

# Welcome to St Philip's

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## **Sunday 17th August 2003 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**



Dear Friends,

I will be taking Long Service Leave from Saturday 30th August and

returning to work Saturday 4th 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. E-mail contact will remain the same and the phone will be redirected to Jeannette. I am pleased that people have been so positive about Jeannette's brief return to parish ministry at St Philip's. I'm sure it will be a valuable time for all!

The saga of David comes to an end but his dynasty continues in the person of his son Solomon. We also hear that because Solomon loved the Lord he sought to have an understanding mind and, the ability to discern between good and evil. Solomon is blessed with a wise and understanding mind and because he sought wisdom he will also be blessed with riches, honour and long life if he continues to walk in the Lord's ways.

The focus of the Ephesians reading is the contrasting themes of wisdom (v.15) and foolishness (v.17). Wisdom is "making the most of the time " Literally "buying up the opportunity" according to R.H.Fuller) and foolishness is therefore NOT making the most of the time and in drunkenness and debauchery! The author's (St Paul?) thinking behind this is that he believes the present age is under the domination of evil powers but these powers of evil are being vanquished, therefore the believers are to live as the children of the new age. Verse 18 gives a wonderful contrast, those who are not making the most of the time and are therefore foolish get drunk with wine, but those who are making the most of the time and are wise are intoxicated with the Spirit! This being filled with the Spirit is expressed not by speaking in tongues but with the singing of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Someone was taking this seriously! As I was showering after my swim at the Civic Pool on Friday I heard one of the other men whistling the hymn "O, Worship the King, All Glorious Above"!

We have been reading our way through John's Gospel chapter 6 each week for some time now and the emphasis has been on Jesus the Bread of Life. Now however the talk is of flesh and blood and the emphasis moves from Jesus the Incarnate One to his sacrificial surrender and death on the cross. The divine wisdom available in Jesus is now to be received through his suffering! As St Paul says "God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom ". We should note that the gospel of John has no account of the sharing of bread and wine at the Last Supper however the use of "flesh " and "blood" is very much the language of the Eucharist reminding us of Jesus sacramental presence in the gifts of bread and wine.

Rob Lamerton

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Pray for:

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

The Departed: Norman Ashton Martin, Thelma M. Morton d.15/8/93  
Donald William Brown d.17/8/88

The Saints: Clare of Assisi (d.1252); John Henry Newman, cardinal and theologian (d.1890); Jeremy Taylor, bishop and spiritual writer (d.1667);

Twentieth century martyrs: Maximilien Kolbe, friar (d.1940); Maria Skobotska, abbess in Russia (d.1945); Martin Luther King Jnr., civil rights worker (d.1968);  
Mary, mother of our Lord.

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**SUNDAY 24th August, 2003**  
**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

8.00am and 10.00am Holy Communion  
Readings: 1 Kings 8: (1,6,10-11)22-30,41-43  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 6: 10-20  
John 6: 56-69

**This week**

- Monday: Rob Lamerton's DAY OFF
- Tuesday to Friday: 7am Morning Prayer  
5pm Evening Prayer
- Tuesday:
  - 10.30am  
Kankinya
  - 12.30pm  
Wardens  
Meeting
- Wednesday:
  - 10.00am Holy  
Communion

- 11.00am Bible Study - Thessalonians
- Friday:12.15pm ANU Chaplaincy

### **Rosters Next Week:**

Morning Tea: Ann Munro and Margaret Woodbridge

Readers

8am: Joyce Webster

10am: Linda Anchell 2nd

Sidespersons: 8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: Helen Palethorpe & Gowty Family

Flowers:Carola Parke

CALVARY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY - Monday  
1st September 12.30pm

### **NOTICES**

#### **NORTHERN UGANDA AND LRA PETITION**

THE Church Mission Society (CMS) is launching a worldwide campaign to publicise the atrocities committed by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and petition the British government to intervene to end the conflict.

The CMS is sponsoring a national tour for Bishop Benjamin Ojwang of Kitgum to the UK to present a petition to British Prime Minister Tony Blair on August 21. The presentation of the petition to Mr. Blair will mark the launch of 'Break the Silence' campaign to expose LRA. The CMS has created in its website ([www.cms-uk.org](http://www.cms-uk.org)), a page on the conflict in northern Uganda and the plight of the population and posted a worldwide appeal to people to sign the petition to be presented to Tony Blair.  
[http://www.cms-uk.org/united/united\\_petition.htm](http://www.cms-uk.org/united/united_petition.htm)

This is about Pauline Amwony's homeland. I strongly encourage your interest and your signature to bring the plight of her people to the world.

### 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.

### FORMAL EVENING CLOTHES....FOR "PANDORA'S at O'CONNOR"

If yours no longer love you /fit/ or are out of fashion - students at the School of Music are interested in second and garments for presentation evenings and concerts etc.

### BIBLE STUDY THESSALONIANS ALL WELCOME!

Wednesday Bible Study at 11.00am 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: [rileye@wva.org.au](mailto:rileye@wva.org.au) or phone 6257 2342, or

fax 6257 2341 for a time.

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Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked

Envelopes and Loose \$469.60 plus EFT

transfers \$320

Pandoras \$162

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