

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 26 September 2004
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
10am: Baptism of Samuel and Nicholas Wade



8.00am & 10.00am - Holy Communion

Readings:

- Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15
- Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
- 1Timothy 6:6-19
- Luke 16:19-31

Hymns: Together in Song: 135, 307, 492, 281, 613
Organist: Colin Forbes

Soloist today: Rob Clayton
Rob will sing Psalm 19 before the first reading.
At Holy Communion: Aria: "That God is Great"
from Chandos Anthems by G.S. Handel

From Rob

Hi Everyone,

It is always good to welcome little ones into the Christian family in Baptism! It is especially good to welcome those who we know and who are a little bit special to us because we know them. Today we welcome Samuel David and Nicholas Stirling Wade! We have come to know Sam and Nicholas with Genevieve and Richard for some time now but it is great that they are to be baptized among us. Sam and Nicholas have some well known Godparents Fiona Dyer and Rebecca and Stephen Palethorpe! It is great to have Fiona, Sian and Catriona Dyer here from Horsham but we will just have to remember Ben who is hard at work back home. We pray for Cate who is to be baptized amidst her new Christian family next week in Horsham!

Well it is good to be back on familiar territory after two days in Adelaide with son John to visit my parents Bob and Josie Lamerton. I managed to catch up with my two Adelaide sisters with their families and by phone with my other sister in Perth. My cousin in Perth caught me by accident when she also phoned! It was a busy two days because we also did a quick walking tour of parts of the city of Adelaide.

I was only back for two days before heading to our diocesan Synod in Wagga Wagga from Friday 17th to Sunday 19th Most of the groundbreaking news from Synod has been in the Canberra Times but I will get our Synod representatives Dimitri Markotsis and Devin Combs Bowles to tell us something of the highlights over the next few Sundays.

Probably the important issues discussed were the concern over the cost of building and properly insurance especially for the parishes with heritage listed buildings. Our general acceptance of the possible consecration of women as bishops was affirmed with some concern for those who could not agree with it. We accepted to extend the use of the Governance Ordinance of 2000 which gives guidance for the structures and organization of Parishes and Ministry Units as well as the Diocese.

This week was a little messed around with a trip to Tumut for my Professional Peer Group Meeting. I find these wonderfully helpful but sometimes I find myself just longing for a day to get some things

done in the parish.

The election campaign rolls on for both Federal Parliament and for the ACT Assembly and if you are confused ... so am I. As a swinging voter I cannot tell which promises for health, welfare and education will serve the country best. In fact I find them fairly evenly balanced and I do find the figures on funding of private schools deceptive without clear comparisons. It would be great if education (and other areas) was operated independent of political bias. Possibly a set amount per student could be provided with an independent commission administering grants on the basis of need. The areas where I find real need for change are in the management of asylum seekers, the involvement in Iraq and our relationship with U.S.A. as well as our approach to national security and the environment. Many of you will probably disagree!

Our gospel reading today is a story told by Jesus "among the Pharisees who loved money". The story tells the reversal of fortunes so often mentioned by Jesus as the way of the Kingdom of God. It was evidently a well known tale but the point is made in the dialogue between Dives (the rich man) and Abraham in the reference to the need to listen to Moses and the prophets. If they do not believe them they will not be convinced by someone rising from the dead .. as Pharisees they should know Moses and the prophets had said plenty to say about the requirements of God towards the poor.

Rob Lamerton

NOTICES

Pandora's Fashion Parade -12pm, Saturday 9 October

Have you signed up yet to be a model?

Parish Fete --- 9am -1pm, Saturday 16 October

Somehow the fete has escaped our notice and we have done little by way of preparation so far. Please look through your cupboards for items, dig a few plants for sale, sort some books for the stall, begin making cakes etc., etc. New ideas are welcome if you are willing to make them happen! Join us for a very happy day.

Please see foyer notice board for details of how to help and sign

up today!

BETTER BITS FOR THE FETE

Wanted: bits and pieces for the Better Bits stall at the fete. Small items, such as china, ornaments, embroidery, jewel boxes, etc. I will pick up if necessary - give me a ring. I also have run out of jewels for Pandora's. - now is your chance to clear the decks for Christmas. Kerry Anne Cousins, Phone 6247 4928

Out today!!!

New Rosters for Pandora's at O'Connor and for Church Flowers

Gospel Service --- 10am, Sunday 17 October

Parish Electoral Meeting

9.00am Breakfast; 9-30am Meeting, Sunday 24 October Please see Foyer notice board for details regarding positions and nominations.

CALVARY HOSPITAL TEAM FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH

The team meets about 9.20am each first Sunday and gathers people from the wards for Church and returns them at about 11.00am.

Please talk to Beryl Blaseotto ph.62477230.

All Souls and All Saints Day - 5.00pm, Sunday 31 October

Followed by supper and drinks.

THE CENTRE FOR PROGRESSIVE RELIGIOUS THOUGHT

In October from 25th to 27th, Lloyd Geering will be giving a series of Public Lectures at Wesley Uniting Church in Forrest and at St James' Church, Curtin. Bookings are essential! Please see the notice board for details.

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Gilbert and Sullivan; "The Sorcerer" CAMRA's Annual Show
Tuesday 23 - Saturday 27 November

WE PRAY FOR:

Ashton Robinson in Iraq

Those in need of healing: June Carnahan (hip surgery this week),
Belinda Ketley, Shirley Barrett, Eric Mahoney, Linda Kennedy, Bryan
Little, Ruth Horn (Elizabeth Sillano's mother), Zana (in Baxter
Detention Centre), Sarona, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt,
Jutaro Murase.

The departed: Francis Lawrence (Lawrie) Keast (d.24/9/90), Coralie
Joy Rockwell Sawyer (d.29/9/91); John Coleridge Patteson, first
bishop of Melanesia, martyr; Matthew, apostle, evangelist and
martyr; Sergius of Moscow, abbot and teacher.

TODAY'S ROSTER:

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

10am: 1st Linda Anchell 2nd Richard Wade

Sidespersons:

8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: Helen Palethorpe and Sarah Gowty

Morning Tea: 10am Ann Munro

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

Thursday: 6.00pm Meal, Study and Meditation

Friday: 10.00am -1.00pm Pandora's Open

Saturday: 10am -1.00pm Pandora's Open

SUNDAY 3rd October 2004

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

- Lamentations 1:1-6
- Psalm 137
- 2 Timothy 1:1-14
- Luke 17:5-10

Rosters:

Cleaning: Pat Forbes

Flowers: Kerry Anne Cousins

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

10am: 1st Chris Cheah 2nd Beryl Holder

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Roger Sharp and Chris Cheah

Morning Tea: 10am Dimitri and helpers

Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked 21/09/04 Envelopes and Loose \$864, EFT \$345
Pandora's \$111.30, Bibles for the Persecuted \$71, Church Use \$15

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

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

Administration of Communion Wine

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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