

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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Letting Go!

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 19th June 2005

8am and 10am Eucharist

The service is found on page 119 of the Green Prayer Book

Presentation of Lay Minister's Licence to Brian McKinlay

Readings:

- Genesis 21: 8-21
- Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17 page 312
- Romans 6: 1-11
- Matthew 10: 24-39;

At 10.00am Hymns: Together in Song; 169, 691, 197, 136

Organist: Colin Forbes

Soloist today: Rob Clayton

Rob will sing the psalm

Psalm response (people):

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.

At Communion: "O Praise the Lord" - Maurice Green (1695-1755)

Greetings Everyone!

As we observe World Refugee Day (tomorrow) we should not let the local political debate over detention centres blind us to the continuing plight of almost 20 million refugees worldwide. The number of refugees in the world seems to almost keep pace with the total population of Australia! Can you imagine it — the whole population of Australia as refugees! Of course not all the refugees of the world are in one place but to see the figure in relation to our own population is very sobering. Presently there are approximately two million people living in refugee camps in Sudan largely due to the ongoing conflict between the north and south. It is pleasing to read about the resettlement plan run by the Australian Government in conjunction with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees. Evidently Australia is one of ten countries which operates a dedicated resettlement plan and ranks highly in the numbers resettled. Reading about the Sudanese family resettled in Canberra this week there was a strong sense of their feeling "safe" in comparison to their situation at home. While it must be a terrible wrench to leave home and family and to land in a totally different culture it is reassuring to know that they feel safe. I hope we can give more people that sense of safety in our midst.

Whilst we give thanks to God for a softening of government policy on the treatment of families in immigration detention centres, those whose status is unresolved and those on Temporary Protection Visas we should continue to question the still very stiff border protection measures. Yes we do need some way to assess asylum seekers but is it necessary to turn boats away and prevent people from even getting to Australian shores?

Let us be aware of and pray for the many who are refugees in the world today, cut off from family and friends, without the comforts of a house to live in often still in an unsafe environment and fearful for their children and their future!

If I drop the names as I read the story of Abraham and Sarah and their treatment of Hagar and Ishmael if I feel like I am reading about any dysfunctional family! I am probably not meant to say such things about the father (and mother) of the faithful! I discover a story of a family fraught with all the human failings, selfishness and pride, impatience and intolerance. When Isaac is born the sense of rivalry erupts between Sarah and Hagar her servant! Out of this tragic situation somehow God's purpose is worked! Isaac becomes the source of Abraham's offspring but Ishmael is also part of God's purpose and receives God's care. "God was with the boy". Is this an early indication of the awareness that God is the God of the nations and not just of a certain people? As refugees Hagar and Ishmael have a special place in God's care! Tradition says that they are the

beginnings of the Arab peoples.

Rob Lamerton

Notices

***Concert next Sunday 26th June 2.00pm "Hope and Memory"
Tanuja Dos accompanied by Elizabeth Wilson. Cost \$20/\$10
concession.***

**Sunday Evening at St Philip's
Sunday Evening Services will begin here today 5.30pm.**

Services will vary in form from said Evening Prayer to times of Prayer and Worship.

Twilight Fair

[November 5th]

"SEW-IN" – TODAY!!! following the 10am Eucharist.
Lunch provided! Time to make and prepare for the Twilight Fair.
Bring machines and fabric!

Team Leaders are also being sought! See the Fair notice board!

RCIFP Grant

St Philip's is the grateful recipient of \$20,000 (including GST) from the Renew Community Infrastructure and Facilities Program for the replacement of the Parish Hall Roof. This does not mean that we ease off on our fundraising because there will still be \$10,000 to \$15,000 left for us to raise.

After some discussion it was decided by Parish Council to make our weekly income reporting clearer and to exclude the amounts which are not included in general funds. For example money raised by Pandora's is set aside for a toilet for the disabled and is not used for running costs.

The giving each week is presented this way:

Weekly offering/income required to operate our Parish \$1455
(excluding rental income)

Offerings received 12/6/05: \$761.05, EFT \$345. **Shortfall last week \$348.95**

Cleaners are needed for St Philip's Cleaning Roster! 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

Is anyone interested in operating the "Trading Table" once a month following the 10am Service? Please talk to Rob or the Wardens.

Quiet Day – Leaning on God

25 June 2005 9.30am-4pm

All Saints' Ainslie Church, cnr Cowper and Bonney Sts
Ainslie ACT 2602 Please book! 6284 7420

Micah Challenge Australia

Mobilising Christians Against Poverty meeting at Parliament House
23rd June at 12 noon RSVP by 17th to 02 9453 1586 or
info@micahchallenge.org.au

Child Protection Workshop 30th July.

At least two people are attending! Please add to their number.
Leighton Mann and Karinne Campbell are available for child minding.

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

We pray for the refugees of the world and for the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and for a compassionate response to refugees by Australia. Give thanks for a softening to the mandatory detention policy.

Give thanks for a safe release for Douglas Wood

Those in need of healing: Emily Colman, Rebecca Bowman, Faye Gibbons, Phoebe Gordon, Stella Cheah, Chris Nicol, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Glen Burns, Linda Kennedy, Bryan Little, Ruth Horn, Sarena, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase.

The departed: Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer (d. 1941)

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

TODAY'S ROSTER:

Cleaning: Rhonda Evans & Barbara Dowley
Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth
Readers:
8am: Shane Woodburn
10am: 1st Denise Manley 2nd Helen Palethorpe
Sidespersons:
8am: Clive Lowes
10am: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson
Morning Tea 10am: James & Brian

THIS WEEK

- **Monday** Rob's Day off.
- **Tuesday – Saturday** 7.15am & 5pm
Morning/Evening Prayer
- **Tuesday – Thursday** CLERGY CONFERENCE
- **Wednesday** 10.00am Holy Communion
- **Thursday** Meal, Study and Meditation Group
- **Friday** 10am ANU Chaplaincy Communion
10am-1pm Pandora's Open – Barbara & Michael
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open – Karen & Genevieve

SUNDAY 26th June 2005 8am & 10am Eucharist
5.30pm Evening Service

Readings:

- Genesis 22: 1-14
- Psalm 13 page 233
- Romans 6: 12-23
- Matthew 10: 40-42;

Rosters:

Cleaning: Doreen Odom

Flowers: Sandra Lamerton

Readers:

8am: 1st David Brooking 2nd Joyce Webster

10am: 1st Ashton Robinson 2nd Steven Billett

Sidespersons:

8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: Helen, Brian & James

Morning Tea 10am: Ann Munro

Pandoras takings last week \$84.50

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

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

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Wardens: Devin Combs Bowles, Richard Wade, Sarah Gowty

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