

# Welcome to St Philip's

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

We are delighted you are here (especially visitors on the web!)

Visitors are welcome to receive Holy Communion

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

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Christmas Bowl

Second Sunday in Advent



God of joyful living,

We pray for people engaged in learning and teaching so that all may participate fully in the life of their country.

**Sunday 7th December, 2003**

## Second Sunday in Advent

8.00am & 10.00am Holy Communion APBA p119

### Readings:

Mal: 3: 1-14

Song of Zechariah (APBA p.30 or 425)

Phil 1: 1-11

Luke 3: 1-16

Hymns at 10am: TIS 289 (v.1,3 and chorus), 265, 288, 276

Organist at 10am: Colin Forbes

Singers today: Linda Anchell, Pat Forbes and Denise Manley

For the psalm: "Our God had turned to his people" from Psalm Praise adapted by Colin Forbes.

At communion: "Prepare the Way, O Zion" from The Hymnal 1982 - Episcopal Church

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772 - 1847) [etc]

Food for the needy may be placed in the basket at the entrance of the church.

### From Rob

Dear friends,

We welcome The Rev'd Jeannette McHugh as our preacher on this Second Sunday of Advent.

As we move on through Advent we are aware that we are speeding towards Christmas! Advent which is meant to be a time of preparation through reflection and repentance, is filled with end of year parties and farewells, school events and catering and then there is the pressure to be ready with gifts and food for the Christmas celebration as well as planning for the summer holidays! It is as we say "The Silly Season". It is always a challenge to keep from getting too overwhelmed by the events around us and to see clearly enough to find some meaning for ourselves in the midst of it all.

As I ponder the whole approach to Christmas the more I see the

need for a change but I am not quite sure how to go about it. Advent is for those who invented it in the northern hemisphere a late autumn and early winter event. Christmas comes at the time when the northern hemisphere gets to its shortest day and begins to look forward to the return of the sun and the light. In fact it was most likely arranged to coincide and compete with the Roman festival celebrating the sun's return.

I think we are stuck with this time of year but rather than it becoming a burden and a drudge with added stress and strain for all is there a way we could make Advent and Christmas a more meaningful celebration? How do we capture the JOY of the season without going to the other extreme and becoming like Scrooge from "A Christmas Carol" for whom it was all "Bah! Humbug!"

Advent 1 looks into the distance for the Lord's coming. On Advent 2 the prophets point to the hope turning into joy as they focus on the one who is coming. John son of Zechariah recycles the words of Isaiah as he preaches a baptism of repentance and prepares the way. The joyful event will happen in spite of our busy end of year schedule! Let us be ready to celebrate it!

Rob Lamerton.

'Men and women are not full conditioned and determined; we determine ourselves whether to give in to conditions or to stand up to them. In other words, we are ultimately self-determining. We do not simply exist, but always we decide what our existence will be, what we will become in the next moment.' Viktor Frankl

'You must be the change you wish to see in the world.' Mohandas K. Gandhi

Bridges for Humanity

Communities in Canberra now have an opportunity to provide concrete assistance to communities in Iraq, through projects such as sponsoring a primary school or a clinic, linking libraries or universities to share resources, and environmental projects. A group

drawn from Canberra parishes and other religious communities will meet at 7.30pm on Monday 8 December 2003 to discuss possible avenues for contribution. If you would like to participate or hear more about the project, please contact Sarah Bachelard on 6277 3171 (w) or 6249 8294 (h), sarahjane@webone.com.au

WE PRAY FOR: Those in need of healing: Pauline Amwony, Joyce Braithwaite, Sarena, Peter Blaseotto, Irene Keast, Rowan Gray, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Athol and Thelma Barratt, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase, also Malvina, Mark and Kimberley.

The Saints: The Saints: Francis Xavier, priest and missionary (d. 1552); Nicholas Ferrar, deacon and man of prayer (d.1637); Nicholas of Myra, bishop and philanthropist (d. 342)

The departed: Joseph Horace Heaton d.3/12/88

#### TODAY'S ROSTER:

Morning Tea: Yasmin Barrington Knight John Girdlestone

10am: Chris Cheah 1st Rick Barrington Knight 2nd

Sidespeople: 8am: Clive Lowes

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10am: Roger Sharp & Chris Cheah

Flowers: Carola Parke

### THIS WEEK

Monday: Rob's Day Off

Tuesday to Friday: Morning Prayer 9am Evening Prayer 5pm

Tuesday: 10.30am Holy Communion , Kankinya

7.30pm Parish Council at the Rectory

Wednesday:10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday:

Friday: 10.00am – 1.00pm Pandora's Open

Saturday: 10.00am – 1.00pm Pandora's Open

SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 2003

Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am and 10.00am Holy Communion

Readings: Zeph: 3: 14-20  
A Song of Isaiah (APBA p: 391)  
Phil: 4: 4-7  
Luke 3: 7-18

## NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER.

Morning Tea: Ian & Kerry-Anne Cousins  
Readers 8am: Rhonda Evans  
10am: Ann Munro 1st Beryl Gowty 2nd  
Sidespersons: 8am: John Cunliffe  
10am: Leighton Mann & Hardy Palethorpe  
Flowers: Beryl Gowty

Irene Keast says "Thank you". Irene has asked me to give her greetings to all at St Philip's and to express her thanks for the prayerful support of the St Philip's family. After many years in O'Connor and then Monash Irene now lives at The Goodwin in Home in Ainslie (room B17).

## NOTICES

STOP PRESS! Archdeacon Allan Ewing of St John's Reid has been named as our new Assistant Bishop. Allan will be ordained bishop on Feb.1st and take up the position in Wagga Wagga.

## Calvary weekday volunteers and weekend teams Eucharist.

All team members are invited to the Eucharist and breakfast at St Michael and All Angels, Hall on Wednesday 10th Dec at 8am. RSVP to Sarah Hubert 0409 305 677 or 6254 1243 by 5th Dec.

## CAMRA presents "Amanda Forbes in Concert"

Winner of the 2003 Dame Joan Sutherland Society of Sydney Award & 2003 Australian National Operatic Aria. St Philip's, Sunday 14 December 8pm. Adults \$30, concession \$20. Enquiries 62496067.

## ANGLICARE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Anglicare Christmas Appeal has a particular emphasis on children and families and offers the opportunity to act in our local area. I encourage your generous support of the Appeal.

Anglicare Angels and Angel pens are available in the porch

## 2004 ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDARS

An order form is on the notice board in the foyer. Please list name and number of calendars you require. They are \$10 each.

## CLEANING ROSTER???

With our paid cleaner away for the university break we need to make sure St Philip's gets cleaned. Would you be willing to be on a roster for church cleaning? If we could get a roster up and running until February we could then review the cleaning. About two hours a week are required.

## DON'T THROW OUT YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS

When you have replied to them, please pass them to Ruth who will recycle them into new ones for next year.

Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked Envelopes and Loose \$605 plus EFT \$320

Pandoras \$138.20

Parish Dinner \$295.90, Ordination gift \$10

Please take a pewsheet home and pass one on to someone else.

Put a link in your own website or email signature!

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