

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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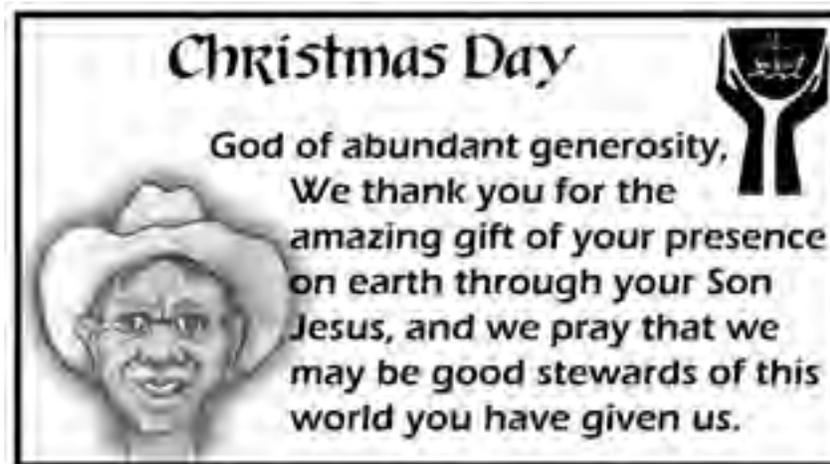
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Christmas Eve/Christmas Day 2003



At 11.00pm the carols will come from Together in Song.

At 7.00 pm Children's Service - Pianist Meg Colwell

At 11.00pm Carols and 11.30pm Sung Eucharist
Organist: Colin Forbes

Singers: Rob Clayton, Amanda Forbes, Jenny Sawyer and Sophie Tautscher

Introit: "The Silver Stars are in the Sky" by William James

Anthem: From "A Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten
Movements 5 "As Dew in Aprill" (Anon)
and 6 "This Little Babe" (words by Robert Southwell)

At Communion: "With Verdure Clad" from "The Creation" by Haydn
Soloist: Amanda Forbes

Recessional: "The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy" Anon. West Indies

At 9.00am - Organist Colin Forbes

READINGS

at midnight:

Isaiah 9:2-7

Ps 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

at 9.00am

Isaiah 52:7-10

Ps 98

Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)

John 1:1-14

Three men of Middle Eastern appearance were found this morning trapped behind stage equipment in a shed in O'Connor. When found the men were tending to a small camel with a badly sprained leg.

When asked what had happened they said that they were on their way to a Christmas celebration where they expected to find a child who was born to be a king but became trapped last September. "We might not be in time for Christmas " said one of the men "but we should make it in time for Epiphany!" When asked about their experience they said they "It's the sort of thing that makes life interesting after all we used to live in Iraq!

The third member of the group said that it got far worse when they decided to come to Australia as asylum seekers! "Then

things really got tough" he said.

"We were hiding from immigration officials when some crowd of yobbo's muttering something about a Beggars Opera stacked stuff right in front of our hiding place" said the men. Relieved to be found the men will continue their pilgrimage down the aisle at St Philip's to find the one born to be king Will they find him among us?



As we gather to celebrate Christmas and the joy of God's Love in our midst we remember that many in the world are observing Christmas in much more difficult circumstances. The Christmas Bowl Appeal offers us the opportunity to make God's love real to them. Please be generous!

May this Christmas be a time when you rediscover that you are created in God's Image and called to grow more into the likeness of God as Jesus did.

Have a joyful and loving Christmas.

From Rob and Sandra Lamerton, the Lamerton family and all at St Philip's!

The words of the carols from Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols"

[This was sung brilliantly and scintillatingly! Truly exhilarating! Many thanks to the singers.]

As dew in Aprille

I sing of a maiden
That is makeles:
King of all Kings

To her son she ches.

He came also stille
There his moder was,
As dew in Aprille,
That falleth on the grass.

Hew came also stille
To his moder's bour,
As dew in Aprille.
That falleth on the flour

He came also stille
There his moder lay,
As dew in Aprille.
That falleth on the spray.

Moder and rnyden was never none but she:
WeIl may such a lady Goddes moder be.

This little Babe:

This little Babe so few days old,
Is come to rifle Satan's fold;
All hell doth at his presence quake,
Though he himself for cold do shake;
For in this weak unarmed wise
The gates of hell he will surprise.

With tears he fights and wins the field,
His naked breast stands for a shield;
His battering shot are babish cries,
His arrows looks of weeping eyes,
His martial ensigns Cold and Need,
And feeble Flesh his warrior's steed.

His camp is pitched in a stall,
His bulwark but a broken wall;
The crib his trench, haystalks his stakes.
Of shepherds he his muster makes;
And thus, as sure his foe to wound,
The angel's trumps alarum sound.

My soul, with Christ join thou in fight,
Stick to the tents that he hath pight.
Within his crib is surest ward;
This little Babe will be thy guard.

If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy,
Then flit not from this heavenly Boy.

Administration of Holy Communion

Communion will be administered with two large cups and a very small cup will be available for intincting (dipping). If you prefer to take the communion wine this way, please hold your wafer (of bread) so that it is visible to those administering the cups.

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: Peter Blaseotto and Bruce Holgate

Bruce Holgate Memorial

At 11.30 tonight, we dedicate a Memorial Candle Stand to stand beside the Memorial Book. The candle stand is in memory of Bruce Holgate and is the gift of his wife Dorothy and the Holgate family.



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

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

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Christian World Service,
a Commission of the
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Card from John Brook!

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

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.

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

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

Put a link in your own website or email signature!

Advent Calendar 2003

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