

# Welcome to St Philip's

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

We are delighted you are here (or visiting on the web!)

Visitors are welcome to receive Holy Communion

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

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[sign the petition](#) to bring northern Uganda to the world's attention. For news of what is happening in Pauline's homeland see [www.theworldpress.com/ru/newspap/ougand/newvision.htm](http://www.theworldpress.com/ru/newspap/ougand/newvision.htm) for a local Ugandan newspaper.

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## The Widow's Mite



**Sunday 9th November, 2003**  
**Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost**

8.00am & 10.00am Holy Communion APBA p119

**Readings:**

Ruth 3: 1-5. 4: 13-17  
Psalm 127  
Hebrews 9: (19-22) 23-28  
Mark 12: 38-44

Hymns at 10.00am: TIS 658,609,599ii, 626  
Organist at 10am: Colin Forbes  
Soloist at 10.00am: Alison Knight  
Introit: written by John Bell  
Psalm 127 with congregational response (separate sheet)  
At Communion: "Just a Closer Walk With Thee Trad. American arr.  
Richard Walters  
Food for the needy may be placed in the basket at the entrance of  
the church.

**From Rob**

Dear friends,

Well the Melbourne Cup has been run and won! I had Makybe Diva as one of the horses I would bet on but ran out of day and did not get to the TAB! Thanks to my attempts to track down Dimitri Markotsis and faxes which did not arrive on schedule! I think we will have to have a St Philip's sweep next year. It seems the St Philip's office staff the only people in Australia not to be involved in some kind of sweep.

I am reliably informed that we can now plant our tomato plants and be safe from frost!

The other events of the week have given quite a stir. The awarding of the Sydney Peace Prize to Dr. Hanan Ashrawi was naturally going to have some in disagreement. It would have been much the same if it had been any one else from the Palestinian side or the Israeli side

because people are so polarised on the whole Middle East Peace Hanan Ashrawi has always impressed me and it is important to note that she is a Christian in a conflict which is most often seen as Muslim versus Jew. As Ruth was the unlikely agent in the providence of God and as a Moabite was the grandmother of David, a hero of Israel, so too may people like Hanan Ashrawi be the agents of God's healing of the conflict in their land.

The arrival of a boat load of asylum seekers on Melville Island has raised the issue of border protection once again and the release of Pauline Hanson and David Ettridge, while generally welcomed, has highlighted questions of how the justice system got it so wrong in the first place. I suppose the success of the appeal reveals the system as working and effective.

The gospel reading is set near the Temple in Jerusalem after Jesus has already engaged the chief priests, the scribes and the elders as well as the Sadducees. Obviously Jesus had observed the scribes parading, their importance around and had heard that behind the scenes their behaviour was also opposed to the law they were meant to study and uphold. The tragedy was that they were in fact the guardians and interpreters of the scriptures but were unable or unwilling to live by their standard. Their sins were pride and greed or covetousness in the manipulation of the poor when the rights of widows and orphans were to be protected. Jesus observed that the widows, the same group that were oppressed by the scribes legal interpretations, were far more generous and wholehearted in their faith than the wealthy whose faith was about holding back rather than generosity. Where are we?

Rob Lamerton.

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WE PRAY FOR: Those in need of healing: Sarona, Bob Lamerton, 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, martyrs and missionaries of the Anglican Communion.

TODAY'S ROSTER:

Morning Tea: Kerry Anne & Ian Cousins

Readers

8am: Rhonda Evans

10am: Joyce Webster 1st Pat Forbes 2nd

Sidespersons: 8am: John Cunliffe

10am: Leighton Mann & Hardy Palethorpe

Flowers: Beryl Gowty

## THIS WEEK

Monday: Rob's Day Off

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

Tuesday: 10.30am Kankinya HC

7.30pm Parish Council

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday:

Friday: 10.00am – 1.00pm Pandora's Open

12.15pm Holy Communion, ANU

Saturday: 10.00am – 1.00pm Pandora's Open

SUNDAY 16th November 2003

Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost

8.00am and 10.00am Holy Communion

Readings: 1 Samuel 1: 4-20

Psalm Song of Hannah (APBA p, 429)

Hebrews 10: 11-14 (15-18) 19 25

Mark 13: 1-11

## NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER.

Morning Tea: Janet & Tony Brian Davis

Readers: 8am: Carola Parke

10 am: Ruth McGorman Mann 1st Jean Pound 2nd

Sidespeople: 8am: Norm Davey

10 am: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson

Flowers: Sandra Lamerton

## NOTICES

### ORDINATION REBECCA NEWLAND

Rebecca Newland is to be ordained deacon at St Saviour's Cathedral on Monday 1st December at 6.00pm. A caravan of cars (or is a cavalcade?) will be leaving St Philip's at 4.30 pm to be present at Rebecca's ordination.

Please put your name on the list as a driver (with number of seats available) or passenger.

Contributions to St Philip's presentation to Rebecca should be made in an envelope marked "Ordination Gift".

### FAREWELL TO REBECCA AND DAVID

Rebecca's last Sunday with us will be 23rd November. On that day we will say our farewells at morning tea after the 10.00am Eucharist.

## ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDARS

We have found the promotional material! Tony Brian Davis will be taking orders for the Anglican Church Calendars.

## CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL LAUNCH

Monday 17th November at 6.30pm at Wesley Uniting Church, National Circuit, Forrest. Guest Speaker: Ms. Emele Duituturaga, Chair of the Social Education and Empowerment Program of the Ecumenical Centre for Research and Education and Advocacy Board member of Fiji Development Bank.

Please call NSW Ecumenical Council Canberra Office 62574095.

## ANGLICARE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Still a few cards left! See Chris Cheah to arrange payment. A wide range of Anglicare Cards are available with many others at the Charity Card Shop in Civic.

We are invited to participate in the dedication of the "Great Cross" at 3.00pm on Saturday 22nd November. Please see the notice on the noticeboard!

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## NEW POST OFFICE BOX NUMBER FOR ST PHILIP'S

To assist with mail sorting and distribution in our area we have been allocated a new number. Previously it was 22. The number now becomes 6022. Our postal address is now P.O. Box 6022 O'CONNOR A.C.T. 2602

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Weekly Offering Required \$1565  
Offerings banked Envelopes and Loose \$1028.85 plus EFT \$320  
Pandoras \$57 Trading Table (for Mission) \$70.90

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

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### Extra items for the website:

The Anglican Church Communique of October 16th about the unity of the communion and the consecration of a gay bishop....

[Communique October16.html](#)

Some additional comments from Changing Attitude, a mailing list for gay and lesbian Anglican clergy in the UK. [Changing Attitude.html](#)

Bishop Gene Robinson was consecrated today. The Kenyan Anglican church has broken off contact with the Episcopal Church of the USA as a result.

On the BBC <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/3236613.stm>

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