

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 30th May 2004
Pentecost



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Next week's newsletter will be a week late. It would be great to have an
offsider! I will teach... [L]

8.00am & 10.00am - Holy Communion

Readings:

- Acts 2:1-21
- Psalm 104:26-36
- Romans 8:14-17
- John 14: 8-17

Hymns: TIS: 405, 65 (for psalm), 418, 263, 415, "Travel On"

Organist at 10.00am: Meg Colwell

Our singers today are:

Linda Anchell, Rob Clayton, Alison Knight and Jeremy Yapp

Our dancer is: Karinne Campbell

Music from The Scholars and others.

Introit "Come Holy Spirit (Iona); Kyries (Khudaya rhaheem kha); during prayers: Thumamima, at communion: Veni Sancte Spiritus; recessional: "Amen, siyaku dumisa! [Asithi]"

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!

Our main story today is taken from the Acts of the Apostles and describes the gift of God's Holy Spirit in fulfilment of the promise of Jesus "stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24.49). Although wind and fire are the symbols of Pentecost we are not told exactly what they were but that there was a "sound like the rush of a violent wind" and that tongues "as of fire" rested upon the apostles. As usual humans like to pin down the experience in concrete terms but the element of mystery remains! The gift of tongues in this case is not that of speaking in tongues but of speaking in different languages - it is the reversal of the story of Babel where people are divided by pride and language. Here God overcomes the language barrier and therefore the racial and cultural barrier as well! It is interesting to note that one of the languages is Judean! Why would it be a surprise for them to speak in their native

tongue? It points out that the Jews are also welcome in this new era of God's Spirit! Evidently some very early manuscripts do not have Judea but Armenia!

The outpouring of God's Spirit renews and reinvigorates the mission of the Apostles and the whole story of Acts is about the early Christian believers being driven by the Spirit. Whereas the gospels and especially Luke's gospel are about God's Spirit at work in the life of Jesus we now begin to see God's Spirit at work in the life of the people of God (the Church).

Pentecost (literally "the fiftieth day") was the Greek term for the Feast of Weeks which fell on the fiftieth day after the ceremony of the barley sheaf at Passover. It marked the beginning of the offering of the first fruits of the harvest and in later times the giving of the law by Moses was also commemorated. The gathering of people in Jerusalem would have been for these celebrations. With the giving of Holy Spirit to the Apostles on this day the name Pentecost was adopted to signify this event. It is difficult to tell how the alternative name Whitsunday came into being but it seems to have come from the fact that from an early stage the day was celebrated as a secondary date for baptisms (after Easter) Evidently the Nicene Canons used the name Pentecost for the whole period from Easter to Whitsunday.

How does God's Holy Spirit act in our lives? The best example I could find was in the story of Prof. Graham Clarke, inventor of the cochlear ear implant, who saw his life's work as an expression of his Christian Faith. He saw all that he did in science and life generally as inspired by God. God's Holy Spirit is not just limited to religious ideas but guides, inspires and enables the Christian mission in each of us and as a body of people together.
Diverse gifts in a united body!

Rob Lamerton

NOTICES

Web Links; some special news!

<http://www.flotilla2004.com/> has news of boats sailing to Nauru to give gifts, messages and support to detainees in the Nauru detention centre. Number [9 crew log](#), from Stavros is great!

Calvary Hospital Sunday Worship

Helpers are needed to bring patients to the Sunday Communion on the second Sunday of each month. Time required 9.20am to 11.30am. Please discuss this with Beryl Blaseotto ph. 62477230 or email blas @ goldweb.com.au (remove spaces to email)

COLIN FORBES - PIANO RECITAL

Second Performance today at 3.00pm - Carl Rafferty's Recital Room, Belconnen. Includes works by Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt, Schumann. Bookings were essential. 6248 8399.

Friday night was magnificent! Thank you Colin! [Linda] see the CAMRA page for the programme. [CAMRA](#)

The Leprosy Mission

Dr Grace Warren will be speaking about her 45 years as leprosy surgeon at St John's, REid on Thursday 3rd June at 2.30pm. Contact Ruth PErry 6247 6227 or St John's Office 6248 8399

World Wide Day of Prayer for Children at Risk

We are invited to share in the Day of Prayer on Saturday 5th June from 12.30 to 5.30pm at 62 MacLeay St, Turner. A Prayer Walk will take place at 4-30pm. Those who attend are asked to bring a plate of food to share for afternoon tea.

Please contact Joanne Tremayne 0413 310 559.

Speaking of Spiritual Gifts!

Thanks to Hardy, Geneveive, Richard, Sam and Nicholas and to Sandy and Gareth who helped clear the gutters and clean up last Sunday. With blistering speed, we had the job done in an hour and a half!

Pandora's Staff Needed

Due to illness and absence, there have been staff shortages! Can you give some time on Friday or Saturday mornings, 10am to 1pm to fill in? Staff privileges apply, such as 10% deductions, free tea and coffee etc. It is a wonder we make any money at all!

ANU Combined Christian Churches Chaplaincy Association

AGM, Dinner and Lecture, Tuesday 8 June 2004
Guest Speaker: The Reverend Professor James Haire
Executive Director Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture
Topic: "Christian Faith and Chaplaincy in a Contemporary University"
Burgmann College, Daley Road, ANU
AGM 5.30 PM, Dinner 6 for 6:30PM (Donation: \$20)
Public Lecture: 7:45pm Common Room (Free)
RSVP (dinner only)
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(delete spaces to use email addresses)

WE PRAY FOR:

Those in need of healing: Elizabeth Allinson, Eric Mahoney, Linda Kennedy, Bryan Little, Ruth Horn (Elizabeth Sillano's mother), Zana (in Baxter Detention Centre), Sarena, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Athol and Thelma Barratt, Mira Barratt and Jutaro Murase, Denise. Give thanks that Aladdin Sisalem has been released from Manus Detention Centre.

The Departed: Joyce Nedine Miller, (Rhonda Evans' mother), Josephine 'Jo' Johnson, Charles Parke (d. 31/5/36) John (d.1791) and Charles (d. 1788) Wesley, evangelists; Bede of Jarrow (d. 735), priest and teacher; Augustine of Canterbury, missionary and bishop (d. 605)

TODAY'S ROSTER:

Readers 8am: Clive Lowes

10am: 1st Barrington Knight family, 2nd Jean Pound

Sidespersons:

8am: Clive Lowes

10am: Hardy Palethorpe and Rodger Sharpe

Morning Tea: 10am Ian and Kerry Anne Cousins

THIS WEEK

Monday: Rob's Day Off

Tuesday to Friday: 7am Morning Prayer and 5pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday: 10.30am Kankinya - Holy Communion

Wednesday: 10.00am Holy Communion

Friday:

10.30am ANU Chaplaincy Holy Communion

10.00 -1.00pm Pandora's Open

Saturday: 10am -1.00pm Pandora's Open

SUNDAY 6th JUNE 2004
Trinity Sunday

8.00am and 10.00am - Holy Communion

Readings:

- Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31
- Psalm 8
- Romans 5: 1-5
- John 16: 12-15

Rosters:

Cleaning: Pat Forbes

Flowers: Sandra Lamerton

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

10am: 1st Chris Cheah, 2nd Beryl Holder

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Chris Cheah and Roger Sharp

Morning Tea: 10am Dimitri and helpers

Weekly Offering Required \$1565
Offerings banked 25/5/04 Envelopes and Loose \$508.70, EFT \$320
Pandora's \$131.40

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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