

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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Lazarus comes to life!

Sunday 13th March 2005 — Fifth Sunday in Lent

8.00am — Holy Communion — APBA p.119

10.00am — Holy Communion — APBA p.51

Baptism of Oscar Wallace Wright

Readings:

- Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Psalm 130 (APBA p.364)
- Romans 8:6-11
- John 11:1-45

Hymns: TIS: 683 (tune 101), 494, 545, 405
Organist at 10am: Shirley Barrett

From Rob:

Hi Everyone,

We welcome in Baptism at 10 o'clock today Oscar Wallace Wright. A warm welcome also to Oscar's parents Dalle and Fiona Wright and Godparents Mary and Con Siourounis and all who visit us for this special occasion!

It is a little unusual to be celebrating a baptism in Lent because Lent is traditionally a time of *preparation* for Baptism at Easter. The forty days of Lent with the six Sundays provide a time when Christians think again about what it means to be disciples of Jesus as we re-live the journey to the cross. Today's story in the Gospel of John about the raising of Lazarus recalls the themes of the reading from Ezekiel and the letter of Paul to the Romans about a relationship with God being dead (so dead that it is not just a body but dry bones) and yet being brought to life when the God's Word is spoken into the situation. The situation with Lazarus was so desperate but Jesus speaks the word of faith and hope against the odds and against all the evidence and Lazarus emerges — he comes to life! We may argue about just how 'dead' was Lazarus or if he was dead at all, however the point of the story is that as well as having the power of life (rather than just the power over death) God also bring life to life!

John Marsh writes "John (in the gospel) is consequently trying to say that the transition from death to life is not to be made at some remote "last day", nor even at the moment of physical death, but at the point where a person comes to hear the voice of the Son of man and in obedience to it, comes to eternal life."

This is the understanding of what we call "Eternal Life" that we enter into it as we open ourselves to God in the here and now!

In the story it seems Lazarus has a choice! The tomb is open and he does not just try to escape to walk out — he gets told in no uncertain terms Jesus cries in aloud voice "Lazarus, come out!" It is almost as if he is a naughty boy skulking in the cave and he still has a choice. Death or Life? Fortunately he chooses life! Our day by day choices are for life or death! Do we bring death to the situations we face? Do we bring a word of death trying to dress it up as the word of God? OR... Do we bring the word from God which is the word of God?

Notices

Music Scholars

At 10am next Sunday the 20th, Palm Sunday, Rob Clayton will sing. His accompanist will be Julian Clarke, one of the organists at St Peter's, Eastern Hill in Melbourne. At the service on Maundy Thursday, 24th, Alison Knight will make her musical offering, and on Good Friday the Canberra Group, "Igitur Nos" will be singing the Tenebrae.

St Patrick's Day Ecumenical Service at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.

15 Blackall Street Barton (cnr Kings Avenue)

12.30-1.30pm Thursday 17 March

Speaker: Brendan O'Brien, Consular Chief, US Embassy.

Homily: Archbishop Francis Carroll. Plus celtic music, poetry and prayers

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

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING – today at 11.30am

Please talk to Richard Wade for details!

Please consider coming to the Passover!

This annual Sacred meal is on Maundy Thursday at 7.00pm.

To keep costs down we need help with food preparation.

For catering purposes write your name and those of your party on the list. Let Sandy or Kerry Anne know if you will help with "serving" on the night – this will allow as many as possible to remain seated!

St Philip's Traditional Easter Celebration Breakfast is on again this year. Everyone welcome to join in with the celebration (just turn up & enjoy). Donations received to cover costs, any profits to our Mission Projects.

Palm Sunday and Good Friday readers

Readers are required for the reading of the Passion Gospels on Palm Sunday (8 and 10) and Good Friday (12noon). Lists of parts and printed readings are available in the porch. Readers PLEASE list your name alongside the part you have taken. Please Note: Palm Sunday is Matthew's Gospel and Good Friday is John's Gospel

Palm Cross Workshop

Help revive a lost art! With Palm Sunday next week we need to make about 100 Palm Crosses to distribute. We first need some palm fronds or something similar (the palm strips need to be about 30cm (1 foot) long). The Palm Cross Working Bee will take place at Pandora's on Friday morning 18th March

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)

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.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER

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

• Sunday 20 March Palm (Passion) Sunday

- **Sunday 20 March Palm (Passion) Sunday**
 - 8am Holy Communion
 - 10am Palm Procession and Eucharist
- **Monday 21 March** 6.00pm Holy Communion
- **Tuesday 22 March** 6.00pm Holy Communion
- **Wednesday 23 March** 10.00am Holy Communion
- **Maundy Thursday 24th** Passover Dinner with Communion and Footwashing.
 - 7.00pm Passover Dinner - details in pewsheet
 - 8.30pm Communion & Footwashing
- **Good Friday 25th** 12 noon Three Hour Devotion
 - Passion reading from the Gospel of John
 - Meditation
 - concluding at 2.00pm with *Tenebrae* sung by *Igitur Nos*
- **Saturday 26th March** Combined Cleaning and Tidy-up for Easter
- **Easter Day**
 - 6.00am Lighting of the New Fire
 - 7.00am Eucharist with Hymns
 - 8.00am Breakfast — see pewsheet for details
 - 10.00am Sung Eucharist



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, Saron, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase, Sylvia.

The families of Frank Bowles and Faye Richardson

The departed: Frank Bowles, Faye Richardson, Mary MacDonnell (d 14/3/99)

TODAY'S ROSTER:

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

THIS WEEK

Monday Rob's Day off.

Tuesday - Saturday 7am & 5pm Morning/Evening Prayer

Tuesday 10.30am Holy Communion at Kankinya

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

Thursday: 6pm Study and Meditation Group not at the Rectory
(James and Brian's house? phone rectory for details)

Friday: 10am - 1pm Pandora's Open — Sandra (Sandora)

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

SUNDAY 20th March 2005

Palm Sunday

8am and 10am Holy Communion

Readings:

- Isaiah 50:4-9
- Psalm 31:9-18
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Matthew 26:14 - 27:66 *or* 27:11-54

Rosters:

Cleaning: Shane & Tim Woodburn

Readers:

8am: 1st Carola Parke 2nd David Brooking

10am: 1st Brian McKinlay 2nd Denise Manley

Sidespersons:

8am: Grace Barnes

10am: Peter Andersson

Morning Tea 10am: James Kim & Brian McKinlay

Weekly Offering Required \$1565
Offerings banked 8/3/05 - Offerings \$600.70, EFT \$345,
Pandoras \$355, Use of church \$77.90

Please take a pewsheet home and pass one on to someone else.
Put a link to <http://www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au/> in your own website or email signature!

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allowed, the date is month/day/year

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