

# 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 20th June 2004**  
**Third Sunday after Pentecost**



Life with God - Peace and Freedom

8.00am & 10.00am - Holy Communion

Readings:

- 1 Kings 19: 1-15a
- Psalm 42 and 43
- Galatians 3: 10-14, 23-29
- Luke 8: 26-39

Hymns: TIS: 121, 444 (tune 56), 703, 466, 691

Organist at 10.00am: Colin Forbes

Administration of Holy Communion

At 10am a very small cup will be available for intinction (dipping).  
Please hold your bread so that it is visible to those administering the cups.

**From Rob**

Hi Everyone

Many of us were pleasantly surprised to discover that little Noah James Palethorpe had arrived home this week! Not home to Canberra Hospital but home to 31 Blackman Street Macquarie! It seems that after examination last Tuesday Noah was given the all clear to head home. Surgeons were happy with the repair work on Noah's heart valve and so with a great sigh of relief Stephen, Rebecca, Elise and Jarrah picked up their little bundle and headed home. Of course Noah will need further treatment for some time to come but for now we say Thanks be to God for the way things have worked out. All being well Stephen and Bec will tell us a bit more at the 10.00am Eucharist today!

Next week will be the last Sunday the Dyers are with us! We are sad to see Ben, Fiona, Sian and Catriona moving away to Horsham VIC. Let us make their last Sunday memorable!

These weeks of the Pentecost season were originally known as the Sundays after Trinity but they are now rightly referred as the Sundays after Pentecost because it is in this time that we reflect on the life of the Church and Christians under the influence of God's Holy Spirit. The general theme of the weeks of Pentecost is "Life with God" and so the liturgical colour is Green, the colour of life! Green is the colour of growth in spring and summer! This presents another problem for us because the whole liturgical system is based on the seasons in the Northern Hemisphere. Green means GO in so many situations so we could see it as a time when we think about Going with God!

Week by week over the next few months until Advent, aspects of our going with God are examined in the readings from the Scriptures.

Last week the themes of faith, forgiveness and justice were the focus. This week the themes of freedom and peace with God are the common thread. Elijah finds freedom from fear and renewed peace of mind to tackle his task Paul speaks of freedom from the rigidity of the Law through faith. 'Legion' the man in the gospel story is liberated completely from his misery in his encounter with God present in Jesus to live out his life with his family. I notice that both Elijah and Legion are enabled to GO BACK! Elijah goes back to do what God has called him to do in bringing to an end the career of the tyrants Ahab and Jezebel. The man Legion is told NOT to go with Jesus but to go back to his home and family to 'declare how much God has done for you'.

So often we are given to believe that it is in leaving home and family and travelling to the ends of the earth to serve God. These stories remind us that often God is saying, "Go back! Get things right where you are! Let your friends and family know how much God has done for you! Bloom where you are planted!" God's grand plan is worked out by many ordinary people fulfilling God's purpose in homes, shops, schools, and offices etc.

Rob Lamerton

## NOTICES

### PLANNED GIVING, ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER AND INTERNET BANKING

With the winter chills setting in, parish incomes often suffer due to lower attendances! It appears our parish income is already suffering! I encourage you to continue your commitment to the ministry of Christ at St Philip's, first by keeping up the Sunday attendances. I encourage you also to keep up your financial commitment by using the weekly Planned Giving envelopes OR by arranging to give direct to St Philip's via the Anglican Development Fund EFT arrangement. Cards and information about this are available! You may prefer to arrange a regular payment to St Philip's by internet banking!

*St Philip's Mission Commitments for 2004.*

*These are as they were for 2003:*

*Anglican Board of Mission: Toungoo Clean Water Project (Burma):  
\$1,000*

*Boomerang Aboriginal Ministry - Mogo NSW: \$1,000*

**"BUILDING SAFE COMMUNITIES OF FAITH":  
PARISH MINISTRY UNIT CHILD PROTECTION POLICY.**

The St Philip's policy is available for you to read on the notice board. There are also some hard copies available as well as being on the Diocesan website <http://www.canberragoulburn.anglican.org>

Try to get it at:

<http://www.canberragoulburn.anglican.org/html/publications/resources/childp>

(It seems to need Internet Explorer. Or should I say that Netscape 7.01 can't read it.)

As well as adopting the policy and displaying it we also agreed to appoint Janine Studholme as our parish contact and training officer and to make known the Diocesan Contact Officers. They are: Dr. Joan Buchanan (Canberra) 02 62815360, The Rev'd Dr. Judy Begent (Wagga Wagga) 02 69224416, Mrs. Penny Lloyd (South Coast) 02 44715212, and Dr. Jeff Sutton (Goulburn) 02 48422651. The leaflet "Break the Silence" is also available.

**Meal, study and meditation. Thursday night.**

Seven of us met together on Thursday to share a meal and talk about the readings set for today. After a short time of meditation and prayer we left for home at about 8.45pm. There is always room for people to join the group! Remember, Thursday at 6.00pm with some food to share.

**Garden Makeover hits St Philips!**

The newly concreted area outside Pandora's at O'Connor has been wonderfully improved thanks to some paint and the imagination of Leighton Mann. The old screen, table and book trolleys have been brightened up and a pot plant added to give even more glamour! Thanks Leighton! (P.S. Zara helped).

## WE PRAY FOR:

Give thanks for healing: Noah James Palethorpe, and pray for his continued growth.

Those in need of healing: Shirley Barratt, 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: Richard Maslak, and Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer (d. 1941)

## TODAY'S ROSTER:

Readers 8am: 1st Shane Woodburn 2nd Carola Parke

10am: 1st Jean Pound, 2nd Washington Oloo

Sidespersons:

8am: Norm Davey

10am: Grace Barnes and Peter Andersson

Morning Tea: 10am Rhyana and Amanda

## THIS WEEK

### **Monday to Thursday: Rob Lamerton at Clergy Conference**

Friday: 8am Morning Prayer and 5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday: 10.00am Morning Prayer

Thursday: 6.00pm Meal, Study and Meditation - Rectory

Friday: 10.00am - 1.00pm Pandora's Open

Saturday: 10am - 1.00pm Pandora's Open

## SUNDAY 27th JUNE 2004

8.00am and 10.00am - Holy Communion

Readings:

- 2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14
- Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20
- Galatians 5: 1, 13-25
- Luke 9: 51-62

Rosters:

Cleaning: Rhonda Evans

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

Readers 8am: 1st Mark Boyle 2nd Joyce Webster

10am: 1st Ashton Robinson, 2nd Dimitri Markotsis

Sidespersons:

8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: Helen Palethorpe and Tim or Sarah Gowty

Morning Tea: 10am Ann, Bridget and Claire

Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked 16/6/04 Envelopes and Loose \$629, EFT \$345

Pandora's \$141.10, Church Hire \$115

Food for the parish pantry may be placed in the basket

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

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