

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](#) | [Newsletters](#) | [CAMRA doings](#) | [Grapevine](#) |

Blind Bartimaeus



Sunday 26th October 2003
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

8.00am & 10.00am Holy Communion APBA p.119

Readings:

Job 42: 1-6, 10-17

Psalm 34: 1-8 (19-22)

Hebrews 7: 21-28

Mark 10: 46-52

Hymns: TIS 261, for the Kyrie 729, 226, 259, 626

Organist at 10am: Colin Forbes. We will practise hymns 259 and 261 before the service.

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

From Rob

Dear friends

Our Annual Electoral Meeting today at 9.30am is designed to blend the outgoing Parish Council with the incoming one in a changing over period until the Annual Meeting in February.

Quite a number of wardens and parish councillors have chosen not to remain in office but we are fortunate that we are blessed with a number of new faces to fill the gaps. The retiring members are still in office so it is a little early to thank them. I am very grateful to ALL of you for making the Parish Council work well this year. I am especially grateful to Elizabeth Allinson who agreed to take up the position as Rector's Warden. It is now only a year since Elizabeth's husband Rej died and she rightly wants time to "be". I am grateful too that Chris Cheah has agreed to be Rector's Warden for 2004.

Many people have commented favourably about last Monday night's lecture by Bishop John Shelby Spong. Jeannette McHugh commented on his passion for his subject and his skill as an orator. He has a lot to offer in terms of getting us to think about our faith and how it needs to be lived in the 21st Century.

Another famous person remembered this week at the Beatification ceremony at the Vatican was Mother Theresa. I imagine she would have argued points of theology with Bishop Spong because she was very much a traditional Catholic but she let her actions do the talking! The diversity of their views must somehow be accommodated as the Church moves forward.

I often think that Jesus' talk of causing division was about the need for debate about the important issues.

Also this week the visit of the President of the USA George Bush, caused considerable upheaval for such a short time and while security was necessary the limitation of rights of protest and freedom of speech was regrettable. Although the protest by Senators

Bob Brown and Kerry Nettle on behalf of David Hicks and Mamdouh Habib appeared rude to many I'm sure they will be remembered.

Friday's visit by President Hu Jintao of The Peoples Republic of China recalled for me the establishment of diplomatic relations with China in the early 1970's. There are of course still concerns about the future of Tibet, as well as human rights and freedom of religious practice in China.

In the first reading today Job finally lets go of his pride and self righteousness as he realises who he is and where he stands before God. He stops his protesting long enough to repent. It is a sobering story, but we notice that when he comes to this new understanding and relationship it is the beginning of his healing and restoration. The gospel story of Bartimaeus receiving his sight is strategically placed after the lack of understanding and insight of the disciples and before the final entry into Jerusalem. It is the story of sight restored pointing to the need for spiritual sight. Bartimaeus is repentant "Lord have mercy" as was Job, he also sees as does Job "now my eye sees you" and as Job has a sense of who he is so does Bartimaeus who finds his true purpose and follows Jesus "on the way".

Rob Lamerton.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY EUCHARIST
6.00PM SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

Our celebration this year will feature music from the Taize Community.

Please place the names of those to be remembered on the list in the porch.

We Pray for:

The United Nations, inaugurated 1945 United Nations Day 24th October

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: James of Jerusalem. brother of Jesus. martyr.

The Departed: Daisy O'Leary (from Kankinya), Marjorie Sheehan
d.23/10/01 [David Reid d.27/10/94]

TODAY'S ROSTER:

Morning Tea: Ann Munro & Margaret Woodbridge
Readers

8am: Joyce Webster

10 am: Ashton Robinston 1st, Linda Anchell 2nd

Sidespersons: 8am: Ian Rischbieth

10 am: Helen Palethorpe & Gowty Family

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

THIS WEEK

Monday: Rob's Day Off

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

Tuesday: 10.30am Kankinya

11.30am Funeral - Daisy O'Leary (Tobin Bros Kingston)

Wednesday: 10. 00am Holy Communion

Friday: 12.15pm Holy Communion. ANU

SUNDAY 2nd November 2003

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

8.00am and 10.00 am Holy Communion

READINGS:

Ruth 1: 1-18

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9: 11-15

Mark 12: 13-17, 28-34

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER.

Morning Tea: Yasmin Barrington-Knight

Readers: 8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Rick Barrington-Knight 1st Chris Cheah 2nd

Sidespeople: 8am. John Girdlestone

10am: Roger Sharp & Chris Cheah

Flowers: Carola Parke

NOTICES
ANNUAL PARISH ELECTIONS
Today at 9.30am

Rector's nominations:

Warden: Chris Cheah Parish Council: Shane Woodburn, Ben Dyer

Nominations Wardens: Janine Studholme, (One more needed)

Parish Council: Pat Forbes, Janet Brian Davis, Leighton Mann,

Jeannette McHugh

IT'S OFFICIAL!

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. St Philip's will be making a presentation to Rebecca to celebrate her "deaconing". Contributions should be made in an envelope marked "Ordination Gift". 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

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.

BY NOW WE WILL KNOW!!

Yes we will know who set their clock correctly! Clocks are set forward today if you have not already done it! That is at 2.00am the clock changed to 3.00am meaning that 7.00am became 8.00am and so on. Good Luck!

Weekly Offering Required \$1565
Offerings banked Envelopes and Loose \$651.50 EFT \$320
Pandoras \$64.60
Church use \$500
Fete \$4276.85
Please take a pewsheet home and pass one on to someone else

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](#)

Hate Mail astounds gay canon (Bishop elect Gene Robinson) BBC news with links

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/manchester/3213009.stm>
