

# 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

## **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 25th September 2005 "Creation Sunday"**

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

Readings:

- Exodus 17.1-7
- Psalm 78:1-4, 11-16 — page 301
- Philippians 2 *or* 2:1-13
- Matthew 21:23-32

**September 25th is being observed as Creation Sunday  
Stephen Palethorpe will be speaking to us about Environmental  
Issues.**

At 10.00am Hymns: Together in Song  
**Organist:** Colin Forbes

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Greetings Everyone,

Today we observe CREATION SUNDAY and welcome Stephen Palethorpe to the pulpit to tell us some of the issues we face in Australia and beyond as we care for the world around us. Creation

Sunday is an opportunity to give thanks for the natural order and to think and pray about what is the most important aspect of our Stewardship of God's gifts.

ALSO TODAY from 11.00am until 1.00pm. Members of the parish are welcome to visit Tim and Shane Woodburn's new "Solar Passive" house at 20 Mulga Street, O'Connor and hear about elements of its design. Many thanks to Tim and Shane for their willingness to share their home with us !

Probably the main environmental issue for us in Canberra and Australia generally is the provision of water. Not only are there concerns in our cities but there is also a strong desire to monitor and restore river flows so that water systems can continue to operate and provide for trees birds animals and fish down stream. The cost of petrol at present must draw our attention to the use of energy, its renew-ability and the availability of its supply. This week the option to use ethanol from renewable sources along with petrol has been more and more an issue. Natural disasters such as the hurricanes Katrina and Rita have put hundreds of oil refineries in the USA out of action and limited the supply of fuel. We all seem to want to use more than we need. I find it difficult to understand how we can afford the economic growth we are told is necessary. We need to put back into the system as much as we take out for it to balance. Just how can we be better stewards of what God has given us?

The Fashion Parade at Pandora's at O'Connor yesterday was a reminder of the benefits of recycling. Not only does recycling save on the energy to create a new object but it often means we save quite a bit of money. I am a great believer in buying second hand or going to places such as Revolve. E-bay also offers a wonderful market place for recyclers.

As I read the first reading about Moses and the "water from the rock" I recall some words attributed to Bishop Burgmann who said that "Moses was a great bushman". It is easy to attribute the discovery of the water in the desert of Sin to a miracle but there are many factors involved. Evidently the Bedouin tribes of the area (like the aboriginal people of Australia) had a wonderful traditional knowledge of waterholes and oases and this event happened at or near one of these places. As in Australia although the land looks most inhospitable there is often an underground water source and Moses possibly from his time as a shepherd in the land of Midian may well have known the signs! I am not trying to say that the water was not God's provision! In fact EVERYTHING is God's gift but we always need to seek search and act to find and make use of these gifts.

Rob Lamerton

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

*(Excluding rental income)*

Offerings received 18/9/05: \$716.80, Church hire \$130, EFT \$345.

Shortfall this week \$263.20.

Also received: \$10 for Hall roof fund.

## Notices

**Sunday Evening Services at St Philip's 5.30pm.**

Worship tonight led by

**Twilight Fair**

[on November 5th]

Please pick up your books of 20 raffle ticket from Roger Sharp. Try to sell as many as you can before the Twilight fair. Return all money and ticket stubbs to Roger.

Prizes for the Cent Sale are also needed. Already pledged are tickets for The Messiah at Christmas and a dinner for two at Montezuma's Restaurant. Please let Roger know if you can donate a prize valued at \$50 or more... the sky's the limit!

Keep those jams coming – please weight your jars of jam and label with the contents and the weight. Jean Pound will price all preserves.

Still needed – a person to coordinate the Busking Competition, a site manager and someone to take charge of the stall named Kitchen creations – cakes and confectionery. Are any of these jobs for you? Please let Helen know.

Funds are available for ingredients for cakes and other food to be sold on the day. See Helen or Denise.

Envelopes to make monetary donations towards items needed for the Fair are available in the foyer as are envelopes to make donations for the roof appeal. All donations very gratefully received!

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When things are speeding up, draw aside for a day of quiet and prayer

Create space for peaceful reflection and attentiveness to God's spirit in your life.

Prayer and reflection at 9.30am (cuppa available from 9am),

Quiet time for prayer, journaling, walking, resting... Bring your own lunch to eat at your leisure. Session at 2pm, closing with Eucharist at 3.30pm

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:

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The Archbishop of Canterbury's address on the environment is at

[http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/sermons\\_speeches/050417.htm](http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/sermons_speeches/050417.htm)

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

Thanks to Sandy and the team from Pandora's at O'Connor for the great Fashion Parade!

Pandora's income last week \$128 - Reserved for future development of the Parish & Pandora's.

#### WE PRAY FOR:

**The World** For all who research environmental issues work to protect the world around us and for our own wise stewardship of creation. For those battling the effects of hurricane Rita in southern USA. For peace and security for the people of Iraq.

Northbourne Community Centre: All who attend the Monday lunch program

Thanks for healing for: Faye Pankhurst **Those in need of healing::**

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

**The Saints:** John Coleridge Patteson, first bishop of Melanesia, martyr(d.1871); Matthew, Apostle, evangelist and martyr; Sergius of Moscow, abbot and teacher (d.1392)

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

#### THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday - Saturday** 7.15am & 5pm  
Morning/Evening Prayer
- **Tuesday** 10.30am Holy Communion at  
Kankinya
- **Wednesday** 10.00am Holy Communion
- **Thursday** Meal, Study and Meditation Group
- **Friday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Grace  
& Sandra
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Pat &  
Beryl

#### SUNDAY 2 October 2005

8am & 10am Eucharist 5.30pm Evening Service

Readings:

- Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20
- Psalm 19 — page
- Philippians 3 *or* 3:4b-14
- Matthew 21.33-46

#### **Rosters:**

Cleaning: Leighton & Ruth

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

Readers:

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

10am: 1st Chris Cheah 2nd Beryl Holder

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Chris & Roger

Morning Tea 10am: Rhyanna & Amanda

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

Priest: Rev. Rob Lamerton. Ph 62478004 Fax 62307775

P.O. Box 6022 O'CONNOR A.C.T. 2602  
Wardens: Devin Combs Bowles, Richard Wade, Sarah Gowty

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