adapted)

Response: **Come, Lord Jesus, and turn us toward your light.**

(Sung or spoken as a prayer)

On Jordan's bank the Baptist cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and harken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.
Then cleansed be every heart from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty guest may come. (Charles Coffin)

Greetings!

In last weeks sermon I gave a rather lengthy report on the planning process at St Philip's, which we hope will help us grow as a parish in discipleship and numbers. The planning group has completed the first part, which was to determine what we do here very well which is also what we aspire to do better. I followed that up by laying out the plan for the next 6 months. This will involve a refocussing of mission, strategies and a plan for how we will know if we are making any progress.

*The phrase we came up with to describe what we think and hope we do well is, 'we glorify God and make disciples by creating a place where we live the love of Christ'. This is **not** a vision or mission statement! As I said in my report if you think in computer terms this is the 'operating system' that we believe, just keeps humming away in the background. The planning group will have this in mind as we continue our planning and seek to discern God's direction and will. I should also note that this phrase is not cast in stone. If after further reflection and/or significant opposition from the parish it does not seem right we will rework it but I believe the essential idea is sound.*

Advent is a time when we symbolically move from darkness to light. I hope this phrase can shed some light on who we are as a community and how we live out our faith as we move forward into the new church year. For me it describes the fact that this place is very practical in it's gifts and talents. We live the love of Christ that is in our hearts in small and large acts of loving service and we are a place where hospitality and welcome is central. This may not sound grand or important but each small act of love done in the Spirit of Christ takes us one step closer to his Kingdom come to earth.

I don't know about you but I am deeply attracted to clarity and simplicity. Not a simplicity and clarity that dumbs down the complexities of belief and being human, but a way of understanding and knowing that throws a light into our confusion and doubt.

Without light it is hard to make out the differences, the edges, the beauty and the ugliness of life. The Christ is the ultimate light that, if we let it, burns into our being and our world and reveals the shadows and brightens the love we bear. For this reason we say at Advent, "Come Lord, Come".

Peace and Blessings, Rebecca

THIS WEEK @ ST PHILIP'S

Monday: 10.30am St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre
- including lunch

Wednesday: 10am: Holy Communion
7.30pm: Parish Council @ the Rectory

Thursday: Rev'd Robin Moore in Pastoral Care team at
Ginninderra Gardens

Friday: 10am-1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor – Open, *Volunteers: ??*
1pm-2pm: Rev'd Linda Anchell @ Women in Black Vigil,
Petrie Plaza, Canberra City

Saturday 10am-1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor – Open
Volunteers: Ann Munro & Rachel Tuchar
10.30am: Holy Communion @ Kankinya Aged Care
Facility, Lyneham
11am Pandora's at O'Connor - Christmas Party.
Come along and celebrate our successful year. Please PSVP to Kerry-Anne
62474928 for catering.

COMING EVENTS @ ST PHILIP'S

BBQ & Sarah's Afghanistan experience **Sunday 12 December, 5.30pm**
You are invited to a barbeque at Helen & Hardy's home, 74 Waller Crescent,
Campbell. Please bring a salad or dessert if you can – if you can't, it's OK too. If you
have special dietary needs then please bring your own barbeque food.
Sarah Gowty has recently spent two months in Kabul working on projects for Care
Australia. Come and share a relaxed evening, ask her questions about life in Kabul
and hear her stories. She will have fascinating things to relate and will provide us with
insight into every day life in Afghanistan.
A donation for a humanitarian project in Afghanistan will be much appreciated.
Please RSVP to hpaethorpe@grapevine.net.au or 62488030.

Rev'd Rebecca's Birthday!!! *15 December*

Parish Planning Group @ the Rectory **7.30pm, Wednesday 15 December**

Saturday Service/Eucharist **Saturday 18 December, 5.30pm**

St Philip's Carol Service **Sunday 19 December, 7.30pm**
Please bring a plate of christmas food to share for supper

Christmas Eve **Friday 24 December**
6.30pm - Family Christmas Pageant
11pm - Carol Singing
11.30pm - Sung Eucharist

Christmas Day Eucharist **9am, Saturday 25 December**