

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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HE SMEARED THE
MAN'S EYES WITH MUD
JN.9/6

Sunday 6th March 2005 — Fourth Sunday in Lent

8.00am and 10.00am — Holy Communion

Readings:

- 1Samuel 16: 1-13
- Psalm 23
- Ephesians 5: 8-14
- John 9: 1-41

Hymns: TIS: 203, 633, 239, 246

Organist at 10am: Adam Laslett

Soloist: Annette Gaykema

*Annette will sing Psalm 23 — The Lord is my Shepherd
The Vicar of Dibley Theme, by Howard Goodall
At Holy Communion: Handel's "Messiah"*

Rec. "Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened."

Aria. "He shall feed his flock"

From Rob:

Hi Everyone,

Traditionally the Fourth Sunday of Lent was celebrated as "Mothering Sunday" and in the UK it is still observed as Mother's Day. The traditions of Simnel Cake and Mothering Sunday were associated with a mid Lent break when servants were given the time off to visit their mothers. It seems to have come from the tradition of the Book of Common Prayer.

The readings of the day in the Book of Common Prayer reflected on the theme in the letter of Paul to the Galatians. That reading gives a comparison of the children of Abraham born of the different mothers — Hagar or "Agar" as she is in the BCP is the "bond maid" represents those born in captivity to the ways of bondage to humanity. The one born of the "free woman" (Sarah) represents all those born to the freedom of God's promise. Sarah, says Paul in ch.4 v.26

"corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free and she is our mother". I could go on but the whole idea is that we are descendants of Abraham by faith and therefore children of Sarah and members of a heavenly Jerusalem — our mother. The whole image connects with the concept of "Mother Church" or the "Bride of Christ" whose children we are!

It may seem a quaint image in a day when individuals seem to follow their own way and the sense of belonging to a church family is much less an issue. It is still worth pondering especially as media reports suggest schism in the Anglican Church over the ordination of an openly gay man as bishop and the blessing of same sex relationships. Reports from our bishop who has spoken the Primate, Archbishop Peter Carnley, indicate that the meeting of the Primates (heads) of the Anglican Communion was far more productive, prayerful, AND united than all reports would have us believe. As in all families there are disagreements at times but as family we continue to work on understanding and finding new ways to express our family life.

Having said all that! We are not observing Mothering Sunday today!

The readings set for Lent 4 recall the anointing of David to be king of the ancient people of Israel and the psalm in which David ponders how God is the shepherd. The message is one about the nature of

leadership and who may be suitable! Then the second reading from Ephesians links with the Gospel to talk about vision and seeing the ways of God. Leadership and vision are two areas where I feel seriously inadequate! Fortunately I discover from the readings that the people who appear to have them are the least likely — the youngest and least experienced and the blind beggar! I take some comfort in that!

It is always good to survive the AGM with one's employment intact! I recall the first AGM of my first parish where after twelve months I became the scapegoat for all the frustrations of a parish which had been poor and struggling for some years, and my hair wasn't quite as golden as my predecessor! I found myself with a closing parish on my hands! So if I appear relieved after the AGM you will understand.

Rob Lamerton.

Notices

6 March
St Philip's Annual General Meeting follows the 10am Eucharist Today.
Reports are available from [AGM Reports](#)

Two People's Wardens positions are still to be filled to complete the full quota of Church Wardens. If you can fulfil this important role please come along to the meeting today!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING
Sunday 13th March at 11.30am
A barbecue lunch will follow! Please talk to Richard Wade for details!

To go directly to the The Lenten Calendar on St Philip's website go to:

<http://www.acay.au/~stphil/Lent2005.html>

The Centre for Progressive Religious Thought
Dr Carol P Christ (from Greece) Feminist theologian of Myth and

Ritual.

Author of the recent book: "She who changes: Re-imagining the divine in the world."

St James' Church Centre. 40 Gillies St, Curtin.

Monday 14th March. Time: 7-45pm Entry: \$10.00 (Limit of 150)

HOLY WEEK and EASTER

Holy week begins with Palm (Passion) Sunday on 20th March.

- **Maundy Thursday 24th** Passover Dinner with Communion and Footwashing.
- **Good Friday 25th** 12 noon Three Hour Devotion concluding with Tenebrae at 2pm sung by Igitur Nos
- **Easter Day**
 - 6.00am Lighting of the New Fire
 - 7.00am Eucharist with Hymns
 - 8.00am Breakfast
 - 10.00am Sung Eucharist

With Pat and Colin Forbes away in the UK we will be blessed with the visitations of angels in the form of various musicians and singers! Today we welcome Annette Gaykema and Adam Laslett!

Child Protection Refresher Workshop Belconnen Deanery

**Thursday 17th March 2005 at St Barnabas' Anglican Church
Charnwood.**

Time: 6-30pm — 9-30pm. Registration from 6-15pm. The session starts at 6-30pm.

Contact: Bronwyn Suptut on 6258 8222 or at

bronwyn.suptut@anglican.org.au

by 14th March 2005 to register your place.



Fundraising matinee performance

Saturday 2 April 2005, 2pm at the The Playhouse, Canberra Theatre Centre, Civic Square, London Circuit.

This promotion is a fundraiser for the Refugee Action Committee (RAC) Canberra, and Rural Australians for Refugees (Bowral), kindly offered by the Canberra Theatre Centre.

RAC will be selling tickets to the performance at \$45 per person, with a concession price of \$35. This particular performance will include a brief introduction by the Refugee Action Committee (ACT) and Rural Australians for Refugees (Bowral) of the work each organisation does, and an afternoon tea in the Canberra Museum and Gallery next door with the main actor, Shahin Shafei (who is an asylum seeker on a temporary protection visa), speaking.

The bookings contact is Paul Oboohov, 02 6240 9446 (w), 0417 048 217 (m), 02 6255 3820 (h & fax), and email paul.oboohov@dest.gov.au. Paul will endeavour to transmit tickets to those who have paid either in person (he works in the Department of Education, Science and Training at 16 Mort St, Civic, ACT; the foyer guard can be asked to contact him on internal ph 39446, or ask for an external phone line to contact his mobile number), by mail, or at the door just prior to the performance.

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

WE PRAY FOR:

For those still traumatized, injured or grieving and those who bring aid following the tsunami. For an end to bombing and for all who work to bring peace and stability to Iraq.

For a peaceful transfer of power in Lebanon and for wise leadership.

Those in need of healing: Enid Forbes (Colin's mother very frail and gravely ill), Stella Cheah, Chris Nicol, Margaret McEwan, Nell Bliss, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Glen Burns, Linda Kennedy, Bryan Little, Ruth Horn, Sarena, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase, Sylvia, Frank Bowles (in hospice).

The departed: David, Bishop of Minevia, Wales (d.601); Chad, bishop of Litchfield, missionary (d.672); Daphne Lois Hall (d. 5/3/95)

TODAY'S ROSTER:

Rosters:

Cleaning: Dimitri Markotsis

Readers:

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

10am: 1st Richard Wade 2nd Washington Oloo

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Roger Sharp and Chris Cheah

Morning Tea 10am: Rhyanna and Amanda

THIS WEEK

Monday Rob's Day off.

Tuesday - Saturday 7am Morning Prayer

Tuesday - Saturday 5pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 10.30am Holy Communion at Kankinya

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

7-30pm Parish Council at the Rectory

Thursday: 6pm Study and Meditation Group at the Rectory

Friday: 10am - 1pm Pandora's Open — Joyce and Rhonda

Saturday: 10am - 1pm Pandora's Open — Ann

SUNDAY 13th March 2005

Lent Five

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

- Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Psalm 130
- Romans 8:6-11
- John 11:1-45

Rosters:

Cleaning: Janine Studholme & Stephen Billett

Readers:

8am: 1st Rhonda Evans 2nd Elizabeth Allinson

10am: 1st Stephen Billett 2nd Dimitri Markotsis

Sidespersons:

8am: John Cunliffe

10am: Leighton Mann & Hardy Palethorpe

Morning Tea 10am: Margaret Woodbridge & Washington Oloo

Weekly Offering Required \$1565
Offerings banked 1/3/05 - Offerings \$806.20, EFT \$345, Pandoras \$246

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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