

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

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

Services on Sunday: 8am and 10am Eucharist, 5-30pm Evening Service. Wednesday HC 10am

[Advent Calendar](#)



Advent Three 11th December 2005

8am and 10am Sung Eucharist, 5-30pm Evening Service
The Eucharist begins on page 119 of the green prayer book

Readings:

- Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11
- Psalm 126, page 125
Psalm Response (10am) The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced.
- 1Thessalonians 5: 12-28
- John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Hymns at 10.00am: Together in Song; "My Lord, he is a-comin' soon"

(sheet), 289, 545, 315,

Organist: Colin Forbes

Soloist today: Mark Williamson

Mark will lead the psalm response

At Communion: "My Lord what a Morning" trad. spiritual

**Flowers today are given by Betty Heaton and Beryl Blaseotto
in memory of Joseph Heaton and Peter Blaseotto.**

Greetings Everyone,

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent and it is traditionally the "Joyful Sunday". The theme of rejoicing appears in the Old Testament reading and the psalm as well as the New Testament reading from 1Thessalonians "Rejoice always". In the old Latin Mass the introit sentence began with Gaudete (rejoice) and even today the Roman Catholic Mass begins with "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near". And so today we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath

The CAMRA production of Handel's "Messiah" is a great production of very high quality. Full credit must go to Colin Forbes for his preparation and production (and to Pat for her expertise and patience!). The orchestra sounds great and the choir and soloists give really wonderful performances all around. Then of course there is the wonderful catering by Leighton and the team under the starry starry tree lights. How appropriate "The Messiah" is for our Advent wondering and meditation!

Last Tuesday we remembered St Nicholas of Myra. St Nicholas was of course the original Santa Claus (a name derived from St Nicholas!) I would never want to abandon the Santa Claus myth but I do like to remind children (and adults) of the origins of the Santa story. St Nicholas was the bishop of Myra in Lycia (modern day Turkey). Although a popular saint in both Greek and Roman churches very little is known of him He is believed to have been imprisoned during the persecution of Christians by the emperor Diocletian. Nicholas is reported to have saved three sisters from being sold into slavery or prostitution by providing the dowry for them. He is the patron saint of sailors and churches which bear his name are often built so that they can be seen off the coast as landmarks. Nicholas is also the patron saint of Russia and of children and traditionally brings gifts on 6th December. Lets hope and pray that the generous and saintly Nicholas is not trampled under rampant commercialism or killed in the rush for Christmas presents!

We remember today Joseph Heaton and Peter Blaseotto two beloved husbands of very faithful members of our congregation Betty Heaton and Beryl Blaseotto. Betty and Beryl have given flowers to remember and give thanks for Joseph and Peter. I would encourage any one who wants to give flowers in memory of a loved one to talk to the flower roster people when the time is right.

Rob Lamerton.

Weekly offering/income needed to operate our Parish \$1455
(Excluding rental income)

Also received: Christmas Cards \$29.70, Christmas Bowl \$50, Pens and Angels \$20.

Notices

Lay readers and lesson readers!
Will you be here at Christmas?
Please indicate if you will be available
to read or assist at any of the
Christmas services

Special Christmas Morning Tea
Today!!!!

Handel's Messiah"

Tonight final performance at St Philip's at 8.00pm.
Please see Denise for last minute bookings or 6249 6067

**St Philip's Christmas Carols
Wednesday 21st December at 7-30pm**

Anglicare Christmas Appeal

As well as Christmas Cards, we now have Anglicare Angels, Angel Pens, Flashing Angels and Silver pens as well! Please pay for your cards by putting the money in an envelope marked "Anglicare Christmas Cards".

**There are still some Anglicare Christmas Cards for sale!
Let's see if we can sell all of these as soon as possible.**

A Sacred Russian Choral Concert will be held in St Paul's Church, Manuka

Saturday 17 December @ 7.00pm

(Address: cnr Canberra Avenue and Captain Cook Crescent, Manuka.)

\$20 General Admission for the Concert/Concession \$15

Seating is a "first come first served" basis. Tickets sold at the door from 6.30pm.

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

WE PRAY FOR:

The World The continuing effort to establish peace and stability in Iraq and for those held hostage there. Earthquake victims in Kashmir. For wisdom in the application of Industrial Reform and Anti-Terror legislation in Australia and in the removal of compulsory Student Union fees.

Northbourne Community Centre: For all who visit the centre on Mondays.

Those in need of healing: : Clive Lowes, June Axelsen, Derrick Webster, Jill Scott, Yoko Murase, Noah Palethorpe, Ray Broughton, Rhyan Bloor, Val Reeves, Anne Marie Collins, Jana Combs, John Webley, Rebecca Bowman, Phoebe Gordon, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Linda Kennedy, Ruth Horn, Sarena, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase.

Memorial Book: Joseph Heaton (d. 13/12/88) and Peter Blaseotto (10/12/03)

The Saints: Nicholas of Myra (d.342); Ambrose of Milan (d.397)

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

TODAY'S ROSTERS:

Readers:

8am: 1st Elizabeth Allinson 2nd Rhonda Evans

10am: 1st Sarah Gowty 2nd Jean Pound

Sidespersons:

8am: John Cunliffe

10am: Leighton & helper

Morning Tea 10am: Margaret & Washington

THIS WEEK

- **Monday** Rob's day off
- **Tuesday – Saturday** 8.30am Morning Prayer
5.00pm Evening Prayer
- **Wednesday** 10.00am Holy Communion
- **Friday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open – Grace
& Sandra
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open – Joan
Bruce

SUNDAY 18 December 2005

8am & 10am Eucharist 5.30pm Evening Service

Readings:

- 2Samuel 7: 1-11, 16
- Psalm 89:1-4, 19-27, page 315
- Romans 16: 25-27
- Luke 1: 26-38

Rosters:

Cleaning: Rhonda & Barbara

Flowers: Sandra Lamerton

Readers:

8am: 1st Peter Lindeman 2nd Vanessa Tatham
10am: 1st Ann Munro 2nd Washington Oloo
Sidespersons:
8am: Clive Lowes
10am: Grace & Peter
Morning Tea 10am: James & Brian

Pandora's income last week: \$188.10 — reserved for future development of the parish and Pandora's

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

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