

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 27th June 2004 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Staying focused - Living by the Spirit!

8.00am & 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

Hymns: TIS: 675, 745, 670, 744 (after communion), 665

Organist at 10.00am: Meg Colwell

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

Today we say farewell to Ben and Fiona Dyer with Sian and Catriona! Although it is always sad to see a wonderful young family moving away there is cause for rejoicing in that they are following God's calling to a new phase in their lives. Having moved a few times myself know how difficult it can be leaving behind friendships developed in special times. Sometimes such friendships even cloud our vision about what is right for ourselves and our family I hope that the love we have for each other is the sort that wants the best for God's people whether they be here or elsewhere. Having heard that Ben had been interviewed for this new position I suppose I was secretly hoping that he would get the job (for his benefit!) but that he would not go (for our benefit!). How selfish of me! Especially when I knew that the move would mean that Sian and Catriona would be closer to at least one set of grandparents. Never having lived close to our children's grandparents has been often difficult for Sandy and for me; as well as a deprivation for the children! My own memories of grandparents reminds me how special those relationships can be!

We thank God for the blessing of having Ben, Fiona and Sian around and the special blessing of waiting with bated breath and celebrating the arrival of little "Cate". We send them on their way rejoicing that a new chapter is opening up for them in Horsham.

The Clergy Conference this week examined the content and wording of the Diocesan Vision and Mission and Core Values. The aim was to help formulate the Diocesan Mission Strategy "Growing Communities Confident in Christ". Once this is finalised the process is to be put

into effect in every parish and ministry unit in this Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn taking into account the tradition and culture of each place. The great thing is that St Philip's Parish Council has plans to discern our Parish Vision/Mission on a Sunday soon. I do hope you will share enthusiastically in this process! We are at present looking for a consultant/facilitator and have a few people in mind but if you know of anyone who may be good at this sort of thing please let me or one of the wardens know!

The readings today appear to have the common theme "Being Committed to The Task " or 'Keeping Our Eye On The Ball"! I had news from Ashton Robinson in Baghdad this week. Ashton is keeping his faith focussed by worshipping with an American Lutheran congregation as well as having contact with Christians of many other traditions. He says 'I am meeting numbers of Arab Christians here: Assyrians, Chaldean Catholics and Copts". Jesus sets his face towards Jerusalem and calls on those who would follow to be committed to the task! Elisha is not distracted from following Elijah to inherit his prophetic role. Paul says, "Live by the Spirit " to maintain relationships and keep focussed on the ways of God.

Rob Lamerton

NOTICES

Sunday 25th July - Midwinter Lunch 12 noon

All welcome. Please bring a Main or Dessert to share. RSVP on list in foyer. Admission will be \$5 per person or \$10 a family to raise funds for our Parish mission Projects. Please talk to Denise or Leighton for any further information.

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

Nungalinga College - Aboriginal Training College, Darwin. \$ 500

St Philip's Care - Northbourne Flats Project. \$ 500

"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>

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.

Local restaurants would have cause to be concerned at the quality and quantity of food! As well as food to eat, the "spiritual food" shared is excellent! There is always room for people to join the

group! Those bringing food should coordinate with the host! Did you realise that "doof" is "food" backward! Wow!

Anglicare Winter Appeal: Kathleen Ferrier Remembered

Recital Room at Canberra Girls' Grammar School at 3.00pm on Sunday 4th July. Well known Canberra singer Louise Page accompanied by Bishop Neville Chynoweth and Phillipa Candy, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the death of the celebrated British singer Kathleen Ferrier. Afternoon tea will be provided. Tickets \$20 for adults and \$5 for children. All proceeds going to the Anglicare Winter Appeal. For bookings call Helen Guy on 6286 9897.

WE PRAY FOR:

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

Those in need of healing: George Forbes (Colin's Dad), 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: Marjorie Lowes (d.28/6/2001); Harold Percival (d. 28/6/2001); Jim Kaye; also Alban, first British martyr (d. about 305), John the Baptist.

TODAY'S ROSTER:

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

THIS WEEK

Monday: Rob's day off

Tuesday to Friday 8am Morning Prayer 5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

Thursday: 6.00pm Meal, Study and Meditation - Rectory

Friday: 10.00am -1.00pm Pandora's Open

Saturday: 10am -1.00pm Pandora's Open

SUNDAY 4th JULY 2004

8.00am and 10.00am - Holy Communion

Readings:

- 2 Kings 5: 1-14
- Psalm 30
- Galatians 6: 1-18
- Luke 10: 1-24

Rosters:

Cleaning: Dimitri Markotsis

Flowers: Sandra Lamerton

Readers 8am: 1st 2nd

10am: 1st Joyce Webster, 2nd Sarah Gowty

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Roger Sharp and Chris Cheah

Morning Tea: 10am Dimitri and helpers

Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked 22/6/04 Envelopes and Loose \$610.90, EFT \$345

Pandora's \$188.90, St Philip's Care \$10

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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