

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 5 September 2004
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Take Up Your Cross

8.00am & 10.00am - Holy Communion

Readings:

- Jeremiah 18:1-11
- Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18
- Philemon 1-25
- Luke 14:25-35

Hymns: Together in Song: 119, 88(psalm), 253(twice), 626, 583 (tune AHB 496)
Organist: Colin Forbes

Soloist at 10.00am Annette Gaykema

Annette will lead us in the psalm 139 (see TIS 88)
At communion: "O Rest in the Lord" from Elijah by Mendelssohn

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

From Rob

Hi Everyone,

We can only be appalled at the tragic death and suffering of so many after the school siege in Beslan in southern Russia over the last few days as well as the other terrorist related tragedies. Like the attack on the World Trade Centre and Washington in 2001 these events are almost beyond belief! Are these terrorists just well organised psychopathic killers or do they really believe they are making a political point. What does seem clear is that terrorists are targeting softer and softer targets from commercial buildings to theatres to railway stations and now schools. All the old rules about women and children being spared have gone and now almost any thing goes. As I say that my mind travels back to some of the events of the troubles in Northern Ireland and the genocide in Rwanda of ten years ago and I realize that the most vulnerable have often been the targets. Not to forget the fact that there is still an unfolding tragedy in Southern Sudan, a continuing confrontation in Iraq (of which we are a part) and the war on terror in Afghanistan.

We must continue to remember and pray for the many parents and family members who weep for lost children and loved ones in so many traumatic situations but especially for those needlessly killed in Beslan. So many young lives with hopes and expectations for the new school year which ended in a nightmare.

It is an important time to resist the fear and anxiety but to maintain faith, hope and love and to encourage world leaders NOT to make simple statements about a "War on Terror"! Instead, governments need to make genuine efforts to resolve the underlying issues in practical and healing ways and to discourage the descent into a cycle of revenge.

Today we read the words of Jeremiah reflecting on God who moulds and remakes human beings as a potter does the clay. Change and renewal are possible only as God's people are pliable in God's hands. Once clay is hardened it loses all possibility of change. In the gospel Jesus reminds the crowd that there is a cost for following him and that the cost must be considered The cost may be the willingness to remain flexible in God's hand as illustrated by the clay in the first reading. Onesimus found himself in prison with Paul whose influence

proved to be God's moulding of his life. Jesus' challenge to "take up your cross" was made on the way to Jerusalem but his hearers would not have known what was to happen! By the time the story was written and told it was clear! The cross would have been familiar to the crowds as an instrument of torture and death a symbol of the most difficult thing to face. Was Jesus telling the crowd that to be his disciple meant readiness to face the worst of life's hardships and that God would mould us into new people in the process?

Rob Lamerton

MORNING TEA DONATIONS The Morning Tea Fund is dwindling fast! Please be sure to contribute in the bowl provided.

NOTICES

TODAY AT 2.30PM

THE BIG FOLKIE EXTRAVAGANZA!!!

Starring: Andrew Dalziell, Jessica Harris, Alison Knight, and Mark Williamson.

Come along for a great afternoon of entertainment!

BIBLES FOR THE PERSECUTED - Bible League

There are some prayer resources and Bible money boxes left. A bible for a persecuted Christian is \$7. If each participant set aside \$1 a day for the 21 days that would provided for 30 bibles. Please take a Bible money box and prayer resource "Rock of Refuge".

Carers Workshops

St Paul's Manuka are conducting Carers Workshops! We have missed the first but there are two more:

- 5th Sept. The spiritual journey of the carer.
- 14th Nov. Issues and struggles associated with caring for someone with dementia.

Leaflets available in the porch.

CALVARY HOSPITAL TEAM - FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH

The team meets about 9.20am each first Sunday and gathers people from the wards for Church then returns them finishing about 11.20am. Please talk to Beryl Blaseotto ph. 6247 7230.



ABM's Emergency Appeal for the Sudan

ABM is supporting the Appeal for the people of Southern and Western Darfur in the Sudan through the Action by Churches Together (ACT) Coalition*

Thousands are homeless and living in refugee camps. Many will die in the next few months if help is not given. ACT is seeking to provide shelter, water, sanitation and basic sleeping and kitchen materials, as well as supplementary food for children under the age of 5 and education for school age children.

**Please - call ABM with your Gift today on 1300 302 663
or Sydney 9264 1021**

All gifts over \$2 are tax-deductible.

[ACT is part of the World Council of Churches and is a global alliance of churches and related agencies - of which ABM is a member - working to save lives and support communities in emergencies worldwide].

HYMNFEST - Sunday 26th September at 2.30pm - St Andrew's Forrest

TRADING TABLE - TODAY!

Please bring and buy for our Mission Projects! Pandora's is also open for the Trading Table Day.

WE PRAY FOR:

Ashton Robinson in Iraq

Those in need of healing: Belinda Ketley (surgery), Noah Palethorpe, Shirley Barrett, Eric Mahoney, Linda Kennedy, Bryan Little, Ruth Horn (Elizabeth Sillano's mother), Zana (still in Baxter!), Sarona, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Athol and Thelma Barratt, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase.

Those mourning: June Williams and family

The departed: John Williams; John Bunyan, spiritual writer (d.1688); Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop and missionary (d.651); The Martyrs of New Guinea (d.1942)

TODAY'S ROSTER:

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

10am: 1st Chris Cheah 2nd Kerry Davis

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Roger Sharp and Chris Cheah

Morning Tea: 10am Dimitri and helpers

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

Parish Council @ The Rectory

Thursday: 6.00pm Meal, Study and Meditation - (Denise's)

Friday: 10.00am -1.00pm Pandora's Open

Saturday: 10am -1.00pm Pandora's Open

SUNDAY 12th September 2004

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

- Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
- Psalm 14
- 1Timothy 1:1-2, 12-19
- Luke 15:1-10

Rosters:

Cleaning: Janine Studhome & Stephen Billett

Flowers: Carola Parke

Readers 8am: 1st Rhonda Evans 2nd Elizabeth Allinson

10am: 1st Pat Forbes 2nd Joyce Webster

Sidespersons:

8am: John Cunliffe

10am: Hardy Palethorpe and helper

Morning Tea: 10am Washington Oloo & Margaret Woodbridge

Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked 31/08/04 Envelopes and Loose \$931.90, EFT \$345

Church Hire \$130, Bibles for the Persecuted \$46, Child protection workshop \$15, Pandora's \$242

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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At 10.00am Communion the bread is administered, then the small cup for intinction (dipping)
The two common cups for sipping will follow

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