

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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These men you gave me were yours.

Seventh Sunday of Easter 8th May 2005

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

Readings:

- Acts 1.6-14
- Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35 page 288
- 1 Peter 5
- John 17:1-11

At 10.00am Hymns: 373, 247, 521, 228

Organist: Colin Forbes

Greetings Everyone!

Happy Mother's Day. We give thanks today for our own mother and pray all step mothers, foster mothers, adoptive mothers single mothers and all who give motherly care.

Today we mark the 7th Sunday of Easter or the Sunday after the Ascension. Ascension Day, the fortieth day after Easter, celebrates the final "going away" of the risen Christ. The event is recorded in Acts Ch1 v6 where Jesus met with his disciples and was "lifted up" before a cloud took him out of their sight. A similar account is recorded in Luke's gospel and there is a reference at the very end of St Mark. The Ascension indicates that the disciples recognized Jesus going to the Father ascending not simply an earthly throne but the throne of heaven. On Ascension Day, the Paschal Candle is moved from its visible place at the front of the Church to stand near the font for use at baptisms.

The disciples ask Jesus in Acts Ch1 v6 "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" and seem to imply that they still look forward to the restoration of the Kingdom of David, an earthly human political reality. Jesus however replies "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you." The kingdom Jesus ascends to is one in which God desires to rule the hearts and minds of humanity by the giving of his spirit.

Today in the first reading we hear the story of the disciples pondering the departure of the Lord and their prayerful wait with "certain women" and Mary the mother of Jesus. It is a picture of the faith community between the Ascension and the giving of the Holy Spirit. Reginald Fuller says "although the Spirit came 'to abide with you forever' (John) that the Church nevertheless has to pray constantly *Veni Creator Spiritus* (Come Holy Spirit). The gift of the Spirit is never an assured possession but has to be constantly sought anew in prayer."

Prayer is really the theme of this week. The prayer of the disciples is accompanied by the prayer of Jesus for his followers in John Ch17. This time between Ascension and Pentecost is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Prayer for each other and our fellow Christians of other traditions opens us up to greater understanding.

We are reminded this week of the dangers faced by western civilians in Iraq with the story of Douglas Wood. Nor should we forget the everyday dangers for the ordinary Iraqi! We pray that somehow Mr Wood will be released safe and well! The whole hostage taking trend in Iraq would seem to be of little value to the process of the conflict, however the hostage fakers have captured media attention and disturbed us by their actions. As one who was against the war in the first place, we can only hope and pray that the presence of foreign troops and the training of Iraqi army and police forces will eventually bring an end to violence and bloodshed.

Rob Lamerton

Notices

Pentecost next Sunday

As we celebrate the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church, we will recall the diverse languages of Pentecost in the Lord's Prayer. If you speak or know another language please be ready next Sunday to join in the Lord's Prayer in that language.

Another way of adding colour to Pentecost is to wear RED! The children are also preparing a special offering for our worship!

A "Time-Out Day" at Burra!

The mention of a Quiet Day seems to have misled some of you! It has now been renamed a "TimeOut Day" because it will provide an opportunity to get out into the beauty of the bush and either enjoy the company or spend some time walking in the bush. A programme is being devised!

Saturday 21st May at "Bambara" the home of Chris Cheah and Roger Sharp.

A notice for expressions of interest is on the notice board!!!

Children's Ministry

Please can we assist as many as possible to get to the next workshop on 30th July. The child protection programme is about building safe and caring communities for all ages.

Brian McKinlay – Lay Minister licence

Some people said that they did not know Brian McKinlay well enough after I read the Si Quis. To help people know Brian better before we proceed with the licence he will assist me to lead worship on 5th June

and tell the story of his faith journey.

UNITED NATIONS proposed PEACE BUILDING COMMISSION

[more information](#)

WILPF (ACT) invite you to take part in

a background briefing on the proposal.

Legislative Assembly Reception Room

Tuesday 10th May 4pm - 6pm

4pm - 4-45pm Information Session: Lara Nassau, UN Section,
DFAT

4-45pm - 5-15pm Information Session: Colonel Mike Kelly,
Defence Department.

Ecumenical Pentecost Service

Chapel of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton
at 3pm on Sunday 15 May.

AIDS Candlelight Vigil

Sunday 15th May at 5.30pm at All Saints Ainslie

Peacemaking and Evangelism

Leaders from the Mennonite Mission Network will be leading the
discussion. Monday 9th May at 7.30pm - Canberra Baptist Church in
Currie Crescent Kingston.

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

WE PRAY FOR:

The newly formed government in Iraq and all who seek to bring order and stability there. Australian troops as they take up their task. Douglas Wood and others held hostage. Give thanks for the end of World War 2 (in Europe) praying that all observances of the 60th anniversary will build bridges of peace. We pray for all who still suffer as a result of that conflict. Give thanks for mothers everywhere.

Those in need of healing: Rebecca Bowman, Faye Gibbons, Owen Dowling, Phoebe Gordon, Enid Forbes (Colin's mother), 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, Sylvia, Malcolm.

The departed: Violet Pocknall (d.8/5/84)

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

TODAY'S ROSTER:

Cleaning: Dimitri Markotsis

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

Readers:

8am: 1st Rhonda Evans 2nd Elizabeth Allinson

10am: 1st Yasmin or Rick 2nd Joyce Webster

Sidespersons:

8am: John Cunliffe

10am: Hardy & Leighton

Morning Tea 10am: Washington

THIS WEEK

- **Monday** Rob's Day off.
- **Tuesday – Saturday** 7am & 5pm Morning/Evening Prayer
- **Tuesday** 10.30am Holy Communion at Kankinya
- **Wednesday** 10.00am Holy Communion
7.30pm Parish Council (*yes, this week!*)
- **Thursday** **NO**Meal, Study and Meditation Group for 2 weeks.
- **Friday** 10am ANU Chaplaincy Communion
10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Joyce and

- Rhonda
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Pat

SUNDAY 15 May 2005 8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings:

- Acts 2:1-21
- Psalm 104:26-36 page 331
- Corinthians 12: 1-13
- John 20: 19-23

Rosters:

Cleaning: Janine & Stephen

Flowers: Sandra Lamerton

Readers:

8am: David Brooking

10am: 1st Washington Oloo 2nd Ann Munro

Sidespersons:

8am: Clive Lowes

10am: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson

Morning Tea 10am: James & Brian

Weekly Offering Required \$1565
Offerings banked ----- - Offerings \$894.20, EFT \$345,
Pandoras \$197.25, Trading Table \$14

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

A BACKGROUND BRIEFING on the proposed UN PEACE BUILDING COMMISSION Legislative Assembly Reception Room. Tuesday 10 May, 4 to 6pm.

4-4.45pm Information Session: Lara Nassau, UN Section, DFAT
4.45 - 6pm Further Discussion over Refreshments led by members of
UNAA and others with expertise in the area.

Lara Nassau of the United Nations Section of Department of Foreign
Affairs and Trade, recently returned from UN Human Rights

Commission Meeting in Geneva, will speak on the proposal of a Peace Building Commission, made by the High Level Panel of Experts, in the context of present UN Security Council responsibilities.

The purpose of this meeting is to become informed about the thinking behind this proposal and to identify ideas that could form a submission to the Government on this proposal.

We especially invite members of other organisations, which have already written submissions on the High Level Panel Report of which this is a part, to share their ideas with us.

Further Enquiries: Ruth Corrigan tel: 4849 4543

Please Note: AGM of UNAA, Wednesday, 25 May, 630pm.

Speaker: Richard Woolcott: "Future Directions Of United Nations..."

Legislative Assembly Reception Room, London Circuit, Civic.

Don't miss an excellent opportunity to have a briefing on the full report of the High Level Panel of Experts by Richard Woolcott AC, who was Australian Ambassador to the United Nations 1982-1988 and Australia's last representative to the UN Security Council 1985-1986

Richard Woolcott will be the Key Speaker at the Annual General Meeting of UNAA (United Nations Association of Australia) He will speak on future directions of the UN as addressed by the High Level Panel of Experts and the Secretary General, Kofi Annan.

Light refreshments will be served.

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