

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 19th December 2004
Advent Four



Give Courage!
Give Hope!
Give Peace!

Give to the Christmas Bowl
Freecall: 1800 025 101 Web: www.ncca.org.au

8.00am and 10am Holy Communion APBA p119

Readings:

- Isaiah 7:10-16
- Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
- Romans 1:1-7
- Matthew 1:18-25

Soloist today: Anastasia Dalziell

After the Creed: "Ave Maria"

At Holy Communion: from "Magnificat in D" - Bach.

"Et Exultavit Spiritus Meus"

transl. "And My Spirit hath Rejoiced in God My Saviour"

And [A Hymn to the Virgin](#) - Edmund Rubbra

a [translation](#) is below.

Psalm Response: Show the light of your countenance,
O Lord God of hosts and we shall be saved

Hymns 10am: Together in Song 265, 289(v.1-4), 587, 290, 297

Organist: Colin Forbes

Food for food parcels may be placed in the basket! With thanks! Extras for Christmas gratefully received!

From Rob

Hi Everyone,

Thanks to all Santa's elves and other helpers who got together and mailed out my Christmas Letter and also to those who looked after the Kindergarten during the "Great Flood of 2004" while I was swanning (maybe that should be swimming!) about in rainy old Melbourne.

As we prepare in Advent for Christmas we are also getting ready for holidays and the long hot days of summer we are also preparing for the end of the year! For the Parish Treasurer Shane Woodburn that means checking the Income and Expenditure for the year 2004 at St Philip's. In my Christmas Letter we have included this year a request for a Christmas gift from those who may not have been able to make a contribution through the year. It also offers those who may have

recently won the lottery to give a tithe of their million dollars! (And you thought we didn't know!).

The Rev'd Jeannette McHugh is our preacher today as we come to this last Sunday of Advent. Traditionally this is the Sunday in Advent when we reflect on the faithfulness and life of Mary the Mother of Jesus and today we have some music recalling the place of Mary in God's purpose. In this year of Matthew and as we focus on the events through the eyes of Matthew's Gospel we find however that there is a strong emphasis on Joseph as a human model and father for Jesus. Fortunately we have a Sunday or two after Christmas to meditate on the aspects of the Holy Family.

For me there is always a sense of expectation on this day and in the last days of Advent and the Christmas Bowl Appeal emphasizes this sense of looking out for something to happen. Today's Christmas Bowl Appeal Stories are from Bangladesh, Thailand and Burma. In Bangladesh the Christmas Bowl enables "micro-credit loans" to help people get established in small business ventures and so to break out of the cycle of poverty. Today's story is about Chena who raises and sells chickens. Having started with one dozen chickens she now sells 400 chickens at market while breeding with another 200. Similarly Hussein was enabled to set up a rickshaw repair business but now builds about seven rickshaws per month. Things do happen when people get a helping hand!

The Christmas Bowl Appeal also assists with the care of those with AIDS through a program in Chang Mai operated by The Church of Christ in Thailand. This provides home care and relieves the pressure on hospitals. In Burma The Christmas Bowl works with AusAID to provide food medicine and shelter for many refugees on the Thai Burma border.

If you are wondering why the Christmas Bowl picture on the front of the pewsheet has not been changed it is because the page of pictures has gone missing. Probably somewhere in my study! Please remember the Christmas Bowl Appeal!

Rob Lamerton

NOTICES

TONIGHT 7.30PM CAROLS AND READINGS READERS REQUIRED! STAY FOR SUPPER AFTERWARDS!

CHRISTMAS

- Friday 24th December: **Christmas Eve**
 - 7pm Children's Service
 - 11pm Carol Singing
 - 11.30pm Sung Eucharist: "Midnight Mass"
- Saturday 25th December: **Christmas Day**
 - 9am Holy Communion and Carols

Christmas Flowers — Donations are needed of predominantly white and yellows for arranging on Friday 24th Dec. Donations of Holly are also needed!

Rosters Rosters and more Rosters!

The Morning Tea Roster will be having a break in January! A new roster for 2005 is being drawn up as we speak! Please contact Ryanna Tarlington on

62472008. The more helpers the less often you work!

The Cleaning Roster is being drawn up for 2005! Please contact Janine Studholme on 62415894 to be sure of the best places! Please

remember that volunteer cleaners save the parish about \$2000 per year.

Anglicare also has a Christmas Appeal and promotion with Anglicare Angels.

Angels are available for those who would like to purchase them.

Prices are: Pens \$4 and Angels \$2

These are the last available!

NORTHBOURNE COMMUNITY CENTRE CHRISTMAS PARTY

To enable Robin Moore to make the Northbourne Community Centre Christmas celebration a special occasion, we need gifts of money and light fruit cakes. Please mark your donation "Northbourne CC Christmas Party."

CAMP PELICAN

Camp Pelican has been the diocesan Youth Camping program since 1979. Each year over the Christmas holidays at Tathra four, week long, camps are held for young people in years 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, and 11/12 plus.

This year, the Year 5/6 camp begins on 27th December with Kathryn Rainger (Director) and Dimitri Markotsis as part of the leadership team.

STAMPS

All Christmas Card stamps can be deposited in the box in the porch to raise funds for the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM).

WE PRAY FOR:

Give thanks for healing: for Zara Mann.

The many suffering and those still held hostage in Iraq.

Those in need of healing: Glad Williams, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Glen Burns, Juan Sillano, Belinda Ketley, Shirley Barrett, Eric Mahoney, Linda Kennedy, Bryan Little, Ruth Horn, Sarona, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase.

The departed: Alice Isabel Saylor (d.20/12/88); Lucy, virgin and martyr (d.304); John of the Cross, mystic and teacher (d.1591); Thomas, apostle and martyr.

TODAY'S ROSTER:

Readers:

8am: 1st Mark Boyle 2nd Carola Parke

10am: 1st Ann Munro 2nd Washington Oloo

Sidespersons:

8am: Clive Lowes

10am: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson

Morning Tea 10am: Rhyana & Amanda

THIS WEEK

Monday: Rob's day off

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

Tuesday: 10.30am Holy Communion @ Kankinya

Wednesday: 10am Holy Communion

Friday: Christmas Eve

7pm Children's Service

11pm Carol Singing

11.30pm Sung Eucharist (Midnight Mass)

Saturday: Christmas Day

9am Holy Communion with Carols

SUNDAY 26th December 2004

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

- Isaiah 63.7-9
- Psalm 148
- Hebrews 2.10-18
- Matthew 2.13-23

Rosters:

Cleaning: Rhonda Evans

Flowers: Volunteers

Readers

8am: 1st Shane Woodburn 2nd Joyce Webster

10am: 1st Knight Family 2nd Steven Billett

Sidespersons:

8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: Helen Palethorpe & Volunteers

Morning Tea 10am: Ann, Bridget & Claire

Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked 14/12/04 - Envelopes and Loose \$714.50, EFT \$345

Christmas Bowl \$115, Anglicare Angels \$11, Pandora's \$139.20, Northbourne Community Christmas Party \$20

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

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

Priest: Rev. Rob Lamerton. Ph 62478004 Fax 62307775

A Hymn to the Virgin - Edmund Rubbra

translation

A Hymn to the Virgin

Edmund Rubbra

Of one that is so fair and bright
Like the star of the Sea,
Brighter than the day is light,
Mother and maiden:
I cry to thee, thou turn to me,
Lady, pray thy son for me,
Holy,
That I may come to thee,
Mary,
Lady flower of all things,
Rose without a thorn,
Thou bearest Jesus,
Heavenly King, by divine grace:
Of all thou bearest the prize,
Lady, Queen of Paradise
Chosen:
Mild mother you are made

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