

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 29 August 2004
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Invite Beggars and the Crippled

8.00am & 10.00am - Holy Communion

Readings:

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

Hymns: Together in Song: 560(i), 444(t56), 454, 578(t143)

Organist: Lucy Aplin

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

From Rob

Hi Everyone,

Everything has its setting... its context! The reporting of the Australian women's rowing eight last week really did not help! It was only normal that members of the team felt disappointed and angry after they had come so close to a medal at the Olympics only to have a team member collapse in the boat. It was as if an interviewer had stumbled into a funeral and been surprised by the uncomfortable feelings there. In such circumstances such feelings abound and catching them in the heat of the action means they are that much stronger. The fact that the events were on display for all to see meant that those of us who are a little squeamish about overt displays of emotion were just a trifle confronted! The great thing about team sports is that winning and/or losing is a team thing and learning to work with the strengths and weaknesses of various individuals is part of the process. It is a good lesson for life in general and it is an especially good lesson for life in the Christian family.

I know how that young rower felt! I have been so exhausted just watching the Olympics this week that I simply fell back in my seat too!

In a similar way there can be no reporting of the up and coming Australian election without the recognition of things happening around us. The war in Iraq, the trial of suspected terrorists David Hicks and Mamdouh Habib, Detention Centres and "children

overboard" allegations are all part of the context. Drought, the concern over free trade with the USA and the management of our health system all add to the mix. There are many other issues as well!

Jeremiah also wrote and spoke in a "context"! His own likely background as member of a priestly family gave him a spiritual outlook in a situation where powerful human forces were at work both beyond Israel and within. The decline of the Assyrian empire opened the way for Scythian raiders to cause havoc and a time of uncertainty. Today we read Jeremiah's early writing expressing concern about his people's willingness to forsake God the source of "living water" and to follow ways which provided no life at all.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews wrote in the context of failing faith encouraging his readers to look again at the ways in which Jesus covenant surpassed the Law of Moses and the old covenant. The stories of Jesus are in the context of a meal where the Pharisees take the better places. There was a common belief that obedience to the Law of Moses meant a better place in the great banquet of God Jesus however points out that the appropriate response to God's invitation is to abandon ideas of merit. The gift of salvation is to be received with humility and forgiveness or mercy is the active expression of the receipt of the gift.

Rob Lamerton

MORNING TEA DONATIONS The Morning Tea Fund is dwindling fast Please be sure to contribute in the bowl provided.

NOTICES

Kerry-Anne and Ian Cousins visit the St Philips' Outpost in the Pacific.

Report from the advance party of St Philips' holidaymakers. Beryl and David Gowty are in fine form - trim, taut and yes, stress free. David loves his job at The South Pacific Community and it is clearly all very worth while. Beryl has met the challenge of the local traffic with gusto and drives like a true French driver. As far as we can see, their life consists of lunch on the beach each day and a stroll on the prom to watch the sun go down each evening before retiring for a gin and tonic, or David's home made beer. Lesser beings like myself shudder at the enormous fish at the markets, but the Gowtys sling these monsters of the deep on their barbeque and are living off the fat of the land (or should I say the sea!). In the absence of St Philips they are going to the local Catholic Church, but at present they are keeping a low profile.

BIBLES FOR THE PERSECUTED

There are some prayer resources and Bible money boxes left. 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".

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.

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>

Catherine Oloo, wife of the "Wonderful Washington", is still looking for cleaning work.

Catherine charges \$15 per hour. Please contact Catherine on 6254 1084..

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.

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.

TRADING TABLE -

first Sunday of each month. (ie next week!) Please bring and buy for

our Mission Projects! Pandora's is also open for the Trading Table Day.

WE PRAY FOR:

Ashton Robinson in Iraq

Those in need of healing: Belinda Ketley (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), Sarena, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Athol and Thelma Barratt, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase.

The departed: Bartholomew, apostle and martyr; Augustine of Hippo, bishop and teacher (d.430); Monica, mother of Augustine (d.387)

TODAY'S ROSTER:

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

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 - (Denise's)

Friday: 10.00am -1.00pm Pandora's Open

Saturday: 10am -1.00pm Pandora's Open

SUNDAY 5th September 2004

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

- Jeremiah 18:1-11
- Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18

- Philemon 1-25
- Luke 14:25-35

Rosters:

Cleaning: Dimitri Markotsis

Flowers: Kerry Anne Cousins

Readers 8am: 1st John Girdlestone 2nd Devin Combs Bowles

10am: 1st Chris Cheah 2nd Kerry Davis

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Roger Sharp and Chris Cheah

Morning Tea: 10am Dimitri and helpers

Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked 24/08/04 Envelopes and Loose \$592.85, EFT \$345

Donation \$100, Pandora's \$103

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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