

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



From small gift to Great Blessing!

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 31st July 2005

8am and 10am Eucharist, 5-30pm Evening Service
The Eucharist is found on page 119 of the Green Prayer Book
We pray for Sage Alexandra Hill baptized today.

Readings:

- Genesis 32: 22-31
- Psalm 17: 1-7 & 16 - page 235
- Romans 9: 1-8
- Matthew 14: 13-21

Greetings Everyone,

Welcome Sage Alexandra Hill on this day of her baptism! Welcome too Sage's parents Robyn and Brian, her Godparents Christine, Patsy and Chris and family and friends who have gathered for this wonderful event!

Suddenly everyone is an expert on Islam and what Muslims believe! At least it seems that way as comments are made in conversations and in newspapers and on TV about the London bombings and the continuing violence in Iraq. What interests me is the way people generalise! From a story about comments from one Muslim leader or cleric somehow we conclude that all Muslims think this way or that or that they are all potential terrorists!!! If we looked closer I think we would find that the range of thinking among Muslims is as varied as that of Christians. There are even those who have been raised in a their culture and tradition but have ceased to hold to their faith (like many Christians). We should be careful about how quick we are to summarize and judge all Muslims on a small amount of information or on the opinions of one or two commentators. Too much of this sort of very negative and generalised reporting will only raise the ire of the many moderate Muslims and generate more heat in the religious debate.

As Christians we cannot be experts on Islam but we are called to look more deeply into what it means to be Christian and to live Christian lives in relation to all other members of society.

Sadly the current climate of uncertainty generated by the London bombings means that people are suddenly more suspicious. Of course that is one of the aims of terrorism — to destabilise and stir further unease! The shooting death of an innocent man in London is very sad but it points the sort of nervousness that is certain to occur in such a climate. I recall an eyewitness account of the man's death where the witness described the man as an "Asian guy" when in fact he just looked different. We know now that he was Brazilian, and to read his story made his death all the more tragic. Having said that I note with some relief and gratitude that the Irish Republican Army have officially ended the campaign of death and destruction that has taken many lives over thirty years in Northern Ireland. I hasten to add that on the other side the nature of British rule did not help the situation — and in that conflict BOTH sides claimed to be Christian!!!!

As we celebrate the baptism of Sage today we are reminded of our calling to prayerfully wrestle with life's issues. In our first reading today after preparing to meet his estranged brother Esau, Jacob wrestles with God through the night and before they actually meet. He is a changed man as his new name signifies! In his letter to the Romans Paul points out that faith is not something we get by being related to someone or by being part of a particular ethnic group "It is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants".

The gospel story offers some important insights! When the disciples tell Jesus to "send the crowds away" so that they can "buy food for themselves" he tells them "You give them something to eat!". We find out that the disciples are unable to do much. Either they lack faith or generosity because they say "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." However when they are willing to let go of the little they have and offer it to Jesus they become part of a far greater generosity. How powerfully Jesus confronts our clinginess to the things we have and calls us to share God's blessings with others!

Rob Lamerton

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

(Excluding rental income)

Offerings received 24/7/05: \$1024.65, EFT \$345, *Shortfall this week:*
\$85.35

Notices

Sunday Evening Services at St Philip's 5.30pm

Worship tonight led by Linda Anchell. The focus is on Jacob!
Unfortunately the Kuhnau Sonatas will NOT be performed

Confirmation!!!!

I have had some enquiries about Confirmation. If you are seeking Confirmation you may like to join a group for preparation!
Please talk to me about it!

More Child Protection Workshops

17th August (refresher) and 20th Aug (full workshop at Yass) See the notice board for details!

Twilight Fair Update 31.7.05 available today!

[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

August is Raffles Month! Donations of food for the SUPER DUPER food hamper required throughout August. Also restaurant meals plane tickets to New York or other interesting places, gift packs, theatre tickets etc.

Funds are available for ingredients for **Christmas Cakes and Puddings and other food items** for sale at the Fair. Contact Denise Manley ph: 6254 2838.

PILGRIMAGE OF RECONCILIATION - BY BIKE TO ULURU

Dominican friar Peter Murnane is making a 40-day bike pilgrimage to Uluru. Six others will accompany him, including Aboriginal story-teller Phillip Yubbagurri Brown, The pilgrimage is a "Journey to the Heart", inviting Australians to reflect on how Aborigines were displaced from their land by European settlers; how generations of children were "stolen"; how today they suffer inadequate health and housing and are jailed at grossly disproportionate rates.

Pilgrimage Start - front entrance of Parliament House at 9.00am on Monday 15 August. Pilgrimage website:

<http://www.users.bigpond.com/lexicon/uluru.htm>

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

WE PRAY FOR:

The World All efforts to bring aid to the people of Niger. Those struggling with floods in Mumbai (India). Give thanks for the decision by the IRA to pursue a peaceful political path. For all who work to bring peace and security to the people of Iraq.

Those in need of healing: Faye Pankhurst, 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.

Those who mourn: The family of Audrey Farr; Sue Lynskey and friends of Ed Austrums.

The departed: Give thanks for the life of Audrey Farr (long time past member of St Philip's) and Ed Austrums, Ellen Elizabeth Mahony (d.29/7/2000), Portia Vincent (d.26/7/90).

The Saints: James, apostle and martyr, Mary and Martha of Bethany, William Wilberforce, social reformer.

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

TODAY'S ROSTERS:

Cleaning: ?

Flowers: Sandra Lamerton

Readers:

8am: Clive Lowes

10am: 1st Pat Forbes 2nd Denise Manley

Sidespersons:

8am: Clive Lowes

10am: Hardy & Grace

Morning Tea 10am: Kerry-Anne & Ian

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 —
Margaret & Fay
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Pat &
Beryl

SUNDAY 7th August 2005 8am & 10am Eucharist 5.30pm Evening Service

Readings:

- Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28
- Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22 page 323
- Romans 10: 4-15
- Matthew 14: 22-36

Rosters:

Cleaning: Leighton & Ruth

Flowers:

Readers:

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

10am: 1st Beryl Holder 2nd Chris Cheah

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Roger & Chris

Morning Tea 10am: Rhyanna & Amanda

FIRST READING Genesis 32.22-31

Jacob got up, took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

23 He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

24 Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

27 So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

28 Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."

29 Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.

30 So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."

31 The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

PSALM Psalm 17.1-7, 16

Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my cry;

listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence;

let your eyes be fixed on justice.

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3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

4 I give no offence with my mouth as others do; I have heeded the words of your lips.

RR

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law;

in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;

incline your ear to me and hear my words.

RR

7 Show me your marvellous loving-kindness, O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand

from those who rise up against them.

16 But at my vindication I shall see your face;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding
your likeness.

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SECOND READING Romans 9.1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not
lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy
Spirit.

2 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in
my heart.

3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed
and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own
people, my kindred according to the flesh.

4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the
adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of
the law, the worship, and the promises;

5 to them belong the patriarchs, and from them,
according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who
is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Matthew 14.13-21

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded
John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a
deserted place by himself.

But when the crowds heard it, they followed him
on foot from the towns.

14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd;
and he had compassion for them and cured their
sick.

15 When it was evening, the disciples came to
him and said,

"This is a deserted place, and the hour is now
late; send the crowds away so that they may go
into the villages and buy food for themselves."

16 Jesus said to them, "They need not go away;
you give them something to eat."

17 They replied, "We have nothing here but five
loaves and two fish."

18 And he said, "Bring them here to me."

19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on
the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he
looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the
loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the
disciples gave them to the crowds.

20 And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Pandora's income last week was spent on acquiring stock!

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

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