

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

At 10.00am Communion bread is administered first, then the small cup for intinction (dipping). The two common cups for sipping follow.

Services on Sunday: 8am and 10am Eucharist, 5-30pm Evening Service. Wednesday HC 10am



Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost 16th October 2005

8am and 10am Eucharist, 5-30pm Evening Service
The Eucharist begins on page 119 of the green prayer book

Readings:

- Exodus 33.12-23
- Psalm 99 — page 325
- 1Thessalonians 1:1-10
- Matthew 22:15-33

Greetings Everyone,

We continue to be made aware of the destructive forces of nature following the terrible earthquake which has caused so much death and destruction in Kashmir, Pakistan, Afghanistan and India. The earthquake took so much news space that we almost did not hear about the tragic mudslides in Central America at the same time. Fortunately the Central American emergency did not cause so much loss of life but nevertheless terrible for all who were caught up in it. I encourage your generosity in giving to the appeals for aid in all of these disastrous events. When the Tsunami hit earlier this year there was a great outpouring of generosity but we never believe for a minute that this year would be see other disasters like the hurricane Katrina in the USA followed by these two further disasters.

There are always the good news stories amidst the devastation and the news that Indian and Pakistani soldiers worked together to assist with rescue and aid in Kashmir only highlights the stupidity of border disputes and war. When the chips are down people are people sharing a common humanity. I recall a story about two boys on a fishing trip when rain postponed the fishing and the boys began to fight and argue (girls would never do that!) until when the rain stopped and they fished happily together. Working on a common purpose is a wonderfully unifying thing to do!

For those who wish to give to the relief effort in Kashmir and surrounds Christian World Service (which administers the Christmas Bowl Appeal) has established an Emergency Appeal. For further information christianworldservice@ncca.org.au or phone 02 9299 2215 or 1800 025 101. Of course the other aid agencies such as World Vision and Care Australia will have appeals I recommend as well.

The Old Testament reading today is from Exodus as we trace the ups and downs of Moses and the people of Israel on their journey to the "Promised Land". It is a reminder of our own journey of faith. In the story today Moses asks God's help and guidance as he leads the people. "Show me your ways", says Moses. The Lord replies "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest". The one thing God will not reveal is his glory! God will give grace and mercy but only the barest glimpse of God's glory will be seen because it is beyond human comprehension. We as Christians find the glimpses of God's glory in the authentic life of Jesus as he deals with cynical manipulation and trickery in today's gospel. The reading from Paul's

first letter to the Thessalonians reveals a glimpse of God's glory in the life of the Christian congregation in that place. Against considerable persecution and difficulty they were inspired by the Holy Spirit to be an example of Christian life.

Taxes are always a vexed issue! The tax question confronting Jesus related to taxes imposed by the Roman authorities. The disciples of the Pharisees would have been opposed to the Roman taxes because to pay indicated allegiance to Caesar. The Herodians were the supporters of Herod the king whose position was only guaranteed by the Romans and so they had a vested interest in supporting the Roman tax. It is interesting how Jesus steers between two political extremes to the heart of the matter. Yes! We do have a responsibility to our earthly rulers AS WELL AS our responsibility to God.

Rob Lamerton

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

(Excluding rental income)

Offerings received 9/10/05: \$933, EFT \$345, Shortfall this week \$177.
Parish Hall roof fund \$20.

Notices

Garage Sale

A Garage Sale is to be held on Saturday 22nd from 8am until midday to clear some of the furniture etc from the shed in readiness for the Fair.

All proceeds to the Twilight Fair. All Hands on Deck!!! Please.
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Annual Electoral Meeting 23rd October at 9-30am

Presently the Wardens are: Devin Combs Bowles, Sarah Gowty, Richard Wade.

Parish Councillors are: Elizabeth Allinson, James Kim, Brian McKinlay, Helen Palethorpe, Janine Studholme and Shane Woodburn.

Twilight Fair

+++++++Saturday 5th of November++++++

Please keep on selling those raffle tickets – see Roger for books of tickets and to return money and stubs

Can you make soup, rice dishes or other food on the day of the Fair? Please see Denise.

Jumping castle supervisor – would you like to do this?

Also needed – lots of helpers on the day & please see list in the foyer and write your name in the areas where you would like to help.

Flyers need distributing around the O'Connor/Turner/Lyneham neighbourhood – pick up your bundle and enjoy the exercise and fresh air as you help promote our big event. Please let us know where you've deposited the flyers so we don't cover the area twice.

Could all sewing & craft items be delivered to Ruth by Sunday 23-10-05 for sorting pricing & displaying etc

Envelopes marked "Donation to the Twilight Fair" and "Donation to the Parish Hall Roof Fund" are available in the foyer.

Thank you for the donations of plant pots for the plant stall. We now have enough. Your efforts greatly appreciated. Clive & Elizabeth.

PLEASE REMEMBER! In all your cooking and preparation for the Fair that FOR HEALTH REASONS the Parish Hall is a PEANUT FREE ZONE!

Working Bee for Fair Saturday 29th October 10am

Prayers for the sick – To help with our prayers please check the list on the table at the entrance and write any relevant information about those on the prayer list

Pandora's income last week \$535 – Reserved for future development

of the Parish & Pandora's.

Draw aside for a day of quiet and prayer. The day will be led by Susanna Pain, Anglican priest, spiritual director and experienced Retreat leader Saturday 22 October, 9.30am-4pm St Marks National Theological Centre, Blackall St, Barton Cost: \$10-\$20 donation. Information: Susanna Pain ph: 6248 6465 email: susanne.pain@bigpond.com

Graeme Garrett's book **Dodging Angels on Saturday: Or why being a theologian in the twentieth century seemed a good idea at the time** will be launched at St Mark's National Theological Centre, 15 Blackall Street Barton at 7.30pm Tues day 1 November 2005. It will be launched by Kerrie Hide, a renowned teacher and writer from the Australian Catholic University. Tel 6273 1572.

Members of St Philip's may use the parish membership of St Marks National Theological Library to borrow books. Please make sure you identify your self as a member of the parish and you will be issued with a Library card.

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

WE PRAY FOR:

The World For the many suffering as a result of earthquake in Kashmir, Pakistan and India and all efforts to bring relief. For stability and peace as the people of Iraq vote on their constitution.

Northbourne Community Centre: The visitors and friends who attend on Mondays

Give thanks for healing for: Meg Owens and Ben MacDonald.

Those in need of healing: : Rhyan Bloor, Val Reeves, Anne Marie Collins, Jana Combs, John Webley, Rebecca Bowman, Phoebe Gordon, Stella Cheah, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Glen Burns, Linda Kennedy, Ruth Horn, Sarona, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase.

Those who mourn: The family of Rob Clayton at the death of Rob's grandfather Fred.

The Departed: Give thanks for the life of Fred Clayton

The Saints: Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer (d.1845); Teresa of Avila, teacher (d.1592)

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

TODAY'S ROSTERS:

Readers:

8am: 1st Elizabeth Allinson 2nd Rhonda Evans

10am: 1st Denise Manley 2nd Pat Forbes

Sidespersons:

8am: John Cunliffe

10am: Hardy Palethorpe & helper!

Morning Tea 10am: Margaret & Washington

THIS WEEK

- **Monday** Rob's day off
- **Tuesday – Saturday** 7.15am & 5pm Morning/Evening Prayer
- **Tuesday** Rob at conference
- **Wednesday** 10.00am Holy Communion
7-30pm Parish Council meets at the Rectory
- **Thursday** 6pm Meal, Study and Meditation Group
- **Friday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open – Sandra and Joyce Braithwaite
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open – Ann and Felicity

SUNDAY 23 October 2005

8am & 10am Eucharist 5.30pm Evening Service

Readings:

- Deuteronomy 34.1-12
- Psalm 90:1-6 — page 318
- 1Thessalonians 2:1-13
- Matthew 22:34-46

Rosters:

Cleaning: Doreen Odom & Elizabeth Sillano

Flowers: Val Reeves

Readers:

8am: 1st.Shane Woodburn 2nd.Vanessa Tatham

10am: 1st.Joyce Webster 2nd.??

Sidespersons:

8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: Grace Barnes and Peter Andersson

Morning Tea 10am: Helen, Brian & James

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

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Wardens: Devin Combs Bowles, Richard Wade, Sarah Gowty

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