

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 17th December 2006 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT



8am Eucharist

10am Eucharist

The service begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer book

Readings:

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

10am Hymns: [TIS](#) 61, 263, 552, 266

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Soloist: Alison Knight

"My Lord, What a Morning"

"Sing Ye a Joyful Song" — Dvorak

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

Dear Everyone,

Welcome to St. Philips!

Firstly, a special welcome to Chris Cheah who is our preacher for this third Sunday of Advent. Our theme today is Joy! Joy is of course one of the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit mentioned in Galatians 5. The others are love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. For me joy conjures up visions of jumping up and down when something wonderful has happened or the feeling you get when you hear the Hallelujah chorus from the Messiah! It can also be that deep feeling of happiness that moves you to tears. However in the New Testament joy is more than a feeling. It is both an attitude of mind and an action built on faith and trust in God. It is something we can have in our lives through the grace of God.

There's plenty of reason in the world in which we live to be sad, distressed, disturbed, upset, concerned, anxious, stressed out, full of fear, doubt... but not for the Christian. We are commanded to rejoice always. And that's not an isolated command... seventeen times in Paul's letter to the Philippians alone he talks about joy. Just a few of those come to mind. In Philippians chapter 2, Paul says things like "Even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all and you too rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me," no matter what's going on. Even if I am a prisoner and even if I might lose my life and wind up being a sacrifice to get the gospel to you, I rejoice, I share my joy with you, I expect you to rejoice and share your joy with me. In chapter 4 verse 4, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say rejoice." The actual Greek tense is present which basically means we are meant to rejoice in every moment of every day.

How can we possibly rejoice always? It sounds unrealistic and very pie in the sky. However this joy is built on faith and trust, in the knowledge that in Jesus Christ we have the surest ground for joy.

Part of Jesus' message was that we were not to worry or stress or despair but to rest in the love of God. In Advent our joy is part of the certainty we have that Christ has come, is present and will come again. Joy also comes when we align ourselves with God and God's ways and love as Christ loves.

The St. Philip's "Friendly Ladies" have been doing their bit to spread some Advent joy with the donation of a Christmas hamper and presents to those in need. Thank-you to the ladies for their generosity.

Peace and Blessings

Rebecca Newland

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

Offerings received 10th December: \$734.50 + EFT \$400=\$1134.50 **Shortfall** \$320.00

Notices

CHRISTMAS AT St Philip's

- Thursday 21 December 7.30pm Carol Service and supper
Followed by supper in the courtyard. Please bring a plate of food to share.
- Friday 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

2007:

January 7th
Rebecca's last services

January 14th
Rob's return

January 27th
8am to 12 noon Garage Sale

February 17th
Rebecca's induction at St Alban's



(ABM Weekly Pew Reflections 2006)

The end of judgement is near and there is rejoicing in the hope of renewal, of victory, of peace and safety, of healing and restoration. These realities are more than words that can become empty, over familiar religious jargon. This song of hope is embodied in justice, in action, in sharing our coats and food and our life nergy. The message of hope is to be fulfilled in the one who is Good News, who baptizes us with the Holy Spirit and fire to be Good News too, walking in the way.

Pray that we may be generous of heart.

Give thanks for the Anglican Health Service in PNG

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.

Ministry teams at St Philip's

Priest: Rev's Rebecca Newland

Wardens: Denise ManleyJP, Elizabeth Allinson & Hardy Palethorpe

Team

Pastoral

Maintenance

Youth and Children

Liturgy

Social

Co-ordinator

Denise Manley(JP)

Roger Sharpe

Richard Wade

Rebecca Newland

Ann Munro

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: Thomas, Apostle and Martyr

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

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
- **Thursday** 7.30pm Lessons & Carols
- **Friday** Rebecca's Day Off
- **Friday** 10am - 1pm Pandora's Open — Barbara Dowley & Erika Langman
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Charity Mapoko & Doreen Odom

SUNDAY 10th December 2006 8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- Micah 5:2-5
- Song of Mary - page 31
- Hebrews 10:5-10
- Luke 1:39-45

Rosters:

Cleaning: Rhonda Evans & Barbara Dowley

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

8am:

Sidespersons: Ian Rischbieth

Reader: Shane Woodburn

10am:

Sidespersons: James Kim, Brian McKinlay & Helen Palethorpe

Readers: 1st Brian McKinlay, 2nd Stephen Billett

Children's Ministry: *school holidays*

Morning Tea: Ann Munro

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