

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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Sunday 22 August 2004
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



Worship and Practical Care

8.00am & 10.00am - Holy Communion

Readings:

- Jeremiah 1:4-10
- Psalm 71:1-6
- Hebrews 12:18-29
- Luke 13:10-17

Hymns: Together in Song: 121, 40 (for psalm), 139, 517, 227

Organist: Colin Forbes

Soloist (cantor in psalm and during communion) Alison Knight.

From Rob

Hi Everyone,

Three years ago after the World Trade Centre towers were destroyed and many people were killed in New York and in Washington at the Pentagon there was a backlash against Muslims here in Australia. The mosque at Kuraby in Brisbane was fire bombed. I was proud that St Philip's was able to collect \$300 to send as assistance for their rebuilding program. It was a practical gesture of goodwill! We made a statement in our action which said there is no place in Australian society for persecution of people on the basis of their faith or religious practice. We also made a statement that Christian love and generosity should not be limited by religious difference.

I remind us of that today as we, begin for a time to think about the persecution of Christians and take an opportunity to remember them in prayer as well as to make something of a tangible offering through the Bible League's "Bibles for the Persecuted" program. I would hope that we make no differentiation between the persecution of Christians and the persecution of anyone else. I draw your attention to the programs run by Amnesty International to highlight the issues of persecution and human rights abuses wherever they occur. At the moment however it is appropriate to remember that many Christians live with persecution. The publication "The Rock of Refuge" provided with the Bible League material tells stories of persecution in many countries. Sometimes it is systematic persecution by authorities but often also by extreme anti Christian groups in local communities.

In Colombia Christian pastors and church leaders are at the mercy of armed rebels who have killed some 72 pastors in about 18 years. In China some house churches have been forcibly closed as well as in Belarus. In China too nonChristian cults have targeted some churches. There are many other stories. As we argue for justice and human rights around the world we should remember our fellow Christians who face injustice simply on the basis of their faith in Christ.

Today's first reading from Jeremiah echoes the sense of call from before birth mentioned by other great men and women of the Bible. The psalmist mentions an awareness of God's strength "from my youth upward" There is a profound awareness of God's call and purpose here! Then in the letter to the Hebrews the author (not

Paul!) recalls a formative event in Israel's history the amazing events of Mount Sinai, when God called the people and gave the Law. But as he says there is something greater here for in Christ we meet face to face with the heavenly Jerusalem. Synagogue worship recalled the event at Sinai and the giving of the Law. Sadly there were those who could not make the connection between the liberation of God's people then and the need of the woman "a daughter of Abraham" in their midst now! The proper practice of our gatherings for worship must balance the importance and dignity of worship with the importance and dignity of the people who are present.

Rob Lamerton

NOTICES

Child Protection Workshop
Saturday August 28th
(11.30am) 12.15pm to 6.00pm

Please remember the Child Protection Workshop next Saturday! The workshop runs from 12:15pm until 6.00pm. Cost \$10. There are some places left. If you have not booked in please contact Janine Studholme on 6241 5894. This will be a wonderfully informative day on the issues surrounding Child Protection.
see [Child Protection 28 August04.html](#)

Carers Workshops

St Paul's Manuka are conducting Carers Workshops! We have missed the first but there are two more:

- 5th Sept. The spiritual journey of the carer.
- 14th Nov. Issues and struggles associated with caring for someone with dementia.

Leaflets available in the porch.

... Catherine Oloo, wife of the "Wonderful Washington", is still looking for cleaning work. Catherine charges \$15 per hour. Please contact Catherine on 6254 1084..

Work with kids? Have your own? Know some? Under 18 yourself?

We need as many children and young people as possible to fill out our online survey to tell us what's good about Australia and what could be improved. We will be using what kids tell us in a report to the Australian Government to help them prepare a National Plan of Action to implement the United Nation's statement "A World Fit for Children". Follow the link to find out more and access the survey: <http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/arcade/involved.html>

CALVARY HOSPITAL TEAM - FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH

The team meets about 9.20am each first Sunday and gathers people from the wards for Church then returns them finishing about 11.20am. Please talk to Beryl Blaseotto ph. 6247 7230.

BIBLES FOR THE PERSECUTED

There are enough prayer resources and Bible money boxes for ten people or families. More can be arranged. A bible for a persecuted Christian is \$7. If each participant set aside \$1 a day for the 21 days that would provided for 30 bibles. Please take a Bible money box and prayer resource "Rock of Refuge".

THE CENTRE FOR PROGRESSIVE RELIGIOUS THOUGHT

A presentation entitled "The Republic of the Discontented - Inequality, fundamentalism and terror" by Colin Butler will be presented on Thursday 2nd September 2004 at St James' Church Centre, Curtin. Please see the notice board. Also in October from

25th to 27th. Lloyd Geering will be giving a series of Public Lectures at Wesley Uniting Church in Forrest and at St James' Church, Curtin. Bookings are essential! Please see the notice board for details.

PANDORA'S AT O'CONNOR \$2 SALE THROUGHOUT AUGUST

Trip to New Zealand!

Joan Chynoweth (wife of bishop Neville) is leading a trip to NZ at the end of September. There is room for another couple. Interested people should let me know or ring Joan on 6239 7056. A guaranteed great time with friendly fellow travellers!

WE PRAY FOR:

Ashton Robinson in Iraq

Those in need of healing: Belinda Ketley (surgery), Nell (surgery), Noah Palethorpe, Shirley Barrett, Eric Mahoney, Linda Kennedy, Bryan Little, Ruth Horn (Elizabeth Sillano's mother), Zana (who may be released from Baxter soon, but is still in need of prayer for healing), Sarona, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Athol and Thelma Barratt, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase.

The departed: Bernard of Clairvaux, abbot and teacher (d.1153); John Gamble (d.22/8/93)

TODAY'S ROSTER:

Readers 8am: 1st Shane Woodburn 2nd Joyce Webster

10am: 1st Knight family 2nd Steven Billett

Sidespersons:

8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: Helen Palethorpe and Sarah Gowty

Morning Tea: 10am Ann, Bridget and Claire Munro

THIS WEEK

Monday: Rob's day off

Tuesday-Friday: 8am: Morning Prayer 5pm: Evening Prayer

Tuesday: 10.30am: Kankinya Holy Communion

Wednesday: 10am Holy Communion

Thursday: 6.00pm Meal, Study and Meditation - Rectory

Friday: 10.00am -1.00pm Pandora's Open **\$2 Sale**

Saturday: 10am -1.00pm Pandora's Open **\$2 Sale**

SUNDAY 29th August 2004

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

- Jeremiah 2:4-13
- Psalm 81:1, 10-16
- Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
- Luke 4:1-14

Rosters:

Cleaning: Rhonda Evans

Flowers: Sandra Lamerton

Readers 8am: Clive Lowes

10am:1st Ann Munro 2nd Kim Begbie

Sidespersons:

8am: Clive Lowes

10am: Hardy Palethorpe and Roger Sharp

Morning Tea: 10am Ian and Kerry Anne Cousins

Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked 17/08/04 Envelopes and Loose \$697.20, EFT \$345

ABM \$20, Pandora's \$162.05

Food for food parcels may be placed in the basket. With thanks!

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

Administration of Communion Wine

At 10.00am Communion the bread is administered, then the small cup for intinction (dipping)
The two common cups for sipping will follow

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