

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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What goes around comes around!

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 26th June 2005

8am and 10am Eucharist

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

Readings:

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

At 10.00am Hymns: Together in Song; 568 (t35), 608, 599, 686

Greetings Everyone

When does discussion and debate become vilification? While away this week I heard reported on radio and then in the Christian print media the case of Christian pastors from the "Catch the Fire Ministries" who were convicted of Religious Vilification in Victoria. It is also important to understand that one of the pastors is from Pakistan where his nephew was killed by extremist Muslims so his outlook must have been shaped by his experience. The men were reported to have read at one of their seminars some verses from the Koran which depicted violent attitudes and which they said indicated that Islam is a violent and hateful religion. Had they simply read the passages and asked for comment they may have had some meaningful discussion but that is not the way it worked out. The whole event is now being used to question freedom of speech issues! Surely any inquiry into and debate about aspects of other religions must be carried out in a spirit of openness and without prejudice. We may disagree with elements of belief and doctrine of another faith but we cannot vilify and encourage hatred — surely our Christian values, the example of Jesus himself and his teaching "to love and pray for even our enemies" has to be taken seriously. (I am not suggesting that Muslims are our enemies!)

We could take verses from the Bible selectively and show that Christianity is a religion of hate too! The conviction this week of a Church Pastor for the killing of three civil rights workers in the United States shows just how Christians can get it entirely wrong too. It seems to me that it is often easy to enforce ideas and doctrines as being right and wanting to destroy or do away with those who disagree or who are different. Surely Jesus words about his followers being known by their fruits is much more about living out those right doctrines. Surely the *actions* of any person are the real measure of what he or she believes.'

The reading about Abraham this week is often very distressing! How could and why would God demand the sacrifice of Abraham and Sarah's son Isaac when according to the story he was promised by God in the first place! I don't know! What I do see in this story is Abraham being asked to give up all that he had ever hoped for and all God had given, his whole inheritance! In being willing to give him up Abraham receives Isaac back. In the letter to the Romans Paul writes of being set free from sin that we might experience eternal life with Christ. Then in the gospel Jesus speaks of the reward for

the great sacrifices the apostles are asked to make in his service. The Reward? The inner assurance that they walk with God and know that when they are welcomed so too is Christ. Sometimes God challenges us to let go of the things we hold most dear that we may be free to encounter and serve God in a new way.

Rob Lamerton

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

(Excluding rental income)

Offerings received 19/6/05: \$661.40, EFT \$345, Church use \$65,
Donation \$600.

Notices

***Concert Today 2.00pm "Hope and Memory"
Tanuja Dos accompanied by Elizabeth Wilson. Cost \$20/\$10
concession.***

Sunday Evening Services at St Philip's 5.30pm

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

Twilight Fair

[November 5th]

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

Trading Table

Each month the trading table has raised funds for our missionary targets. We do not have a coordinator at present! Is anyone interested in operating the "Trading Table" once a month following the 10am Service? If not, we will have to look for another way to add to mission funds.

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.

Clergy Conference

The conference was held at Murrumurang Resort near Bateman's Bay. The main speakers included our bishop (on aspects of the Abraham story) and Canon Robin Greenwood from Wales who led the discussion about developing "Ministering Communities". As usual with such conferences there was so much information and discussion that it will take me some time to filter through it and find the points of value. One thing which became clear is that no one model of mission fits every parish and congregation. Another important issue is the need to balance the role of priest and the development of a collaborative parish life and mission.

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

WE PRAY FOR:

The World

Those who continue to rebuild and overcome great suffering in many countries following the Asian tsunami. The people of East Timor after the departure of peace keeping forces. The people and new government of Iran following the elections of their new president.

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.

Those who mourn: The family of Donald England

The departed: Donald England, Marjorie Lowes (d. 28/6/01), Harold Percival (d. 28/6/01), Alban, martyr (d.209)

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

TODAY'S ROSTER:

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

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
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open

SUNDAY 3rd July 2005 8am & 10am Eucharist 5.30pm Evening Service

Readings:

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

Rosters:

Cleaning: Dimitri Markotsis

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

Readers:

8am: 1st *new roster* 2nd

10am: 1st 2nd

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Chris & Roger

Morning Tea 10am: Rhyanna

Pandora's takings last week \$193.50

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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