

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, Wednesday HC 10am

Sunday 23rd April 2006
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



8am and 10am Holy Communion

The service begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer book

Readings:

- Acts 4:32-37
- Psalm 133 page 365
- 1John 1:1-2.2
- John 20:19-31

Hymns at 10.00am: Together in Song: 372, 466, 239, 409

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Introit and Recessional — Prelude and Fugue in B flat major, Book 1 —
J.S. Bach

The Psalm cantor today at 10am is Brian McKinlay
Response: The Lord's blessing is life for ever

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

Dear Everyone,

Today is my last Sunday, as your priest and rector for a time! As I hand over the role to the Rev'd Rebecca Newland I will also hand over the keys to the church and parish car! I know you will give Rebecca and David a good experience of parish ministry among you. The Parish office has been returned to its old location but at this time we are awaiting the connection of the phone lines so please be patient as this gets sorted out.

We will also today be sending Noah Palethorpe off with our prayers as he goes for open heart surgery on May 1st. I'm sure we are aware just how stressful this must be for Rebecca and Stephen and of course for Elise and Jarrah as well as Hardy and Helen and all the Palethorpe clan. We offer little Noah to God for healing and strengthening in and through all of his treatment and surgery.

As we once again ponder the ANZAC story may we give thanks for the lives of those many who died in war and use the time to argue and work for peace.

Today is traditionally called Low Sunday after the crowds attending Easter Day celebrations last week! We however continue to celebrate the Risen Christ in the 7 weeks of Easter including Ascension and leading to Pentecost.

Today's gospel about the appearance of the risen Jesus among the disciples begins with the disciples behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. Then we have the presence of the Lord — Christ now among his followers, the gift of Peace and the breath of the Spirit for the sending of the disciples to declare both forgiveness and judgement. At least that is how I read the forgiving and retaining of the sins! It

seems to me that these are the measure of the presence of Christ in the midst of the church today - God's gift of peace, the breath of the Spirit and a people willing to tell of God's forgiveness as well as God's judgement oil the wrongs of this world!

The second part of the gospel story is for me the story of someone (Thomas) coming to faith through the pastoral care and concern of those who had experienced the presence of the risen Christ. For Thomas "seeing is believing" but the story is told for those who do not have the benefit of such an experience. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe". Indeed the whole gospel is written "so that you may come to believe"!

Two questions come to mind "Is Christ among us? — and "Is God's Spirit among us?" Surely if we experience and see the evidence of the fruit of the Spirit "Love Joy Peace Patience etc. etc." then Christ is among us! Then of course there needs to be the willingness to reach out to those with little or no faith like Thomas.

With Sandy and Gareth, I wish you a fond farewell and God's renewing love until we see you again in January! (Except for next Saturday night of course!)

Rob Lamerton

Weekly Offering/Income needed to operate our Parish \$1455 (excluding rental income)

Offerings received 16/4/06: \$1425.50 + EFT \$400

Good Friday, ABM \$184.60 Music \$254.80 CAMRA heating \$20

Notices

LAMERTON'S BON VOYAGE and WELCOME Rebecca and David & St Philip's Day

Parish POT LUCK Dinner: Saturday 29 April

Starting at 5pm with a sausage sizzle for young families. Please join us whenever you can. Bring a main or desert to share and come dressed in your "*Best of British*" to assist the Lamerton's transition to foreign shores! Tweeds, Bowlers etc!

Please confirm your attendance and numbers on the notice in the foyer.

St Philip's Garage Sale Saturday 6 May 8am - 12 noon

Volunteers needed please see Leighton for details.

**The Bishop of North Queensland Cyclone Appeal Fund
Donations should be sent direct to: PO Box 1244, Townsville
Queensland 4810.**

ST MARKS DAY LECTURE

24 April at 7.30pm in the Sulman Room, St Mark's National Theological Centre, Barton. The Archbishop of Adelaide will be addressing the topic "From Windsor to Where: The Future of Anglican Christianity".
(on this web site; our two "issues" pages have some background reading on this topic: [issues.html](#) and [issues1.html](#))

**CAMRA — Canberra Academy of Music and Related Arts
2006 Annual General Meeting at St Philip's Church on
Wednesday 3rd May 7-30pm**

The Centre for Ageing and Pastoral Studies — 3rd National Conference.

Ageing, Disability and Spirituality: Addressing the challenge of disability in later life.

26-29th September 2006 at The Brassey of Canberra in Barton ACT
Main speakers include Rev Malcolm Goldsmith - UK, Prof John Swinton -UK, Eileen Glass, Dr Jean Hollis, Rev Dr Laurence McNamara and Rev Dr Elizabeth MacKinlay. For further information contact Karen Woodward Ph: (02) 6273 8551 Fax (02) 6273 4067
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WE PRAY FOR:

The World: For peace and stability in the Solomon Islands and Nepal
In Australia: For wisdom for Australian authorities dealing with Asylum Seekers. (See the [Refugee Action Committee](#) web site) and for those facing the threat of cyclones in northern Australia.

Northbourne Community Centre: For Robin and her helpers.

Those in need of healing: Noah Palethorpe (preparing for surgery on May 1st), Michael Cockayne, Roy Arton, Raymond Nudilago, Anne Morris Bannerman, Shane Woodburn, Tony Kildea, Beryl Collins (Denise's mother), Corey Jansen, Ron Grimshaw, Clive Lowes, June Axelsen, Jill Scott, Yoko & Jutaro Murase, Noah Palethorpe, Rhyan Bloor, Val Reeves, Jana Combs, John Webley, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Linda Kennedy, Ruth Horn, Sarena, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt. **Especially pray for Ginninderra Gardens Nursing Home.**

Those mourning: John and Mandy and Heidi

The departed: Sylvia Flaxman

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

TODAY'S ROSTERS:

Cleaning: Doreen Odom

Flowers: Sandra Lamerton

Readers:

8am: 1st Peter Lindeman 2nd Vanessa Tatham

10am: 1st Linda Anchell 2nd Pat Forbes

Sidespersons:

8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: Helen Palethorpe, Brian McKinlay & James Kim

Morning Tea

10am Ann Munro

THIS WEEK

- **Monday** Rob's day off
- **Tuesday to Saturday** 8.30am Morning Prayer, 5pm Evening Prayer
- **Tuesday** 10.30am Kankinya Holy Communion
- **Wednesday** 10am Holy Communion
- **Friday** 10am - 1pm Pandora's Open — Barbara Dowley & Grace Barnes
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Kerry-Anne Cousins & Helen Palethorpe

SUNDAY 30th April 2006 8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- Acts 3:12-20
- Psalm 4 page 225
- 1John 2:15-17, 3:1-6
- Luke 24: 36-48

Rosters:

Cleaning: Volunteers

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

Readers:

8am: Clive Lowes

10am: 1st Adams family 2nd Grace Barnes

Sidespersons:

8am: Clive Lowes

10am: Hardy Palethorpe & Grace Barnes

Morning Tea

10am Kerry-Anne & Ian Cousins

Pandora's income 22.04.06: \$101.50 reserved for future development of the Parish and Pandora's
Please take a pewsheet home and pass one on to someone else.

Priest: Rev. Rebecca Newland (from 24th April). Ph 62478004 Fax 62307775
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Wardens: Denise Manley, Elizabeth Allinson and Hardy Palethorpe

correspondence willingly entered into.

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