

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 28th November 2004 Advent Sunday



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 2:1-5
- Psalm 122
- Romans 13:9-14

- Matthew 24:36-44

Hymns at 10am: Together in Song 271, 78 (for psalm 122), 289, 275, 473
Organist: Colin Forbes

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

From Rob

Hi Everyone,

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. Advent means "beginning" and so we find ourselves back at the beginning again! After the celebration of Christ the King as the culmination of the weeks of Pentecost and thoughts of the totality of the reign or rule of Christ we are forced to wonder what it all means. The rule of Christ is only possible if Christ conies to us! We prepare to receive him as a child and journey with him so we come to know the secrets of faith love and obedience to God. So, in Advent we prepare for his coming!

The words of Jeremiah last week pondered the failures of earthly kingdoms and worldly authority. Jeremiah questioned the leadership of four of the kings of Judah, Josiah, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, and Zedekiah leading to the eventual overthrow of Jerusalem in 587. Some of these were nothing more than front men for their supporting powers. His main lament was that they had formed alliances with the Babylonians, Egyptians and Assyrians to prop up their own regimes and failed to lead and care for their people with faith and wisdom.

The story prompted me to wonder about our leaders today! Are we so concerned about alliances which give some international security that issues of justice and welfare, health and education within our own borders are viewed as less important. I heard a comment this week about how combating terrorism would be beneficial to trade. I believe it ought to be reversed that fair and just trade which is also seen to be fair and just trade must be a natural combatant to terrorism! I am also concerned that the Australian Labor Party is considering disconnecting itself from the Union movement at a time when the workforce is becoming increasingly part time and casualised The current situation calls for a changing approach by Unions but not a dissociation of Labor from the Union movement. If the Labor Party can force the governments hand on aspects of the Free Trade Agreement with the USA (albeit in a different political climate) possibly the Labor Party could prove its worth in helping

Unions negotiate unfair dismissal legislation which serves employers and employees as well as the nation as a whole.

Jeremiah's concerns remind us the failures of governments and other human institutions. So what can we do how do we respond? We can think there is little we can do OR do as much as we can as individuals and as lobby groups. Churches and congregations can be very effective lobby and/or action groups. We can take up issues in our local area and we can work with the greater body of Christians to bring about change. One of the great issues being faced in the world today is the spread of HIV/AIDS. It is World Aids Day on Wednesday December 1st and the task of the Church is to be active in education and prevention as well as care and healing around the world. The Christmas Bowl Appeal reminds us that our response to Christ is to do what we can to make the changes necessary for his world to be also changed. Give courage, give hope, give peace!

Rob Lamerton.

NOTICES

St Philip's Advent Dinner 7pm Friday 3 December
in the Courtyard, \$15 adults, \$10 children, \$40 family
BYO drinks, all proceeds to our Mission Projects.
RSVP Sunday 28th November — list on the notice board.

"The eggs and the ham and the strawberry jam,
The rollicking bun and the gay Sally Lunn!"

And so we have come to the end of the season of CAMRA's production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Sorcerer". It was a great show with strong performances all round! Congratulations to Colin and Pat Forbes and the whole cast! If there was a message it was that we cannot manipulate situations and relationships to please ourselves without cost and confusion. In the end what will be will be and we need to work with what God gives!

Thanks to Leighton Mann and the staff of the food bar for funds raised for missions!

In all my welcomings last week I omitted to welcome back Ian Cousins.

Welcome back Ian!

**ECUMENICAL PEACE SERVICE and CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL
LAUNCH**

This evening at 6.00pm under the Great Cross at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture 15 Blackall Street, Barton, ACT 2600. A warm invitation is extended to all people from Canberra and region.

His Excellency, the Governor General, Major General Michael Jeffrey will launch the 2004 Christmas Bowl Appeal. Other participants in the Service will include: Archbishop Francis Carroll, Roman Catholic; Bishop George Browning, Anglican; Rev Gregor Henderson, Uniting Church.

The Diocesan Ordination will take place at St Saviour's Cathedral on St Andrew's Day, Tuesday, 30 November at 6.00pm.

Please pray for those to be ordained: **Deacons:-** Helen Cowgill (Twofold Bay), Malcolm Dunnett (Cobargo), Stephen Gunther (Pearce), Geoff Hoad (Young DAM), Stephen Neuhaus (Townsville - Australian Defence Force) **Priests:-** Linda Chapman (Bodalla), Pauline Dare (TBA), Rebecca Newland (Jamison/Radford College), David Ruthven (Karabar)

Anglicare also has a Christmas Appeal and promotion with Anglicare Angels. Angels are available for those who would like to purchase them.

WE PRAY FOR:

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, Sarena, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase.

The departed: Andrew Morrison, Constance Morton (d25/11/01); Clement of Rome, bishop and martyr (d.c100); James Noble, first indigenous Australian ordained (d. 1941).

TODAY'S ROSTER:

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

10am: 1st Richard Wade 2nd Linda Anchell

Sidespersons:

8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: Helen Palethorpe and Sarah Gowty

Morning Tea 10am: Anne Munro

THIS WEEK

Monday: Rob's day off

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

Tuesday: 10.30am Holy Communion @ Kankinya

6.00pm Diocesan Ordination at Goulburn

Wednesday: 10am Holy Communion

Thursday: 6.00pm Meal and Study Group

Friday: 10.00am -1.00pm Pandora's Open

7.00pm **Advent Dinner in the Courtyard**

Saturday: 10.00am -1.00pm Pandora's Open

SUNDAY 5th December 2004
ADVENT TWO

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

- Isaiah 11:1-10
- Psalm 72:1-7, 18-21
- Romans 15:4-13
- Matthew 3:1-12

Rosters:

Cleaning: Pat Forbes

Flowers: Carola Parke

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

10am: 1st Beryl Holder 2nd Joyce Webster

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Chris Cheah and Roger Sharp

Morning Tea 10am: Dimitri and helpers

Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked 23/11/04 - Envelopes and Loose \$673.25, EFT \$345
Trading Table \$12, Pandora's \$115.50, ABM \$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.

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