

# 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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The Gifts of the Spirit

## **The Day of Pentecost 15th May 2005**

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

Readings:

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

At 10.00am Hymns: Together in Song 263, 418, 545, "Travel On"  
**Organist:** Colin Forbes

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Greetings Everyone!

Today is Pentecost "the fiftieth day" of Easter and we celebrate the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon the early believers and indeed upon the Church down through the ages. In the Jewish calendar Pentecost was the Feast of Weeks which fell on the fiftieth day after the ceremony of the barley sheaf in the week of Passover. The Jewish year was broken into Pentecostads — periods of seven weeks separated by the various festivals. The Feast of Weeks was also known as the Feast of Harvest and celebrated the conclusion of the grain harvest which had begun at Passover. The festival also began the season for offering the first fruits. It was this Feast of Weeks which had gathered so many people in Jerusalem in the story from Acts chapter 2 when Peter and the apostles were "filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages". It is not surprising that the idea of harvest and first fruits are linked to Holy Spirit.

We so often think of the Holy Spirit as the empowerment of individuals and the one who enlivens believers. Surely that is so, but most of all the Spirit is the enabler of the mission of the whole People of God. Paul in his first letter to the church at Corinth speaks of the believers individual "gifts" inspired by the one Spirit. As one body is made up of many diverse limbs and organs so is the Church composed of many people with a variety of different spiritual gifts. The use of peoples individual "gifts" in the context of the life of the church is difficult to balance but must be the most effective force for mission — just as a body is most effective when all its parts are healthy and working together. I suppose I am looking for help in the discerning and placement of people within the church body (We are The Body of Christ) for the best use of their skills and the best operation of our part of God's family. If we are all feeling useful and fulfilled in our part of the body then the mission (God's purpose) for the Church will happen!

For a long time when we ordained a person as priest we seemed to believe that ALL the gifts were present in that one person. Fortunately we now see things differently and recognise that "WE are the Body of Christ" and that therefore we all have something to offer. Sometimes it is difficult to discern just WHAT it is! Some years ago I served at St Matthew's Karabar (then South Queanbeyan)

where a man called Frank Bowles was a member. Frank was a highly qualified auditor so we naturally thought he would be a good Parish Treasurer! We found to our surprise that Frank had a great gift with puppets telling children's stories! The thing that he was trained and skilled at was not his gift at that time. (Sadly Frank died a couple of months ago.) Sometimes too God gives us a gift to use for a time. Evidently the great author C.S. Lewis thought of his gift for writing was only for some years of his life.

I encourage you to think about what your "gift" is and to be discerning about the "gifts" of others so that we can be more effective in God's mission. "For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body Jews or Greeks, slaves or free and we were all made to drink of one Spirit".

Rob Lamerton

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## Notices

### **Ecumenical Pentecost Service**

Today at 3PM at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture,  
Barton.

### **AIDS Candlelight Vigil TODAY at 5-30pm at All Saints Ainslie**

### **May is Anglicare Month**

The Anglicare Winter Pantry Appeal urgently needs volunteers to staff the collection point at Woden Plaza. Is it possible to get a team together for a day between now and 9th June? Please contact Dimitri Markotsis.

Next Sunday while I am away, the visiting priest will be Archdeacon Ian Marshall.

Ian is CEO of Anglicare Community Services which provides funds for the Monday program at The Northbourne Community Centre.

**A "Time-Out Day" Saturday 21st May at "Bambara" the home of Chris Cheah and Roger Sharp at Burra! Get your directions and map**

**today!**

Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring something to share  
for  
Lunch, Morning Tea and Afternoon Tea.

***Rough programme***

*Arrive and walk (10am)*

*Morning Tea*

*India trip talk, discussion and optional meditation*

*Lunch*

*Quiet Time*

*Afternoon Tea*

*Mission talk and discussion*

*End of program — stay on or head home.*

**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.

**Children's Ministry**

Please can we assist as many as possible to get to the next workshop on 30th July. Leighton Mann and Karinne Campbell are available for child minding.

*Army Reserve — Recruiting*

*I have received some recruiting material from the 8th Signal Regiment which is now among the material in the porch.*

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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. The people of Uzbekistan.

**Those in need of healing:** Rebecca Bowman, Faye Gibbons, Owen Dowling, 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, Sylvia, Malcolm.

**The departed:** Enid Forbes (Colin's mother), Margaret Collier (Carola Parkes' sister)

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

## TODAY'S ROSTER:

Cleaning: Janine & Stephen

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

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

## 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
- **Thursday** **NO** Meal, Study and Meditation Group for 2 weeks.
- **Friday** 10am ANU Chaplaincy Communion

- 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Michael  
• **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Joan

**SUNDAY 22 May 2005 Trinity Sunday 8am & 10am Eucharist**

Readings:

- Exodus 34: 1-8
- For the psalm Song of the Three Young Men page 399
- 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13
- Matthew 28: 16-20

**Rosters:**

Cleaning: Shane & Tim

Flowers: Sandra Lamerton

Readers:

8am: 1st Joyce Webster 2nd Shane Woodburn

10am: 1st Washington Oloo 2nd Ann Munro

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Weekly Offering Required \$1565  
Offerings banked 10/5/05 Offerings \$822.90, EFT \$345,  
Pandoras \$138.50

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

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