

# 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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## Living Water in the Wilderness of Life

**Sunday 27th February 2005 — Third Sunday in Lent**

8.00am and 10.00am — Holy Communion

Readings:

- Exodus 17: 1-7
- Psalm 95
- Romans 5: 1-11
- John 4: 5-42

**Hymns:** TIS: 99, 585, 466, 569  
**organist at 10am:** Colin Forbes

***Psalm antiphon: Let us bow down before the God who made us.***

*Said/sung at beginning and after v. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11*

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From Rob:

Hi Everyone,

Most people who attended the Vision/Planning Days last weekend made positive and favourable comments. Our facilitator Roslyn Williams shared some of our concern at the process on Saturday but once we started coming up with some practical answers on Sunday it all came together. The priorities will be made more clear as Parish Council examines the results but I have included some of the priorities in my Annual Report

I have been looking through some old pewsheets as part of the preparation of the reports for the Annual General Meeting next Sunday and discovered that it was about this time last year that David and Beryl Gowty were getting ready to move to Noumea. If I recall we were all very sympathetic to their plight and we had a farewell gathering Island Night when we wore Hawaiian shirts. Possibly we should have a David and Beryl Gowty Remembrance Night.

At least David and Beryl left Sarah and Tim to keep us (very good) company! Thanks Sarah for that great address and summary of your faith last week. Every encouragement to Tim who has now started at the University of Canberra studying nursing! One will speak to our spirits and the other repair our bodies!

In our Confidence in Christ series Stephen Billett will deliver his talk after the sermon today. I think you will be surprised and encouraged by Stephen's Story. The purpose of getting the Lay Readers to speak about their "Confidence in Christ" is of course to participate in the Tri Diocesan Mission. I am sure that our speakers will develop communication skills and will grow in their authority as leaders among us. Please give Stephen and the others your encouragement.

I am saddened at the decision of the Anglican Consultative Council which has asked the Anglican Church in Canada and the Episcopal Church of the U.S.A. to stand aside from the ACC until the next Lambeth Conference in 2008. The decision follows unresolved tension over the appointment of an avowedly actively homosexual bishop and the celebrating of "gay marriages" in Canada. Surely there could have been an arrangement where we agree to differ such as in the case of the ordination of women. What is tragic is that this issue

seems to take precedence over other great world issues such as Poverty, HIV Aids, and relationships between Christians and Muslims. I do hope that there may be a better way forward

Today's story from the Wilderness finds the Israelites wandering in the desert with no water and a rapidly developing anger and thirst. The psalm tells us of their hardness of heart. God comes to the rescue with Moses's cooperation of course! The Samaritan woman is in a different kind of wilderness; one that has been created by ethnic and religious hostility and maybe a little by her own behaviour (five husbands!) Her heart may well have been hardened by those attitudes. She is at the historic source of water where Jacob dreamt of heaven and earth being linked but it takes Jesus's simple request for a drink to break through.

"Here is someone who told me everything I ever did!". It takes acceptance, conversation, possibly a little gentle prodding and the Love of God to break through and as Paul says "God's Love has been poured into our hearts etc. etc. What wilderness am I in? What wilderness are you in that God needs to quench your spiritual thirst and give you living water. Who will bring it to you ... and who do you need to pass it on to?

Rob Lamerton.

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## Notices

**6 March**

**St Philip's Annual General Meeting follows the 10am Eucharist.  
Reports are available from [AGM Reports](#)**

To go directly to the The Lenten Calendar on St Philip's website go to:  
<http://www.acay.au/~stphil/Lent2005.html>

**Readers' Roster**

Copies for the next four months are available in the foyer for collection.  
Denise.

### **OUR MUSIC SCHOLARS**

Scholarship holder Annette Gaykema will sing at 10am next Sunday 6th  
February.

Adam Laslett, her accompanist will also be organist at 10am.

### **Child Protection Workshop 3rd & 10th March 2005**

(attendance on both evenings is required)

At Christ Church Hawker. Time: 6:30pm 9:30pm (both evenings)

Registration from 6:15pm. The 1st session starts at 6:30pm.

Contact: Colin Dundon on 6254 1529 or at [c\\_dundon@optusnet.com.au](mailto:c_dundon@optusnet.com.au)  
by 28 February 2005 to register your place.

Places are limited, so early registration is advised.

Include the name of your parish for email registration.

### **"Honesty Matters – the ethics of daily life." Mon. 28th Feb.**

The 2005 Jesuit Lenten Seminar will be held at the Australian Centre  
for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall St Barton, on Monday 28  
February from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING**

Sunday 13th March at 11.30am A Barbecue lunch will follow! Please  
talk to Richard Wade for details!

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

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## WE PRAY FOR:

Those who continue to suffer as a result of the Tsunami and for those still traumatized, injured or grieving. The development of government structures in Iraq. Ongoing negotiations between Palestinian and Israeli leaders.

**Those in need of healing:** Enid Forbes (Colin's mother very frail and gravely ill), Stella Cheah, Chris Nicol, Margaret McEwan, Nell Bliss, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Glen Burns, Elizabeth and Juan Sillano, Linda Kennedy, Bryan Little, Ruth Horn, Sarona, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase, Sylvia.

**The departed:** Howard Done (d.25/2/87)

## TODAY'S ROSTER:

### **Rosters:**

Cleaning: Rhonda Evans and Barbara Dowley

Readers:

8am: 1st Shane Woodburn 2nd Joyce Webster

10am: 1st Dimitri Markotsis 2nd Kim Begbie

Sidespersons:

8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: Helen Palethorpe and Sarah Gowty

Morning Tea 10am: Ann Munro

## THIS WEEK

**Monday** Rob's Day off.

**Tuesday - Saturday** 7am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday - Saturday** 5pm Evening Prayer

**Tuesday** 10.30am Holy Communion at Kankinya

**Wednesday** 10am Holy Communion

**Thursday:** 6pm Study and Meditation Group at the Rectory

**Friday:** 10am - 1pm Pandora's Open — Margaret Woodburn

**Saturday:** 10am - 1pm Pandora's Open — Beryl Blaseotto

SUNDAY 6th March 2005

### **Lent Three**

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

- 1Samuel 16: 1-13
- Psalm 23
- Ephesians 5: 8-14
- John 9: 1-41

### **Rosters:**

Cleaning: Dimitri Markotsis

Readers:

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

10am: 1st Richard Wade 2nd Washington Oloo

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Roger Sharp and Chris Cheah

Morning Tea 10am: Rhyanna and Amanda

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Weekly Offering Required \$1565

Offerings banked 22/02/05 - Offerings \$673.30, EFT \$345, Pandoras \$134  
Use of Church \$500, ABM Dare to Dream \$25, Donation \$23.10

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

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