

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



Living with the Bad and the Good!

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 16th July 2005

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

Readings:

- Genesis 28: 10-19a
- Psalm 139: 1-11, 23-24 page 370
- Romans 8: 12-25
- Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Hymns 10am: Together in Song 597, 177(t514), 417(t101), 621(t15)

Greetings Everyone,

Following the bombings in London last week our news media has given blanket coverage while other areas of conflict seem to have been pushed further down the priority list. I suppose it is natural because we in Australia have traditionally had a close relationship with Great Britain — almost like a parent/child bond. With the number of relatives and friends in the UK and especially in London it is more likely that we will be shocked and grieving.

The general rule for attending a funeral is if we are a friend or relative of the deceased or are in some way connected to family members. Following that rule it is more likely that we will want to have some observance of the events in London than say events in say Tashkent! Not that events in other countries are less important but our connection is more tenuous and distant. I say that in response to the general thrust of a letter in Thursday's Canberra Times asking what criteria is used to determine if a memorial service is to be held. The writer pointed out that greater numbers were killed in the ferry accident in Indonesia than in London and yet no inter faith service was arranged! (At least not that we know of!)

I must admit this has always been an issue I have found difficult. I believe that unless we have some personal contact with a person or event it is probably best to simply reflect our concern in our Sunday worship. That means that if there is a tragedy or war or a special problem being faced in a foreign country that we should do our best to mention the concern and to offer prayer. If there is an issue or conflict which impinges upon the family and relatives of St Philip's folk in another country it would be appropriate to conduct a special prayer service or memorial service. A year or two ago we were praying for Northern Uganda because of the threat to Pauline Amwony's family and community. That may have been an appropriate time for a special service!

What I am saying is that we can pray for all and sundry at our Sunday worship and our daily prayers. Morning and Evening Prayer at St Philip's is often a time when prayers for world events are offered. If there is a need for a special service I would be pleased to talk about it with the concerned people who could guide us in what we should do and give information for our prayers!

Our first reading today from Genesis depicts the dream/spiritual

experience of Jacob at Bethel "truly God is in this place and I did not know it!". Then we read a portion of that wonderful psalm 139. "Lord you have searched me out and known me...". It is worth reading as a beginning for our prayers day by day to remind us of who we are before God. Paul in the letter to the Romans reflects on what it means to be led by the Spirit of God and seems to then recognize that Creation too is suffering and yet is journeying to fulfilment with God. Jesus words seem to be directed at us when we want to sort out just who belongs to God and who does not! We are reminded that we do not have the appropriate wisdom and skill and so we must leave it to God. Our task even with the weeds among us is to grow to be a worthy harvest!

Rob Lamerton

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

(Excluding rental income)

Offerings received 12/7/05: \$490, EFT \$345 *Shortfall this week: \$620*

Notices

Sunday Evening Services at St Philip's 5.30pm

Worship tonight will be led by Sarah Gowty

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

Recruiting Team Leaders for the Twilight Fair

[November 5th]

Team leaders are needed for Promotions, Entertainment, and Raffles!

To enable proper planning and organization of these aspects of the Fair without last minute panic. All support will be provided by members of the church council and you can recruit your friends to assist.

By sharing the jobs involved in planning this event we can make the load easy for everyone. Please consider if you would like to take on one or other of these tasks. If you want to know what's involved check out the Twilight Fair board or speak to Helen 6248 8030(h) or paletho@pcug.org.au

July is Book Month — The books are rolling in but more are needed! Please start selecting and dusting off your books for the book stall!

Prayer in the face of drought! A combined effort to pray for all the issues related to the drought begins next Sunday 24th July.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY - MURDER MYSTERY — set in July 1984, famous author Watt A. Hack has invited friends, new and old, to a Christmas in July Dinner to celebrate the launch of his latest novel. (Naturally ABBA music will be provided). Christmas in July Dinner, MC CEO Anglicare Community Services Ian Marshall on Friday 22 July from 7pm. At St Mary in the Valley Anglican Church, Were St Calwell, in support of Anglicare's Calwell Community Centre. Cost \$25 pp (discounts for children). Three course meal, character and mystery details provided - players and observers welcome. Bookings by Tuesday 19 July, through Calwell Community Centre 62914300.

**Zack Sabella — Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees
Middle East Council of Churches
Public Forum today at 2.00pm at City Uniting Church**

George F.R. Ellis famous Cosmologist and Christian
Speaking at Evensong at St John's Reid tonight at 5.00pm

Models Required! (No catwalk experience necessary!)

For the Pandora's at O'Connor Fashion Parade on 24th September 2005.
Apply by phone to 61618606 or speak to Sand(o)ra Lamerton.

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

WE PRAY FOR:

The World

For a return to peaceful negotiation between Palestinians and Israel. The restoration of security and order in Afghanistan and Iraq. Those suffering following terrorist bombings in Baghdad and London. For wisdom in the reporting of the London bombings.

Those in need of healing: : Ed Austrums (moving to the hospice) and Sue his wife, Jean Pound (in hospital), Faye Pankhurst (surgery this week), Luke Tarlington, Emily Colman, Rebecca Bowman, 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, Anna.

Those who mourn: Vic, Clare and Angela Gibbons at the death of Faye.

The departed: Faye Gibbons

The Saints: Sydney James Kirkby, bishop, and founder of the Bush Church Aid Society

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

TODAY'S ROSTER:

Cleaning: Shane and Time Woodburn

Flowers: Carola Parke and Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

Readers:

8am: 1st Vanessa Tatham 2nd David Brooking

10am: 1st Brian McKinlay 2nd Richard Wade

Sidespersons:

8am: Clive Lowes

10am: Grace & Peter

Morning Tea 10am: James & Brian

THIS WEEK

- **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 —
Barbara & Fay
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open —
Genevieve

SUNDAY 17th July 2005 8am & 10am Eucharist 5.30pm Evening Service

Readings:

- Genesis 29: 15-28
- Psalm 105.1-11 page 332
- Romans 8: 26-39
- Matthew 13: 44-58

Rosters:

Cleaning: ?

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

Readers:

8am: 1st Eloise Wright 2nd Shane Woodburn

10am: 1st Fred Anchell 2nd Linda Anchell

Sidespersons:

8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: Helen, Brian & James

Morning Tea 10am: Ann Munro & Helper

Banked from Pandora's last week \$56.50

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

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

Priest: Rev. Rob Lamerton. Ph 62478004 Fax 62307775

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Wardens: Devin Combs Bowles, Richard Wade, Sarah Gowty

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