

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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come to me all who are weary

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 3rd July 2005

8am and 10am Eucharist, 5-30pm Evening Service
The Eucharist is found on page 119 of the Green Prayer Book

Readings:

- Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67
- Psalm 45: 10-17 page 268
- Romans 7: 14-25
- Matthew 11: 15-30;

Sung psalm response (10am): The peoples shall praise you for ever

At 10.00am Hymns: Together in Song; 585, 636, 590 (at prayers), 665,
242

Organist: Colin Forbes

Greetings Everyone

Recently I have been completing the annual "Parish Return" which gives our Diocesan administration and bishop George some statistics about our parish activities in 2004 and information about office bearers for 2005. The last page of the return asks us to report on our action regarding Child Protection. The Parish Council Chairperson (Richard Wade) and I were asked to sign a statement which read "all persons in the Parish who are in any way supervising, leading, pastoring, or in contact with children have attended a child protection workshop within the last three years and have been subjected to the appropriate police checks." Naturally we could not sign it!

Although we have nine people who have attended Child Protection Workshops only one or two are involved with our Children's ministry. We did report that we had a children's Church in which the parents of the children were the leaders and supervisors. Once upon a time this would have been quite acceptable but since we have recognised that the abuse of children has occurred within the church in the past we are now doubly careful about who is given the care and leadership of children.

The requirement is that ALL people who have care and teaching or leadership roles with children and young people should attend a Child Protection Workshop and do a refresher course each three years. Our Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn has arranged for these workshops to be conducted in Canberra and in the various centres of the Diocese and a register is kept at the Diocesan office of all who have attended. This may seem to be overdoing it but is really the only way to ensure that we maintain a high standard of care for our children and those who lead and teach them. I encourage as many as possible of our congregation to find out about the management of Child Protection issues by attending the workshop at St Simon's Kaleen on 30th July.

Bishop George has also issued a protocol to be used when a person known to be a child sexual abuse offender seeks to be a member of a parish. The protocol aims to give pastoral care but prevents the person from participation in the care of children and young people.

In the reading from Paul's letter to the Romans he openly struggles

with the tensions of his humanity — the difficulty of doing right and the problem of doing wrong even when he is aware of it. His confusion about the human condition and how he might be rescued from the dilemma ends with recognition that all he can do is thank God through Jesus Christ! In the gospel Jesus deals with a very human situation — neither the simple austere message of John the Baptist nor the joyful celebratory style of Jesus have been accepted by the people! They are like bad tempered argumentative children who are never content. Jesus comes however to ease the weight and struggle of the human condition and to enable the relationship with God.

Rob Lamerton

Weekly offering/income required to operate our Parish \$1455

(Excluding rental income)

Offerings received 26/6/05: \$719.30, EFT \$345, *Shortfall this week:*
\$390.70

Notices

Trading Table — TODAY!

Margaret Woodbridge has taken up the Trading Table which will operate in conjunction with Morning Tea on the first Sunday of each month. Funds are directed to missionary targets.

Sunday Evening Services at St Philip's 5.30pm

Tonight Brian McKinlay leads with some thoughts on "Song of Songs".

Twilight Fair

[November 5th]
Team Leaders

You could be a **Team Leader!** See the Fair notice board!

Better Bits

Everyone has given generously to this cause so that there can't be much in the way of jewels left among the St Philip's ladies (and men). However, I also need small pieces of bric-a-brac to

sell such as ornaments, small purses, frames, nice cups and saucers, ornamental plates, false teeth (only kidding!) vases, etc. Please give them to me before the day so I can present them nicely as this helps sell them. I am very grateful for everyone's help with this stall.
Kerry-Anne Cousins 6247 4928

Cleaners are needed for St Philip's Cleaning Roster!
There are gaps on the weekends 23rd and 30th July Please contact
Janine Studholme 6241 5894

PANDORA'S AT O'CONNOR

In 2005 we have taken \$5191 We are however short of volunteers! Can you spend 3 hours each month meeting people, drinking coffee and chatting while selling clothes? If so, please contact Sandra on 6161 8606

Child Protection Workshop 30th July.

Please see notice on the notice board! Let us try to get a good number to attend. Leighton Mann and Karinne Campbell are available for child minding.

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

WE PRAY FOR:

The World

The people of Canada (1st July) and the United States of America (4th July) celebrating National Days and Thursday Islanders celebrating the Coming of the Light (1st July). Those suffering loss from the flooding in northern NSW and southern Queensland. For willingness for Israelis to restore land (in Gaza) to Palestinians.

Those in need of healing: Luke Tarlington, Emily Colman, Rebecca Bowman, Faye Gibbons, Phoebe Gordon, 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, Ed, Malcolm, Sylvia.

The departed: Cyril, (d.444); Ireneaus (d.c. 200), Peter and Paul, Apostles and Martyrs.

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

Prayer

TODAY'S ROSTER:

Cleaning: Dimitri Markotsis

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

Readers:

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

10am: 1st Joyce Webster 2nd Sarah Gowty

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Chris & Roger

Morning Tea 10am: Rhyanna

THIS WEEK

- **Monday** Rob's Day off.
- **Tuesday – Saturday** 7.15am & 5pm
Morning/Evening Prayer
- **Tuesday** 10.30am Holy Communion at
Kankinya
- **Wednesday** 10.00am Holy Communion
- **Thursday** Meal, Study and Meditation Group
- **Friday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open – Joyce
and Sandra
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open – Ann
Munro

SUNDAY 10th July 2005 8am & 10am Eucharist 5.30pm Evening Service

Readings:

- Genesis 25: 19-34
- Psalm 119: 105-112 page 355
- Romans 8: 1-11
- Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23;

Rosters:

Cleaning: Janine and Stephen

Flowers: Val Reeves

Readers:

8am: 1st *new roster* 2nd

10am: 1st Steven Billett 2nd Ann Munro

Sidespersons:

8am: John Cunliffe

10am: Leighton & Hardy

Morning Tea 10am: Margaret & Washington

Pandora's takings last week \$127.80

This money is reserved for future development of the Parish & Pandora's

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

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Wardens: Devin Combs Bowles, Richard Wade, Sarah Gowty

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