

# 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



God of hope,  
We pray for all those  
who are affected by HIV/AIDS  
across the world,  
and for those who are involved  
in the struggle towards a more  
hopeful future.

**Sunday 30th November, 2003**

## First Sunday in Advent

8.00am & 10.00am Holy Communion APBA p119

### Readings:

Jer: 33: 14 16  
Psalm 25: 1 10  
1 Thess 3: 9 13  
Luke 21: 25 38

Hymns at 10am: TIS 289, 14 (for psalm), 271, 275, 274  
Organist at 10am: Colin Forbes  
Soloist today: Rob Clayton  
At Communion: All Hail Thou Heart's Delight J.S. Bach  
(From the cantata for Advent 1)

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

### From Rob

Dear friends,

Thanks to all who gave to the gift for Rebecca. With what was given we were able to purchase a beautiful red stole made by Barbara Merrony of Braidwood. The stole is the symbol of ordination of a deacon and (later) as priest. The stole will be placed around Rebecca to signify her ordination on Monday. We pray for Rebecca and all who are to be ordained tomorrow evening.

We begin Advent today with the lighting of the first candle on the Advent Wreath. Fiona and Ben Dyer with Sian have decorated the wreath and will light the candle today.

Through Advent we will have a variety of preachers and candle lighters! Jeanette McHugh will preach on Advent 2, Chris Cheah on Advent 3, and Linda Anchell on Advent 4 (also the anniversary of her ordination as deacon). The seasons of the Church year probably don't

mean much to those in our wider community but they give us a structure to the year which enables us to focus on aspects of our faith in God. Just as we apportion certain days and weeks of the year for holidays or particular tasks so too do we assign a number of weeks for special focus.

The season of Advent is about beginning and calls us to focus again on the Lord coming to dwell among us. As we lead up to Christmas with all that needs to be prepared for the family gatherings and celebrations it is also a time of spiritual preparation and being ready for Christ to come into our lives again.

We still have the thoughts of Jesus as a different kind of King from last week a king who is in worldly terms very unlike those who rule our world. A king whose task is to testify to the truth. Having that image of the one who is king in God's Kingdom we begin Advent looking forward to the ultimate rule of Christ. As we do we are drawn to home in on the God who comes in all humility in Jesus at Bethlehem. God who is coming at the end is also God who came to walk among humanity and now comes to us day by day.

As we await and prepare with excitement for the celebration of the birth of Jesus we also await the news of Leighton and Ruth's baby and pray for them for God's love and blessing.

Rob Lamerton.

### 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](mailto:sarahjane@webone.com.au)

WE PRAY FOR: Those in need of healing: 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: James Noble, first indigenous person ordained; Andrew, apostle and martyr.

The departed: Constance Mary Morton (6/1/27 25/11/01)

#### TODAY'S ROSTER:

Morning Tea: Gowty Family

Readers: 8am: Clive Lowes

10 am: Beryl Gowty 1st David Gowty 2nd

Sidespeople: 8am: Clive Lowes

10 am: Hardy Palethorpe & Janet Brian Davis

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

### THIS WEEK

Monday: Rob's Day Off

4.30pm depart for ordination Goulburn 6.00pm

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

Tuesday: 10.30am Holy Communion , Kankinya

12.30pm Wardens meeting

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday:

Friday: 10.00am – 1.00pm Pandora's Open

Saturday: 10.00am – 1.00pm Pandora's Open

SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER 2003

Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am and 10.00am Holy Communion

Readings: Mal: 3: 1-14

Song of Zechariah (APBA p.30 or 425)

Phil 1: 1-11

Luke 3: 1-16

## NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER.

Morning Tea: Yasmin Barrington Knight  
Readers 8am: John Girdlestone  
10am: Chris Cheah 1st Rick Barrington Knight 2nd  
Sidespersons: 8am: John Girdlestone  
10am: Roger Sharp & Chris Cheah  
Flowers: Carola Parke

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

For more information about  
the Christmas Bowl or  
to give a little HOPE  
this Christmas  
visit our website

[www.ncca.org.au](http://www.ncca.org.au) or call us on 1800 025 101



## CAMRA presents QUIET, SLEEP

A selection of lullabies, nursery songs, and poems.  
Jacqueline Brack – Mezzo soprano, Colin Forbes associate artist. St  
Philip's, Sunday 30 November 3pm. Adults \$15, Concession \$ 10.  
Enquiries 62496967

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.

Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked Envelopes and Loose \$793 plus EFT \$320

Pandoras \$126 Angels & pens \$36

Singing Teachers \$50 CAMRA supplies \$100 Pat & Colin Forbes \$500

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

Put a link in your own website or email signature!

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