

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 27th August 2006 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



8am Eucharist

10am Eucharist

The service begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer book

Readings:

- 1Kings 8:22-30, 41-43
- Psalm 84
- Ephesians 6:10-20
- John 6:56-69

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Hymns (Together in Song): 432, 692, 585, 626

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

Dear Everyone,

(Continuing reflections on our vision statement)

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Community has been a bit of an in word for a couple of decades now. Once upon a time we didn't need it spelt out, facilitated, monitored, funded or created. It just was. However in our fragmented post-modern, individualistic culture "community" has become somewhat of an endangered species. Which makes it a courageous and none too easy step that a church like St. Philip's would have a desire to be a "caring Christian community", and not just any type of community, a Christian community.

All types of "communities" in our society are struggling with surviving and maintaining relevance — sporting clubs, political parties, scouting groups are just some examples. There is too a new force on the block that competes for stretched loyalties — on-line communities. People now spend literally hours in front of a computer screen building relationships, achieving common goals with their cyber friends scattered all over the globe. You can in fact go to church on line and even take communion, well figuratively speaking. Never before has any Church been struggling to be a Christian Community in such a situation.

Yet I'd encourage us all to take heart. We all know of churches that are less than life giving places to be but a Christian community that truly lives out its commitment to the gospel and its message of full life, love and reconciliation is a powerful, meaningful, extraordinary force for good in the world around us. It has been said that a Christian Church is one of the few places left in the Western world where people of all ages and backgrounds come together. It is one of the few places left where there can be a rigorous critique of social and political policies that undermine the integrity of creation and the value of all human beings. It is one of the few places where the ancient story of our fundamental connection to our loving God is told and re-told. It is one of the few places left where people can come together and move beyond self-centred and self generated concerns to consider the bigger perspective from God's perspective — at least that is our hope and prayer.

In a Christian community there is communication and communion. It is a place of not only belonging but a challenge to be "light" and "salt" communicating the message of Jesus and bound to each other in peace and love. Despite its potential failings I believe a Christian

community is wonderful, life giving place to land and belong!

In the Australian Anglican Church today is also a national Day of Prayer for Refugees.

There are estimated to be over 20 million refugees worldwide (UNHCR statistics). These are our fellow human beings escaping from war, violence and poverty, desperately trying to find safe places to live. Opposite is a prayer for refugees that you might like to use this day, and into the coming week.

Peace and Blessings.

Rebecca Newland

Weekly Offering/Income needed to operate our Parish \$1455 per week,
excluding rental income.

Offerings received 20th August: \$504.05 + EFT \$400=\$904 **Shortfall of \$ 549**

Notices

Twilight Fair 3pm - 7pm 11 November 2006

76 days to go! Please see the notice board today for current details.
Tickets available for Gourmet Hamper raffle. Canvases available for Art Competition, Handmade Items requiring hand sewing available — let's make it happen!

Fred needs ice cream containers for the money; about twenty! (one per stall)

PANDORA'S

SPRING FASHIONS ARRIVE SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

Join us for a champagne brunch to celebrate!
11.30am

Reminder = Liturgy Team Meeting Sunday 27th August (NEXT Sunday) *didn't happen!, try again later!*

Gospel Service has been POSTPONED due to various illnesses
Now happening on the Synod weekend. September 10th.

Child Protection Workshops

St Peter's Anglican Church, 14 Backler Place, Weston

Tuesday the 16th September, 9.45am 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.

Reading Reflections

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12.00pm a time has been set aside for a look at the day's readings. It is a time to reflect more deeply on the readings, to share with friends and to build faith and community.

A PRAYER FOR REFUGEES

Compassionate God, make your loving presence felt to refugees,

torn from home, family and everything familiar.

Warm, especially, the hearts of the young, the old, and the most vulnerable among them.

Help them know that you accompany them as you accompanied Jesus, Mary and Joseph in their exile to Egypt.

Lead refugees to a new home and a new hope, as you led the Holy Family to their new home in Nazareth.

Open our hearts to receive them as our sisters and brothers in whose face we see your son, Jesus. Amen.

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



The World: For peace and stability in Palestine and Israel, Iraq, Afghanistan, and for justice in Myanmar. For the peace agreement between the LRA and government in Uganda. For an end to the violence in Lebanon and implementation of the UN resolution. 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, Sarona, Merv McInnes, Mira Barratt, Pat Forbes, Ruth Newland, Denise Manley

The Departed: John Gamble (22/8/93)

The Saints: Augustine of Hippo, bishop and teacher (d. 430); John Bunyan, preacher, spiritual writer. (d 1688); Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop and missionary (d 651); Martyrs of New Guinea (d 1942)

"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 — Margaret Woodbridge & Fay Pankhurst
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Beryl Blaseotto & Ian Cousins

SUNDAY 3rd September 2006

8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- Song of Songs 2:8-13
- Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9
- James 1: 17-27
- Mark 7: 1-8, 14-23

Rosters:

Cleaning: Ellen Uruh & Sally Adams

Flowers: Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

8am:

Sidespersons: John Girdlestone

Readers: John Girdlestone

10am:

Sidespersons: Chris cheah & Roger Sharp

Readers: 1st Chris Cheah, 2nd Helen Palethorpe

Children's Ministry: Peter Brandon & Nick Myburgh

Morning Tea: Volunteers Please!

Pandora's income from 18th & 19th August: \$169.50 (Reserved for future development of the Parish & Pandora's)

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