

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.

| [Advent Calendar](#) |

Sunday 10th December 2006 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



8am Eucharist

10am Eucharist

The service begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer book

Readings:

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

10am Hymns: [TIS](#) 398, 270, 607, 122

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Soloist: Linda Anchell

["Veni, veni, Emmanuel"](#) (O come, O come, Emmanuel)

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

Dear Everyone, Welcome to St. Philips!

Firstly a special welcome to Brian McKinlay who is our preacher for this second Sunday of Advent. Our theme today is peace. I don't I know about you but as I walk through the shopping malls and look at my bulging diary I do not see many signs of peace in this season of good cheer. I was disturbed, but not surprised, to hear on the radio that there is such a thing as "check-out rage". Similar to "road rage" but caused by slow check out operators and customers, not slow drivers. Of course any type of rage is not "caused" by some other poor human being. It derives from how we react to the world around us. I think this is one reason Jesus talked so strongly about the fact that it was what was in our heart that caused us to 'sin'. If to sin is to miss the mark, then impatience, stress, resentment, tiredness, glitz, glitter and sensory overload of all types, will surely put our aim off. Petrarch of the 15th century wrote *"Five enemies of peace inhabit with us — avarice, ambition, envy, anger, and pride; if these were to be banished, we should infallibly enjoy perpetual peace."*

I am not sure what the answer is in our time of overt materialism but I do think we need to be much more conscious about our actions, breath more and decide to not get caught up in the maelstrom. Saying "no" to yet one more party or the urge to buy yet one more "special" Christmas thing might be a couple of options. Perhaps I sound like a killjoy. I hope I don't, as this truly is a time of hope, peace, joy and love. However, we feel hope, joy and love when our being is peaceful — and we must work at peace. It is not just the absence of aggression and violence. It is a state of heart and mind, an inner sense of calm. A peaceful heart is one that is free from worry and trouble. It is learning to live in the present. Martin Luther King famously said *"Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal."* My hope and pray for us all is that as followers of the Prince of Peace we will live peace in each moment of our day. Our partners, our children, our friends our church community, our work mates and ourselves will surely benefit.

This afternoon, at 2:30 pm, little Ruby Mitchell is being baptized at St. Philips. If you are able, come along and welcome Ruby into our family Also there is a sign up sheet at the back of the church to do a reading at the carol service and Christmas services ...take your pick!

Peace and Blessings

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

Offerings received 3rd December: \$1136 + EFT \$400=\$1536 **No Shortfall**

Notices



(ABM Weekly Pew Reflections 2006)
Paradoxically there is delight in judgement. The judgement of a God whose mission is justice for the oppressed. There is judgement for those who withhold in giving of themselves. Being a fruitful messenger of hope in an unjust world flows from wholehearted giving and receiving. Our journey with God is one of reciprocal process — "return to me and I will return to you..." (ABM Weekly Pew Reflections 2006)

Pray that each of us may be fruitful messengers of the Gospel

Pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, its bishops, clergy and people.

Jerusalem & Middle East Appeal

At this year's Synod a motion was passed affirming the diocese's support for the bishops, priests and people of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. So this was more than just sentiment, it was agreed to raise \$30,000 for the church there. To reach that target each church in our diocese would have to raise at least \$500. Parish

Council has sent \$500 to the ABM Gaza Hospital appeal as our contribution. To balance our budget we will be running a retiring collection throughout December. Please help us support this extraordinarily worthwhile appeal. The basket will be at the back of the church.

St Philip's and CAMRA — Coming Events 2006

- TONIGHT last performance (10th Dec) CAMRA

presents Handel's "[Messiah](#)"

- 21 December 7.30pm Carol Service and supper
Followed by supper in the courtyard. Please bring a plate of food to share.
- 22nd December 8pm CAMRA presents a recital by
Amanda Forbes
(Amanda's only 2006 Australian performance.)
- Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:
8am & 10am Holy Communion
CHRISTMAS EVE
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, Judy and Denis Daly and Joyce Braithwaite, Peter Andersson

The Departed: Peter Blaseotto d.10/12/03; & Joseph Horace Heaton

d.13/12/88

The Saints: Lucy, martyr and virgin (d.304); John of the Cross, mystic and teacher (d.1591)

"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 — Meg Colwell & Joan Kerridge
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Fiona Dyer

SUNDAY 10th December 2006 8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- Zephaniah 3:14-20
- Song of Isaiah - page 391
- Philippians 4:4-7
- Luke 3:7-18

Rosters:

Cleaning: Rhonda Evans & Barbara Dowley

Flowers: Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

8am:

Sidespersons: volunteer

Reader: volunteers

10am:

Sidespersons: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson

Readers: 1st Ann Munro, 2nd Ashton Robinson

Children's Ministry: Genevieve Hassall & Richard Wade

Morning Tea: James Kim & Roger Sharp

Pandora's income from 1st & 2nd December: \$154.50 (Reserved for future development of the Parish & Pandora's)

Priest-in-charge: Rev. Rebecca Newland. Ph 6161 7334 Fax 6161 7322

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