

# 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

Wardens: Elizabeth Allinson, Denise Manley, Dimitri Markotsis | [Home](#) |  
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## Service



## Sunday 19th October 2003 Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8.00am & 10.00am Holy Communion APBA p.119

### Readings:

Job 38: 1-7 (34-41)

Psalm 104: 1-10, 26

Hebrews 5: 1-10

Mark 10: (32-34) 35-45

Hymns: TIS 187 (t371), 190 (t382), 677, 473

Organist at 10am: Colin Forbes (communion music and recessional from Bartok.)

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

## **From Rob**

Dear friends,

By the time you read this the fete will have come and gone! Only 364 days until the 2004 fete! This year the fete crept up on us and caught us by surprise. We weren't helped by my absence in September and the fact that I asked Leighton to coordinate the fete just before he was to go away! We will need to think about how we run the fete and re work the fete manual with our changing St Philip's family and the developing local community. The changing involvement of the Kindergarten and the addition of our own children's activities is another variation. We will need to re think what we do to provide activities for children. The children's card workshop is a step in the right direction. As always the courtyard and weather combine to make a brilliant setting for our fete. Thanks to all who helped!

Next Sunday at 9.30am we will be conducting our Annual Electoral Meeting. We never let the excitement level drop here at St Philip's! The nominations and appointments are on the back of the pewsheets. I ask you to make a special effort to attend and to affirm those called to serve as wardens and parish councillors. Proxy voting forms are available for those unable to be here. Please complete the forms place them in a sealed envelope marked "St Philip's Elections" and arrange for someone to place them in the collection plate next Sunday at 8am.

Bishop John Shelby Spong is speaking in Canberra tonight and through this week. He is still controversial in as much as he continues to stir up discussion. When asked in an interview about concerns over church unity caused by the acceptance of homosexual clergy and other issues he said "What is more important, truth or unity? Years ago we could have had plenty of unity if we had excluded black people, we could have had plenty of unity if we had excluded women and now we could have unity if we exclude

homosexual people." " He seems to have an eloquent response to most questions! Although he is worth hearing he is only one man offering an opinion!

The issues are never quite that simple as there are many levels and layers but he reminded me of Jesus' words about causing division and I wonder if even Jesus wants his people to be unquestioningly unified or at least unified in actively debating the thorny subjects?

While on the subject I am torn over the plan to legislate to allow gay couples to adopt children. Children are never guaranteed caring parents even if they are their natural parents but it would seem to me that the ideal is that every child has a mum and dad. If my own children were left orphaned when young I would have hoped that their needs were met within a family with male and female parents but if necessary I know gay couples who would make very suitable parents. The rally today in Civic is promoted as defending the rights of children in adoption cases. Unfortunately the image painted is that hundreds of gay couples are waiting to adopt children. I doubt that this is the case and I imagine that already each case would receive deep consideration and as such the rights of the child are protected. I would be interested to hear your views.

Rob Lamerton.

We Pray for: Those in need of healing: Bob Lamerton, Peter Blaseotto, Irene Keast, Rowan Gray, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Athol and Thelma Barratt, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase, Ted Moore, also Malvina, Mark and Kimberley.

The Saints: Luke, Evangelist and Martyr

The Departed: Jim Legge, Nobuzo Fujii

TODAY'S ROSTER:

Morning Tea: Janet & Tony Brian Davis

Readers

8am: Carola Parke

10 am: David Gowty 1st, Denise Manley 2nd

Sidespersons: 8am: Norm Davey

10 am: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson

Flowers: Sandra Lamerton

**SUNDAY 26th October 2003**  
**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**8.00am and 10.00 am Holy Communion**

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalm 34: 1-8 (19-22)

Hebrews 7 :21-28

Mark 10: 46-52

## **THIS WEEK**

Monday: Rob's Day Off

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

Tuesday: 10.30am Kankinya, 12.30pm Wardens meeting

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion

Friday: 12.15pm Holy Communion, ANU

## **NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER.**

Morning Tea: Ann Munro & Margaret Woodbridge

Readers: 8am: Joyce Webster

10am: Ashton Robinson 1st Linda Anchell 2nd

Sidespeople: 8am. Ian Rischbieth

10am: Helen Palethorpe & Gowty Family

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

## **NOTICES ANNUAL PARISH ELECTIONS**

Meeting on 26th Oct. 9.30am

Rector's nominations Warden:

Parish Council Shane Woodburn

Nominations Wardens:

Parish Council Pat Forbes, Leighton Mann, Jeannette McHugh, Janine Studholme, Janet Brian Davis

## **PANDORA'S AT O'CONNOR**

A few more volunteers are still needed... would you like to do a 'trial

shift' to see what its about?

Once a month for three hours on Fri. or Sat. morning is what's asked of your time.

## ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDARS

Tony Brian Davis is taking orders for the Anglican Church Calendars.

## ANGLICARE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Chris Cheah is managing the cards which are on display in the porch!  
Please make your order soon!

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Recently the Parish Council discussed some plans to improve the St Philip's buildings. Information was published in the Parish Council Outcomes for July and we would like your ideas and feedback on those plans. Please discuss this with a member of the Parish Council.

## BISHOP SPONG PROGRAM

Tonight at 7.00pm: Wesley Uniting Church, Forrest

"God: a minority view for twentieth century believers"

Monday 20th Oct 8.00pm Public Lecture Albert Hall. Revisiting "A new Christianity for a New World"

Moderator: Dr. Paul Collins. Cost \$10

Tuesday 22nd Oct 10.30am at St Paul's Manuka (check this venue!):

"Reclaiming the Bible for Twenty first Century People"

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Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked 13/10/03

Envelopes and Loose \$677.55

Pandoras \$171.25

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](#)

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