

# 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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**I am the way, the truth and the life.**

**Fifth Sunday of EASTER 24th April 2005**

8am and 10am Eucharist  
The service is found on page 119 of the Green Prayer Book

Readings:

- Acts 7:55-60
- Psalm 31: 1-5, 17-18 p250
- 1Peter 2:11-25
- John 14:1-14

At 10.00am Hymns: TIS: 235, 555 (t619), 552 (after address), 628, 110  
(t479)

**Organist:** Colin Forbes

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Greetings Everyone.

ANZAC Day each year seems to become more and more of a national religious ceremony with greater and greater emphasis on ANZAC gatherings and events, publications and observances. The simplicity of former years has given way to increasingly complex and public events. I have been developing the habit of attending the Dawn Service because I find it the most moving event offering a time of reflection as the sun rises on a new day. Although with the numbers expected at the Dawn Service this year I am re considering if I will go!

I recall the address of the chaplain a couple of years ago when she encouraged us to ponder how the first ANZACS felt as they awaited the dawn and what the day would bring. We were also challenged to think about what we would do with our day... and not only that day but every day. At Gallipoli there were many who did not live to see the day and many others died in the battles and wars that followed. The casualties of war are not always the fighting men and (these days) women either... they are the children, their mothers and fathers and old men and women, people of all ages. So many lives whose stories never get to be told! (I note the death of [Marla Ruzicka](#) this week in Baghdad as she was attempting to ensure the recording of civilian deaths in Iraq.)

It is heartening to see the growing respect for the Turks in the stories of Gallipoli. I was really disappointed not to get to see a film at the War Memorial which depicted the events from the Turkish perspective. Of course modern day Turkey owes its existence to Mustafa Kemal (Ataturk) who rose to prominence through his leadership of the Turkish forces in 1915. We must give thanks for the friendship we share with so many former enemies.

We give thanks with our Roman Catholic sisters and brothers for the election of Pope Benedict XVI and pray for his shepherding leadership. Abp Rowan Williams of Canterbury will be meeting the Pope in the next few days — or so I hear on the news! This must be an encouraging sign! After the potential British Monarch re arranged

his wedding for the funeral of a Pope we have come a long way!

In the Gospel reading today Jesus contemplates his own impending death and urges his disciples to have faith and not let their hearts be troubled. This is a pre resurrection reminder to the disciples that although Jesus goes away he goes to prepare a place of perpetual communion with him and will return to bring them into that new relationship. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life but his parting will usher in a time when believers will do even greater things! And so we are in the time of celebrating the resurrection of Christ but looking towards the Christian family doing greater things under the guidance of the Holy Spirit because he goes to the Father. We see here the hints of a transition from Risen Christ to the gift of God's Holy Spirit.

Rob Lamerton

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## Notices

### **Next Sunday we celebrate our patron saint Philip the Apostle**

Saints Philip and James are usually remembered together on 3rd May but we will be observing the occasion on Sunday. Our worship at 10am will be followed by a celebration morning tea! Please bring something to add to the party!

### **Thursday Night Study and Meditation Group resumes this Thursday 28th April at 6.00pm**

## Quiet Day replaces PARISH CAMP!

The camp will **NOT** go ahead on 20-22nd May. "A Quiet Day" is planned for Saturday 21st May at "Bambara" the home of Chris Cheah and Roger Sharpe at Burra. A notice of expression of interest is on the notice

## Why do we do what we do?

At the Parish Vision Days held earlier this year, many felt that "Anglican Tradition" was a strong part of our identity and that we should consolidate and further our understanding of the traditions in our worship. If you have a question about any part of the service or if there is any symbolic item or gesture that you have been wondering about and never got the chance to ask, the opportunity is here! At the back of the church you will find a pen and paper and a box for your questions (anonymously if you wish). Explanations will be provided regularly in the service and pewsheets. Let our education begin! ((web readers, see the [Anglican web page](#) as well!))

### Children's Ministry

I want to say thanks to all the parents who are contributing to the activities on each Sunday. As our Diocese expects everyone working with children to attend a Child Protection Workshop I want to encourage us as a parish to help as many as possible to get to the next workshop on 30th July. The Child Protection program is about building safe and caring communities for all ages.

### **25th April, as well as being ANZAC Day is also St Mark's Day and so St Mark's National Theological Centre marks the day with a: ST MARK'S DAY PUBLIC LECTURE**

on 26th April 2005

7-30pm in the Sulman Room, St Mark's NTC, 15 Blackall Street, Barton  
SPEAKER: Dr Paul Oslington, Senior Lecturer in Economics, ADFA.  
"Economics as Natural Theology"

### **"TRENDS IN YOUTH CULTURE AND MISSION"**

Fuzz Kitto, an international authority on youth mission and culture, and a sought out speaker across the globe, is speaking on Thursday 28th April, 7-00pm at  
15 Blackall St, Barton, ACT.

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

## WE PRAY FOR:

Our Anzac observance that it may be a focus for peace. The new Pope Benedict XVI in his role as shepherd of our Roman Catholic sisters and brothers. All efforts for peace and self government in Iraq and for Australian troops as they take up their task.

**Married yesterday:** Tracey-Lee Wightman and Brad Elliss

**Those in need of healing:** Rebecca Bowman, Faye Gibbons, Owen Dowling, Phoebe Gordon, Enid Forbes (Colin's mother), Stella Cheah, Chris Nicol, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Glen Burns, Linda Kennedy, Bryan Little, Ruth Horn, Sarona, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase, Sylvia, Malcolm.

**The departed:** Irene Keast (d. 17/4/04), Australians who gave their lives in war.

On the web: [Anglican Cycle of Prayer](#) and the [Diocesan Cycle of Prayer](#)

## TODAY'S ROSTER:

Cleaning: Doreen Odom

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

Readers:

8am: 1st Clive Lowes 2nd Joyce Webster

10am: 1st Knight family 2nd Pat Forbes

Sidespersons:

8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: Helen, Brian & James

THIS WEEK

- **Monday** Rob's Day off.
- **Tuesday – Saturday** 7am & 5pm Morning/Evening Prayer
- **Tuesday** 10.30am Holy Communion at Kankinya
- **Wednesday** 10.00am Holy Communion
- **Thursday** 6.00pm Meal, Study and Meditation Group at Rectory.
- **Friday** ANU Chaplaincy Communion  
10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Michael
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Sandra.

SUNDAY 1 May 2005 St Philip's Day 8am Eucharist  
10am Sung Eucharist followed with a celebration morning tea.

Readings:

- Isaiah 30: 18-21
- Psalm 19: 1-6 p239
- 1Corinthians 15: 1-8
- John 14:6-14

**Rosters:**

Cleaning: Volunteer

Flowers: Val Reeves

Readers:

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

10am: Denise Manley

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Chris & Roger

Morning Tea 10am: Rhyanna & Amanda

Marla (a young Californian) was killed in Baghdad on Saturday April 16 2005 when a suicide bomber attacked a convoy of security

contractors that was passing next to her vehicle. (was this when the Australian security man was killed?)

She was in Iraq to keep the tally of civilian casualties of the war. These statistics are not kept by the U.S. military. [For more information about this work and Marla's life.](#)

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Weekly Offering Required \$1565  
Offerings banked 19/04/05 - Offerings \$821.25, EFT \$345,  
Pandoras \$121

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

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