

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

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Sunday 6th August 2006 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gaza Anglican Hospital Appeal

Emergency funds are needed for Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza in the current crisis.

Funds will be used for medicines, food, trauma recovery and generator fuel.

Call AnglicORD on 1800 249 880 or ABM on 1300 302 663

For more information or donate on line

www.anglicord.org.au . www.abm.asn.au

Download the report of the Archbishop in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

(a rich text file [Gaza_Appeal.rtf](#) 21KB)

More information at ABM

http://www.abmission.org/middle_east_church.html



8am Eucharist
10am Eucharist

The service begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer book

Readings:

- 2 Samuel 11: 26-12:13
- Psalm 51:1-12
- Ephesians 4: 1-16
- John 6:24-35

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Hymns (Together in Song): 472, 31 (for psalm), 692, 440, 569

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

Dear Everyone,

I have been pondering St. Philip's vision statement a great deal over the last few weeks as you know and lately I have been stuck on one small word — "be". Here is the whole statement again —

The vision of St. Philip's is to be a caring, Christian community which honours and embraces difference and offers a place to grow spiritually within the Anglican tradition.

This statement is not about "having" or "doing". It is about "being". Erich Fromm, the early 20th century psychotherapist whose work was influenced by both Marx and Freud, wrote about the distinction between doing and being. Fromm thought that the modern drive to possess more and more turned human beings themselves into a

commodity. While "having persons" rely on what they have, "being persons" rely on the fact that they are, that they are alive and that something new will be born if only they have the courage to let go and respond. "Being" is both about a state of existence and about more than we can imagine. It takes us into the realm of the transcendent and the possible. Our vision statement is a call to "be" a certain type of community. Not to possess, control, have, do, but to be a community that at its heart is "being" what it envisions. This takes us into the realm of integrity, honesty and above all relationships based on participants not possessing the truth but living the truth in word and deed.

You are probably aware that Fromm was a humanist. He called himself an "atheist mystic". Perhaps it seems strange to be quoting an atheist in a discussion about the vision of a Christian community. I find however that Fromm and others like him reflect some profound biblical truths. (This is not surprising since Fromm was brought up in a religious Jewish household!). When we consider the bible it is easy to be deceived into thinking that living a religious life is all about "doing" the right things, following the commandments of God and remaining faithful to the path we are called to walk. However our calling is much more than those things, critically important as they are. Our journey in the way of Jesus is about becoming a certain type of person — the person God leads, pushes and encourages us to grow into and beyond. Jesus calls us into a life of fullness — in all its aspects. It is a life that reflects the love and light of God. It is about mercy, compassion, justice, redemption and freedom. We can "do" those things to a certain extent. It is much more powerful and true when we eventually "be" those things. In Jesus Christ of course being and doing are perfectly integrated and at one. "Having" was only a small part of the bigger picture and served that greater purpose.

Fromm wrote "**Living is a process of continuous birth. The tragedy in the life of most of us is that we die before we are fully born**". Being a Christian, being a certain type of Christian community is a continuous process of becoming. In our baptism we are born into a new way of being, through water and through the spirit. Yet as we know that is not the end of it — although for some sadly it is. If we are committed, faithful and open then we continue to grow and change. Becoming ever more the community God knows we can "be". May our journey into our potential be joyous.

Have a great week everyone

Peace and Blessings

Rebecca Newland

Weekly Offering/Income needed to operate our Parish \$1455 per week
(excluding rental income)
Offerings received 30th July 2006: \$959.65 + EFT \$400 = \$1476 **Shortfall \$95.35**

Notices

Twilight Fair 3pm - 7pm 11 November 2006

97 days to go! Please see the notice board today for current details.
Gourmet Hamper, Art Competition, Handmade Items — let's make it happen!

Liturgy Team Meeting Sunday 13th August

Gospel Service

After the success of the last Gospel service that incorporated black American Gospel music, the liturgy team has decided to hold a similar service once a term.

The next one is to be held on the 20th of August. The theme is "Christ brings light." Invite all your friends! Tell your workmates! The music is wonderful and the energy fantastic.

Parish Dinner — Saturday 26th August

Launch of the Twilight Fair and the **Turning On of the Angel Lights!!!**
Potluck Dinner — please bring a Main or Dessert and BYO drinks.

Social Justice Expo

Saturday 12th of August 9.00 am — 4.30pm. Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton. This event is an opportunity to help people explore ways we can live with integrity, compassion and justice in our world. Presenters include Dr. Robert Fitzgerald AM, Sister Jane Keogh, Justice Ken Crispin and Ms Lin Hadfield Dodds. Registrations close Monday 31st of July. Ph 02 8838 8910 elm@nsw.uca.org.au

Theology and Life: Canberra Churches Centre Lectures **Bishop George Browning, Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn**

"Can the Tree of Life Survive Climate Change?"

7.30pm Tuesday 8 August 2006

Chapel Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture
15 Blackall Street Barton

Child Protection Workshops

St John's Reid, Tuesday the 16th September, 10am to 4pm. If you still need to do the Diocesan mandatory child protection workshop please consider putting the above workshop in your diary. The parish will cover the cost of the workshop and if you need a baby sitter

please contact Rebecca to arrange some help.

Ministry teams at St Philip's

Team

Pastoral
Maintenance
Youth and Children
Liturgy
Social

Co-ordinator

Denise Manley
Roger Sharpe
Richard Wade
Rebecca Newland
Ann Munro



WE PRAY FOR:

The World: For peace and stability in Palestine and Israel, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Solomon Islands, East Timor and Nepal, and for justice in Myanmar. For an end to the violence in Lebanon. For all refugees. For unity between all Christians and Christian churches.

In Australia: For wisdom for Australian authorities dealing with Asylum Seekers. (See the [Refugee Action Committee](#) web site) For Aboriginal communities and for reconciliation.

Northbourne Community Centre: For Robin and her helpers, and those who attend the centre.

Those in need of healing: Michael Cockayne, Roy Ayrton, Tony Kildea, Beryl Collins (Denise's mother), Corey Jansen, June Axelsen, Jill Scott, Yoko and Jutaro Murase, Val Reeves, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Linda Kennedy, Ruth Horn, Sarona, Merv McInnes, Mira Barratt.

The Departed: Dhruva Jyoti (Jyo) Sen 2/8/94, Mary Reid 6/8/94

The Saints: Dominic, priest and friar (d. 1221); Mary Sumner, founder of the Mother's Union (d.1921); Laurence, deacon and martyr at Rome (d. 258); Clare of Assisi (d. 1252); John Henry Newman, cardinal & theologian, (d. 1890)

"May the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory."

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

THIS WEEK

- **Monday to Wednesday** 8.30am Morning Prayer, 5pm Evening Prayer
- **Tuesday** 10.30am Kankinya Holy Communion
5:30 - 6:30pm: Christian Meditation
- **Wednesday** 10am Holy Communion
- **Friday** Rebecca's Day Off
- **Friday** 10am - 1pm Pandora's Open — Rhonda Evans & Joyce Webster
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Ann Munro

Next Sunday 13th August 2006 8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- 2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 14, 31-33
- Psalm 130
- Ephesians 4: (17-24) 25 - 5:2
- John 6:35, 41-51

Rosters:

Cleaning: Doreen Odom & Elizabeth Sillano

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

8am:

Sidespersons: John Cunliffe

Readers: Rhonda Evans

10am:

Sidespersons: Hardy Palethorpe & Leighton Mann

Readers: 1st Sarah Gowty, 2nd Jean Pound
Children's Ministry: Fiona & Ben Dyer
Morning Tea: Genevieve Hassall & Margaret Woodbridge

Pandora's income from 28th & 29th July: \$227.00 (Reserved for future development of the Parish & Pandora's)

During August \$2 SALE!

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