

# 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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## Third Sunday after Pentecost 5th June 2005

8am and 10am Eucharist  
The service is found on page 119 of the Green Prayer Book

Readings:

- Genesis 12: 1-9
- Psalm 33: 1-12 page 252
- Romans 4: 13-25
- Matthew 9: 9-13; 18-26

At 10.00am Hymns: Together in Song; 125 (vv 1, 2, 4, 6), 692, 693,  
665

Greetings Everyone,

It is great to have Brian McKinlay as Lay Minister today! Brian will also tell us something of his life and faith journey as we proceed to having him licensed.

This week's news seems to have focussed on the outcome of the Schappelle Corby case, the evacuation of the Indonesian Embassy and also the suspected terrorist threat to the Minister for Foreign Affairs Alexander Downer. It would be a fairly reasonable to assume that they are all linked in some way! But why? I happened to be watching a TV breakfast program on Monday when a young woman in her late teens or early twenties was asked her views on the Corby verdict. Her response astounded me! She said she thought it was wrong because "we go and give them all this money and then they do this" I concluded that the money referred to the Tsunami Appeal. My conclusion was confirmed when I heard that some of the organizations which held funds for Tsunami victims were asked to by some people to return their donations as a result of the Corby case! I suppose I was shocked at the attitude but then again not surprised at the way some people think. How could these people connect the two issues — a person convicted in a court of law and a natural disaster which affected not just Indonesia but many other countries as well?

The whole series of incidents reminds me of the words of a teacher friend of mine who was desperate to teach people how to think rather than to get students to learn by memory. He was keen to get his students to think things through to consider the options and be aware of possible consequences. It seemed to me that this connection between the Corby verdict and the Tsunami funds and now the possibility of threatened terrorism simply highlighted the need to think clearly, to recognize the emotion of the moment but to put it aside in favour of reason.

Evidently the situation at the Indonesian Embassy was given "saturation coverage" in Indonesia! Well, surprise surprise. Wasn't the Corby case given saturation coverage here? I look forward to the day when I read or hear a simple reasoned statement from a news media outlet saying "Due to the sensitivity of situation in... .. we have decided to wait for further information before publishing or broadcasting." Sometimes less said is best.

The first reading about Abram (his name changes later in the story)

tells of his beginning to journey with God. In his letter to the Romans Paul points out that Abraham's journey in response to God's promise reveals the nature of his faith. In the gospel reading Matthew is called to respond to Jesus and begin a journey in faith. Jesus calls Matthew, [to] "Follow Me" even though he is considered among the sinners according to the Pharisees. It is faith too which enables the woman with the haemorrhages and the father of the dead girl to seek Jesus' help. In every case the people in our stories move forward in life and into a deeper more meaningful relationship with God as they make their journey in faith.

Rob Lamerton

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## Notices

### **Sunday Evening at St Philip's**

After some discussion it was decided that Sunday Evening Services will begin here at St Philip's on Sunday 19th June at 5.30pm. The services will vary in form from said Evening Prayer to times of Prayer and Worship.

### **Workshop TODAY for the leaders of Evening Worship!**

### **"Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Life and Theology 60 years on."**

The Rev'd Dr Thorwald Lorenzen will speak at St John's Reid tonight. Eucharist at 6pm followed by the lecture in the Robertson Room. All are welcome.

**St Mark's Public Lecture Tuesday 7th June at 7.30 pm.  
Professor Nicholas Sagovsky, Canon Theologian of Westminster Abbey, will speak on "Justice and Freedom".**

## **Voices and Struggles from Palestine — Dr Uri Davis — Tuesday 7th June**

FREE lecture by Dr Uri Davis, scholar, human rights activist, Palestinian Jew and dual citizen of Israel and the UK. Dr Davis will speak on issues of Palestinian justice on Tuesday 7th June at 5-30pm in the Haydon-Allen ("Tank") Lecture Theatre at the Australian National University.

Dr Davis is a long-time active opponent of political Zionism and author of many books, his most recent being "Apartheid Israel: Possibilities for the Struggle Within", in which he lifts the veil on the distinctions in Israeli law between Jews and non-Jews and their incompatibility with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Dr Davis' visit to Canberra is being sponsored by AJPP (Australians for Justice and Peace in Palestine, <http://www.ajpp.canberra.net.au>)  
Contact Michael Shaik on 6273 7575.

### **Altar Frontal for St Saviour's Cathedral**

Our part of the frontal for the Diocesan Synod is well under way.

Completion date 1st August.

Offers of artistic sewing and other creative skills should be directed to Kerry Anne Cousins.

### **Twilight Fair**

**"SEW-IN"** — Following our 10am Eucharist on 19th June. Lunch provided! Time to make and prepare for the Twilight Fair. There is a box of material and pieces of card in the porch for your creative energies to be expressed. Bring machines and fabric! **Team Leaders** are also being sought! See the Fair notice board to nominate!

### **Children's Ministry**

Child Protection Workshop 30th July. Leighton Mann and Karinne Campbell are available for child-minding.

**Situation Vacant: Parish Secretary at St John's Reid and Assistant Accountant at the Emmaus School in Dickson. See the notice board.**

**Thanks to Baden Williams for raking the leaves from the "Memorial Garden".**

**Is there someone willing to maintain the garden?**

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

WE PRAY FOR:

**The World**

World Environment Day — for all who struggle to create a healthy and sustainable environment. For peace and relief from violence in Darfur. For deeper understanding and a better relationship with Indonesia. Douglas Wood and others held hostage.

**In our midst:** Robin Moore and helpers at the Northbourne Community Centre.

**Those in need of healing:** Luke Tarlington (recovering from surgery), Rebecca Bowman, Faye Gibbons, Owen Dowling, 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.

**The departed:** Marie Lewis (d.7/6/01)

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

TODAY'S ROSTER:

Cleaning: Leighton & Ruth

Flowers: Val Reeves

Readers:

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

10am: 1st Chris Cheah 2nd Beryl Holder

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Roger & Chris

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  
at Elizabeth's place.
- **Friday** 10am ANU Chaplaincy Communion  
10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Joyce &  
Rhonda
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Ann

SUNDAY 12th June 2005 8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings:

- Genesis 18: 1-15
- Psalm 116: 1-2 page 346
- Romans 5: 1--11
- Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8;

**Rosters:**

Cleaning: Washington Oloo

Flowers: Carola Parke & Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

Readers:

8am: 1st Elizabeth Allinson 2nd Rhonda Evans

10am: 1st Pat Forbes 2nd Richard Wade

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Leighton & Hardy

Morning Tea 10am: Washington

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Weekly Offering Required \$1565  
Offerings banked 31/05/05 Offerings \$749.25, EFT \$345, Pandoras \$431.80, Baptism \$50

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

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