

Welcome to St Philip's

The Anglican Church of St Philip's O'Connor, Canberra, ACT, Australia

We are delighted you are here.

Visitors are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Services on Sunday: Holy Communion 8am and 10am. on Wednesday:
10am

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Newsletter for Sunday 24th August 2003 (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)



Dear Friends,

This is the last Sunday I will be with you until 5th October when I return

from Long Service Leave. I am looking forward to meeting our son John in Zurich next weekend and then looking around some of Switzerland before we attend a wedding in Bern. We will then travel to Italy for a couple of days before John returns home and I go on to visit relatives in England and see a few special places. Sandy, Gareth, Jane and Pip the guard dog will be taking care of things at home. (The Rev'd) Jeannette McHugh with the wardens will be caring for the parish. Please give them all the assistance they need.

Today at 10.00am we welcome Paul and Jenny White with baby Tyler Rocky who is to be baptised. Tyler is the great grandson of Dot Mayo who in past years was a very faithful member of the St Philip's family. Many of us will remember Dot for her hats as well as for her wonderfully steady and unflappable nature. We welcome also Tyler's godparents Daniel Ben Kylie and Sheryn, and members of the family here today. We pray that Tyler will come to know something of Dot's faith in God and her gentle accepting spirit.

The first reading today tells of the fulfilment of the promise to David when he was king of Israel and Judah. Now Solomon is king the temple is built. Solomon worships God and is reminded that his family will continue to rule "if only your children look to their way to walk before me as you have walked before me". Solomon's family are to be faithful and the temple is to be the focus of the prayers of the nation and foreigners as well "so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you". The life of God's people was to be so clearly an image of life in communion with God and as a blessing to the world around.

The letter to the Ephesians also deals with aspects of Christian faith as if they are protective clothing as well as weapons of attack. The belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the Spirit. The fighting image is not a popular one today but the whole idea of armour, attack and defence would have been familiar to the people of Paul's day.

The gospel story today concludes the feeding story, and the bread of life message of Jesus. Jesus moves on from talking about receiving his life by eating his flesh and drinking his blood and now talks about the Spirit giving life. Bread and wine are the physical expressions of his flesh and blood but it is the Spirit at work in the life of Jesus which is also at work in those who receive him.

Rob Lamerton

Pray for.. Those in need of healing: Hardy Palethorpe and Denise Manley undergoing surgery this week, Ann Strugnell, 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: Dot Mayo, John Gamble

The Saints: Bernard of Clairvaux

This week

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

SUNDAY 31st August, 2003 Tenth Sunday After Pentecost Refugee Sunday

8.00am and 10.00am Holy Communion
Readings: Song of Songs 2: 8-13
Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9
James 1: 17-27
Mark 7: 1-8, 14-23

Rosters:

Morning Tea: Gowty Family
Readers
8am: Clive Lowes
10am: Ashton Robertson 1st Ruth
McGorman Mann 2nd

Sidespersons: 8am: Clive Lowes
10am: Hardy Palethorpe's "runner"
Flowers: Beryl Gowty

CALVARY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY Monday 1st
September 12.30pm

NOTICES

THE BEGGAR'S OPERA OPENING NIGHT THURSDAY

The CAMRA Production runs from Thurs 2nd to Sat 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.

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. 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. This marks the launch of the 'Break the Silence' campaign to expose the LRA. More information is available in the porch at St Philip's.

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 hand garments for presentation evenings and concerts etc.

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!

Wednesday Bible Study at 11.00am Second letter to the Thessalonians..

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PASTORAL CARE?

Please contact David Oliphant on 6244 2261. Our next Introductory group will be at: The Canberra Hospital commencing September 8, 2003

REFUGEE SUNDAY – 31st AUGUST

The Refugee Sunday Kit will be launched at The Wellspring Pilgrim House, 69 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra City on Thursday 28th Aug. from 12.30 2.00pm.

Mr Ja Naw will speak about Burma's Internally Displace People and refugees in Thailand. Mr Ja Naw is Executive Secretary of the Service and Development Unit of the Myanmar Council of Churches and Coordinator of the MCC's HIV AIDS Commission. RSVP to Gillian 62574095 or 62475041.

Weekly Offering Required \$1565
Offerings banked - Envelopes and Loose
\$861, 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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