

# 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 18 July 2004**  
**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**



"Lord are you not concerned that my sister left me all alone to do the household tasks?"

8.00am & 10.00am - Holy Communion

Readings:

- Amos 8:1-12
- Psalm 52
- Colossians 1.15-29
- Luke 10.38-42

Hymns: TIS: 693, 136, 626, 187

Organist at Meg Colwell

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Hi Everyone,

After two weeks off I am feeling rested and ready to get back to the round of events at St Philip's although a week at Surfers Paradise has made it a little difficult to re-acclimatise and be ready for the current blizzard conditions! While we were on the Gold Coast the daytime temperatures were around 21 to 25degrees and the overnight minimums about 10-15 degrees! I did meet a woman who had moved from Canberra who was finding the warm weather a little monotonous! I swam in the surf every day and was amazed at the warmth and clarity of the water as well as the wonderful white sandy beach. At first I was overwhelmed by the level of development and the crowds of people as well as the glitz, but it was a good time for the Lamertons to be together. The trip was the fulfilment of a promise we had made to our son Gareth that we would go to MovieWorld. Also included were visits to Sea World and Wet'n'Wild which is a mass of water slides and swimming pools.

I found the time away a good opportunity to reflect, stand outside the routine, and see things from a different perspective. I realised my need for regular recreational activity to renew my energy and spirit. It was good also to discover how hard it is to find an Anglican Church in the midst of the buildings at Surfers Paradise and to wonder how the church makes contact with the constant flow of holiday makers. Then last week I was interested to be part of a congregation and not be up front! I was challenged about the way we

conduct our liturgy and the need for balance between being dignified and worshipful as well as user friendly. The wardens and I have discussed some aspects of our worship we need to look at over the next few weeks.

On Friday night I went to the showing of Michael Moore's film "Fahrenheit 9/11" which was a fundraiser for Amnesty International. I am not so naive that I think Michael Moore is an unbiased reporter but the movie raises a whole range of questions about how the "War on Terror" has been conducted!

Today's reading from the prophet Amos challenges the people of God about the relationship between their worship and the issues of justice. He points out to the people that an empty religiosity which emphasises temple worship and fails to promote fairness in trade and society generally misses the point of worship altogether. Paul points out that to live out one's faith as a disciple of Christ is to share his suffering and to wrestle with issues. In the Gospel story Martha is the busy one distracted by her own activity while Mary listens to Jesus. Martha is not condemned for her activity but simply because it is not necessary in the current situation. Being a disciple means to abandon our own agenda to be able to listen and respond to Jesus. There is also another side to this story because Jesus is probably anxious as he makes his way to Jerusalem. Those who sit with him are more likely to enable him in the fulfilling of his ministry as well as to gain from him. Busy-ness is important ... but not always!

Rob Lamerton

## NOTICES

Two recitals:

[Oriana Chorale](#) see below

and:

Amanda Forbes' Farewell Recital on Saturday 21st August. See:

[Amanda Farewell.html](#)

Mid Winter Lunch 12noon Next Sunday 25 July

All welcome. Please bring a Main or Dessert to share. RSVP on list in

Foyer. Admission \$5 per person or \$ 10 a family to raise funds for our Parish Mission Projects.

Contact Denise or Leighton for information.

## MEAL, STUDY AND MEDITATION Thursday night 6.00pm at the Rectory.

Those bringing food should coordinate with the host.

## Thanks to all who chipped in while I was away

especially the wardens Chris Cheah, Devin Combs Bowles and Janine Studholme and those who led worship Jeannette McHugh. Elizabeth Allinson, Linda Anchell and Joyce Webster. Thanks also to the keepers of the keys Clive Lowes and Devin as well as Leighton Mann who also produced the pewsheets.

## PANDORA'S PAINTING

The back wall of Pandora's at O'Connor will be painted this afternoon! If you are relatively skilled with a paint brush or roller and can assist please talk to me or to Leighton.

## Pandora's at O'Connor Staff required!

Gaps seem to be appearing in the roster. If you can offer a Friday or a Saturday morning once a month please contact Sandra Lamerton ph. 62478004.

## Rachmaninov Vespers St Philip's Sunday 1st August 2.30pm

Performed by the Oriana Chorale conducted by Sally McRae with Associate Artist Rowan Harvey Martin. Leaflets available.

[see details](#)

## The Reverend Greg Thompson will be inducted as Rector of St Johns, Reid,

on Thursday 22 July at a service of Evening Prayer commencing at

5.30pm. Light refreshments will be available after the service at Theatre 3 (Canberra Repertory Theatre), Ellery Crescent, (at ANU). This is a special time for St John's and for Greg Thompson. Please remember them in your prayers!

#### WE PRAY FOR:

Ashton Robinson in Iraq

Give thanks for healing: Noah and Jutaro.

Those in need of healing: Noah, Colin Forbes, Shirley Barrett, Eric Mahoney, Linda Kennedy, Bryan Little, Ruth Horn (Elizabeth Sillano's mother), Zana, Sarona, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Athol and Thelma Barratt, Mira Barratt, Yoko and Jutaro Murase.

The Departed: John Huey – (Freda's Dad)

#### TODAY'S ROSTER:

Readers 8am: 1st Carola Parke 2nd Mark Boyle

10am: 1st Kerry Davis 2nd Yasmin/Rick Barrington-Knight

Sidespersons:

8am: Norm Davey

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: Kankinya Holy Communion

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion 7-30pm Parish Council Meeting - Rectory

Thursday: 6.00pm Meal, Study and Meditation - Rectory

Friday: 10.00am -1.00pm Pandora's Open

Saturday: 10am -1.00pm Pandora's Open

SUNDAY 25th JULY 2004

8.00am and 10.00am - Morning Prayer

Readings:

- Hosea 1: 2-10
- Psalm 85
- Colossians 2: 6-15 (16-19)
- Luke 11.1-13

Rosters:

Cleaning: Rhyana and Amanda Tarlington

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

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

10am: 1st Genevieve Hassall 2nd Linda Anchell

Sidespersons:

8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: Helen Palethorpe and Tim or Sarah Gowty

Morning Tea: 10am Ann, Bridget and Claire

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Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked 13/7/04 Envelopes and Loose \$455.50, EFT \$345  
Pandora's \$75.50, Anglicare \$50, Church Hire \$55

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

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

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