

# 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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## Sunday 21st December, 2003 Fourth Sunday in Advent

8.00am & 10.00am Holy Communion APBA p119  
7-30pm Nine Lessons and Carols



### Readings:

Micah 5: 2-5a

A Song of Mary (APBA p: 31)

Hebrews 10: 5-10

Luke 1: 39-45 (46-55)

Hymns at 10am: TIS 289 (candle lighting), 272, 497, 287

Organist at 10am: Colin Forbes

At 10am the response for the Song of Mary is:

The Lord has done marvels for me,  
holy is his name

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

## From Rob

Dear friends,

Our candle lighters today are Ellen Unruh and Peter Brandon with Conor and Quinn as well as Kerry and Ella Davis. After being neighbours in Moorehouse Street, Kerry and Ella have moved to Phillip while Peter and Ellen and the boys are with us for the last time before heading off for Christmas in Queensland and then back to the USA.

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, the level of expectation rises as we contemplate the birth of Jesus. The Advent theme for The Christmas Bowl is Love as we wait with excitement and expectancy. The theme of loving expectancy recalls the feeling just two weeks ago when we were awaiting news of Leighton and Ruth's first child who turned out to be Zara Claire. We welcome Zara with Ruth and Leighton today!

On the topic of famous offspring, we must congratulate Amanda Forbes on a wonderful concert last Sunday evening. After gaining her big break by being born to her parents Pat and Colin, Amanda's second big break came when singing with Cantare here at St Philip's. It has been great to hear the developing of Amanda's voice and talent year by year. The concert was a good opportunity to hear our piano played very well in two very different styles by Colin Forbes and Michael Guy. Another famous offspring is Sarah Gowty who graduated this week with a BA and BA Asian Studies! Well done Sarah! Again, another big break being born to intelligent parents. Our own Jane finished a successful year at CIT with a prize in Computer Graphics!

Come to think of it, our preacher today is Linda Anchell who is the offspring (with not quite so much of the spring!!) of Mary and David Reid members of St Philip's of years ago. Linda brings a word from God as we think today about the hopes Mary has for her child that he might "cast down the mighty ... and lift up the lowly."

We all hope that our children will make a valuable contribution to the world in which we live and in that we are like Mary. We are reminded that as Jesus was "special" in choosing his path with God so too are all our children "special" to us as parents and to God. It is important that we convey that sense of "specialness" as we help them find their path with God.

Today directs our thoughts to the calling of Mary (and Joseph) to prepare Jesus for his calling in spite of the insignificance of his humble beginnings.

Rob Lamerton

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Administration of Holy Communion

After our first attempts to provide a cup for intinction (dipping) I became aware that the system would work better with a small cup left on the altar for the second chalice bearer to administer.

Communion will be administered as before, with two large cups and a very small cup will be available for intincting.

ANGLICARE ANGELS AND ANGEL PENS  
AVAILABLE IN THE PORCH.

WE PRAY FOR: Those in need of healing: Ruth McGorman-Mann and baby Zara, Elizabeth Sillano, Pauline Amwony, Joyce Braithwaite, Sarona, Irene Keast, Rowan Gray, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Athol and Thelma Barratt, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase, also Malvina, Mark and Kimberley.

Those who mourn: Beryl and the Blaseotto family

The departed: Alice Isabel Saylor (d.20/12/88), Peter Blaseotto

The Saints: Thomas, apostle and martyr.

TODAY'S ROSTER:

Morning Tea: Janet & Tony Brian-Davis

Readers:

8 am: Carola Parke

10am: David Gowty 1st Jean Pound 2nd

Sidespeople: 8am: Norm Davey

10am: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson

Flowers: Sandra Lamerton

## THIS WEEK

- Monday: Rob's Day Off
- Tuesday to Friday: Morning Prayer 9am, Evening Prayer 5pm
- Tuesday: 10.30am Holy Communion, Kankinya
- Wednesday: CHRISTMAS EVE
  - 10.00am Holy Communion
  - Christmas Flowers - All Welcome!
  - 7.00pm Children's Christmas Service
  - 11.00pm Carols
  - 11.30pm "Midnight Mass"
- Thursday: CHRISTMAS DAY
  - 9.00am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 28th DECEMBER 2003

First Sunday after Christmas

8.00am and 10.00am: Holy Communion

Readings: 1Samuel 2: 18-20, 26

Psalm: 148

Colossians 3: 12-17

Luke 2: 41-52

## NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER.

Morning Tea: Ann Munro and Margaret Woodbridge  
Readers 8am: Joyce Webster  
10am: Ashton Robinson 1st Linda Anchell 2nd  
Sidespersons: 8am: Ian Rischbieth  
10am: Helen Palethorpe and Gowty family  
Flowers: Kerry Anne Cousins

## NOTICES

### ST PHILIP'S BOOKMARKS!

The perfect gift for the person who has everything - or a lovely inclusion with a gift. Don't miss out!  
Available in the porch for a mere \$2

**The Christmas Bowl  
is a program of  
Christian World Service,  
a Commission of the  
National Council of Churches  
in Australia,  
Locked Bag 199  
Sydney NSW 1230  
1800 025 101  
[www.ncca.org.au](http://www.ncca.org.au)**



The pew sheet will be revamped in January. Bright ideas welcome!

## NORTHBOURNE COMMUNITY CENTRE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tomorrow - Monday 22nd December at 12.30pm. Cash donations or donations of plain chips (in individual packets), cordials or sweets

are needed to make the party a really celebratory event. Last day for donations TODAY!

## Card from John Brook!

A Christmas card from John is on the notice board. His address is 95 Leeds Road SHIPLEY BD18 1DF England.

## 2004 ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDARS

Please give your \$10 to Tony asap--today if possible as he wants to get the order off before Christmas.

## 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 \$1479.62 plus EFT \$320

Pandoras \$53

Christmas Bowl \$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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