

Welcome to St Philip's

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Newsletter for Sunday 3rd August 2003 (Eighth Sunday after Pentecost)



Dear Friends,

Today we welcome Linda Anchell as our preacher. Over the last few years Linda has added much to our parish life. After Linda's ANU ministry and connections into the gay community she has settled into being our resident website and digital photography guru.

welcome Linda to the pulpit today! Today we also remember Linda's parents Mary and David Reid whose ashes are placed in the memorial garden and are recorded in our memorial book.

This week marked the anniversary of the dropping of the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima on 6th August 1945. Two days later a second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. These events must be a reminder of the futility of war generally and I hope will challenge us to be committed to a world free of nuclear weapons. Recent events in Iraq where weapons of mass destruction including nuclear weapons were the reason for war and then the confrontation with North Korea remind us that these issues are still very much alive. Of course we all know that USA, the Russian Federation, India, Pakistan, UK, China and possibly Israel and plenty of other countries already have nuclear weapons! How can we be sure that they will be responsible?

The sentencing of the first of the suspects convicted in the Bali bombing begins the closure process for many of the victims and the relatives of those who died. I'm still not convinced that the death sentence is right or appropriate in any situation but especially with those who want to be martyrs. It seems an interesting twist that the desire to die as a martyr may be thwarted by a legal appeal, It is also strange that the supporters of the bombers have vowed revenge if the death penalty is carried out especially if martyrdom is what they want! The great sadness of this week's Jakarta bombing is the death of so many innocent Indonesians! This is always the way with such terrorism. We need to keep

the Indonesian people and their leaders in our prayers at this time.

The first reading today reveals further tragedy in the life of David whose son Absalom had become his political rival. Although David asked for his son to be treated gently the bloodthirsty Joab cruelly kills him. David's great grief overwhelms the relief at the removal of his rival.

In the second reading the Christian community, is reminded of how to work together and communicate. It is in contrast with the violence and grief of the David story. The Gospel story reaffirms Jesus as the "living bread" and has a veiled reference to his death. Jesus is the bread of life which comes "from heaven" to sustain God's people in their journey as the Manna had done so many, years before in the wilderness.

Rob Lamerton

Pray for..

Those in need of healing: Peter Blaseotto, Irene Keast, Rowan Gray, Shirley Campbell, Anne Hollingworth, Merv McInnes, Laurel Knight, Connie Hearn, Paul Mitchell, Athol and Thelma Barratt, Jim Legge, Mira Barratt, Marina, Jutaro Murase, Ted Moore, also Malvina, Mark and Kimberley.

The Departed: Mary (d.6/8/94) and David Reid (d.22/10/94), Melanesian Brothers killed in the Solomon Islands

The Saints: Oswald, king and martyr (d.642), Mary Sumner, founder of the Mother's Union (d. 1921)

This week

- Monday: Rob Lamerton's DAY OFF
- Tuesday to Friday: 7am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer
- Tuesday:
 - 10.30am
Kankinya
 - 7.30pm Parish
Council
meeting
- Wednesday:
 - 10.00am Holy
Communion
 - 11.00am Bible
Study -
Thessalonians
- Friday:12.15pm ANU Chaplaincy

SUNDAY 17th August, 2003 Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

8.00am and 10.00am Holy Communion
Readings: 1 Kings 2: 10 -12, 3: 3-14
Psalm 111
Eph: 5: 11-21 (22-31)
John 6: 51-58

Rosters:

Morning Tea: Ian & Kerry-Anne Cousins
Readers

8am: Rhonda Evans

10am: Anne Munro 1st Jean Pound 2nd

Sidespersons: 8am: John Cunliffe

10am: Leighton Mann & Hardy Palethorpe

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

NOTICES

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA

Another high quality show not to be missed!
This year's CAMRA Production runs from
Thursday 28th to Saturday 30th August, and
then from Thursday 4th September to
Saturday 6th September.

Adults \$25 Concessions and Party Bookings
of 6 or more \$20.

Children (under 15) \$10. Bookings and
Enquiries ph 62496067.

ROB LAMERTON'S LONG SERVICE LEAVE!

I will be taking Long Service Leave from
Saturday 30ul August and returning to work
Saturday 0 October. In my absence The
Rev'd Jeannette McHugh will be Locum
Tenens. In that time you should contact
Jeannette or the Wardens for all parish
business. I will be meeting with Jeannette
to arrange phone and e mail contact and to
plan the parish program. Please give
Jeannette all the help you can in my
absence.

WEBSITE

Thanks to Linda Anchell we now have a website. It is: <http://www.acay.au/stphil>

CHRISTMAS BOWL THANKS

Congratulations! Our Christmas Bowl contribution in 2002 was \$1200 an increase from 2001 when it was \$986. The NSW Ecumenical Council letter of thanks is on the notice board.

BIBLE STUDY THESSALONIANS ALL WELCOME!

Having completed our study of Philippians the Wednesday Bible Study at 11.00am will now focus on the first and second letter to the Thessalonians.

WORLD VISION CANBERRA

Requires dedicated, enthusiastic and organised people to volunteer their time to promote child sponsorship while staffing displays. Displays will be at both Belconnen and Woden Shopping Centres between 15 28 September. A minimum roster commitment of 3 hours is suggested. This is very rewarding work.

Volunteers will require one training session, EITHER ON Thu 21/8 or Tue 26/8 between 7-9 pm OR Sat 23/8 between 2-4 pm.

Closing date.. Monday 18 August. E mail: riley@wva.org.au or phone 6257 2342, or

fax. 6257 2341 to book a training time.

Weekly Offering Required \$1565
Offerings banked - Envelopes and Loose
\$667.40, EFT transfers \$320
The following amounts are not part of the
required weekly offering - Pandora's
\$332.95 Christmas in July \$170 Garage
Sale \$645.15

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further information or to be added to or
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