

# 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

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

## Sunday 3rd December 2006 ADVENT SUNDAY



**8am Eucharist**

**10am Eucharist**

*The service begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer book*

Readings:

- Jeremiah 33:14-16
- Psalm 25:1-10
- 1Thessalonians 3:9-13
- Luke 21:25-38

**10am Hymns:** [TIS](#) 283, 272, 265, 268

**Organist/Pianist:** Colin Forbes

**Soloist:** Brian McKinlay

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

Dear Everyone, Welcome to St. Philips!

Happy New Year!! It is the season of Advent, the time to get ready for the coming Jesus Christ. Over the next 4 Sundays we will be focussing on the four traditional themes of — Hope , Peace, Joy and Love. Not only that but each Sunday will be a different preacher. Peace and Brian McKinlay go together, Joy and Chris Cheah are a match and love and Linda Anchell are paired up for the day before Christmas and I have hope! I am sure we will all be blessed by our preachers' words.

Thankyou to everyone for a wonderful Advent dinner on Friday night especially the singers "In the Mood" — fantastic!

"Advent" comes from the Latin word adventus, which means "visit" or "coming" or "arrival. " The season of Advent is a time to get ready for the two "visits" of Christ: His first coming through the Incarnation, and His second coming as the reigning Lord.

Advent is a season of hope, and who doesn't need hope today? Yet the hope of Advent isn't like other kinds of hope. We can hope that the economy will be strong, that terrorists won't injure us, and that the avian flu won't kill us. But, honestly, we can't be sure of any of these things. Advent hope is not wishful thinking. On the one hand, when we remember the hope of Israel, we know that God has fulfilled that hope in the birth of Jesus the Messiah. On the other hand, we look forward to the time when Christ will return and complete the task of restoring creation. We embrace this hope with the confidence of faith.

Advent hope empowers us to live today with greater gusto. We seek to love, knowing that Love will one day be victorious over hate. We see justice, knowing that the Just Judge will one day make all things right. In the third verse of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" one of the few well known Advent hymns we sing of this hope with faithful assurance:

O come, O dayspring come and cheer  
Our spirits by your advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel

Peace and Blessings

Rebecca Newland

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

Offerings received 26th November: \$789.10 + EFT \$400=\$1189.10     **Shortfall** \$265.90

## Notices

### BETTER BITS

Many heartfelt thanks to all those who donated their treasures — not quite as many diamond rings and tiaras as last year, but you all did very well! Not only did we raise a nice sum of money, but the main aim of recycling our "stuff" was achieved in a pleasurable way. Please think of BB over the festive season when you may accumulate treasures from Santa you may not need.

I can store small items during the year. Kerry-Anne



(ABM Weekly Pew Reflections 2006)

Be watchful and alert, always prayerful. How can we sustain a balanced life in mission, being awake and alive in God's love and open for surprise? The fulfillment of God's purpose is always more than we can imagine! When more and more people depend on antidepressants, as Christians can we keep our heads up, confident, attentive, thoughtful, faithful, strengthened in right living, abounding in love? Pray that we may be watchful and alert, yet still remain open to the surprises God gives us in our lives.

Pray for the people, clergy, bishops and ministries of the Anglican Church in Korea

### PASTORAL CARE TRAINING 2007

Become a pastoral carer in your community

*Affirm the power of Love and Care through the Spirit of God in the Community.*

Applications are invited for people in Canberra and Region to train as Pastoral Carers in their local community. Training begins from March

2007 at introductory, basic and advanced levels in Canberra, Young, Goulburn and on the South Coast.

For more information and application forms contact:  
Lyn Kelly (02)6244 2261 or lyn.kelly@act.gov.au

The Canberra and Region Centre for Spiritual Care and Clinical Pastoral Education Inc.,  
The Canberra Hospital

## St Philip's and CAMRA – Coming Events 2006

- 8 & 10 December CAMRA presents Handel's "[Messiah](#)"
- 21 December 7.30pm Carol Service and supper
- 22nd December 8pm CAMRA presents a recital by *Amanda Forbes* (Amanda's only 2006 Australian performance.)
- Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve  
morning eucharists, 8am & 10am  
7pm Children's Christmas Service  
11pm Carols  
11.30pm Midnight Mass
- Christmas Day 9am Holy Communion
- Saturday 27th Jan 8am-12noon Garage Sale

### WE PRAY FOR:

**The World:** For peace and stability in Palestine and Israel, Iraq, Afghanistan, and for justice in Myanmar. For a resolution to the political instability in Thailand. For all refugees. For a consensus and way to deal with climate change. For unity between all Christians and Christian churches. For interfaith dialogue and understanding.

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

affected by drought.

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

**Those in need of healing:** Anne Ranse, Michael Cockayne, Roy Ayrton, Tony Kildea, Corey Jansen, Jill Scott, Yoko and Jutaro Murase, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Linda Kennedy, Sarona, Merv McInnes, Mira Barratt, John Cunliffe, Ruth Newland, Kitty Junior, Michael Ellis, Maximina Quintana, David, Marion, Vicki, Moya and Joyce Braithwaite, Peter Andersson

**The Saints:** Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, man of prayer (d.1637); Nicholas of Myra, bishop and philanthropist (d.c.342); Ambrose of Milan, bishop and teacher (d.397); Richard Baxter, pastor and spiritual writer (d.1691)

*"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

#### **SUNDAY 10th December 2006 8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist**

Readings:

- Malachi 3: 1-14
- Song of Zechariah — page 10
- Philippians 1:1-11
- Luke 3: 1-6

**Rosters:**

Cleaning: Doreen Odom & Elizabeth Sillano

Flowers: Jeanette

**8am:**

Sidespersons: John Cunliffe

Reader: Elizabeth Allinson

**10am:**

Sidespersons: Leighton & Hardy

Readers: 1st Sarah Gowty, 2nd Fiona Dyer

Children's Ministry: Fiona & Ben Dyer

Morning Tea: Genevieve Hassall & Margaret Woodbridge

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*Pandora's income from 24th & 26th November: \$..... (Reserved for future development of the Parish & Pandora's)*

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