

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, 5-30pm Evening Service. Wednesday HC 10am

Epiphany 6, 12th February 2006



**Jesus the epiphany of God who heals and restores!
8am & 10.00am Holy Communion**

The service begins on page 119 of the green prayer book

Readings:

- 2Kings 5: 1-14
- Psalm 30 page 249
- 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
- Mark 1:40-45

Hymns at 10.00am: Together in Song: 516, 609, 598, 692

Organist: Colin Forbes

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

Dear Everyone,

Thanks to all who made the Confirmation a memorable occasion last week! Many people have commented on the spirit of the worship and the quality "brunch". which followed! As well as our confirmees there were some other 'stars' — Tevin was a great crucifer and then there was 'bishop' Chelsea! Then there was the catering team Ann, Margaret, Leighton and Ruth (behind the scenes!). Please wear a pink shirt next time Leighton! All went well to make it a special day! Thanks to Bishop George who made everyone relax!

Last week we also had the Rev'd Jeannette being a very capable Deacon in the sanctuary. I don't know if you noticed but Jeannette set up the vessels for Communion and then cleaned them up afterwards leaving the bishop to get on with the prayers. It all reminded me of my time at St Paul's when the servers and liturgical assistants removed the vessels to a side altar to quietly consume any consecrated bread and wine and wash the vessels.

There are so many things we could do to add to the smooth running of our worship. I hope that my trip overseas will give me some fresh ideas for our life as a parish. I know Jeannette is planning to travel to the Iona Community and will have plenty of ideas to add to the way we presently do things. Of course any changes must enhance the meaning of what we do as well as help us deal with the practical issues of how we worship as a parish community! I would never want to abandon the Eucharist or Holy Communion as the focus of our Sunday worship but there must be ways of making it speak more meaningfully to us!

While talking about the our worship the Parish Council on Wednesday evening decided to cease the 5.30pm Evening Prayer on Sundays. After quite some months the attendances were very rarely more than a few hardy souls and the time spent in preparation and travel seemed to be wasted. It is right that we should concentrate on our Sunday morning worship for the time being and work towards the possibility of an evening service in the future. Thanks to our Lay Ministers for their time and effort!

In the reading from Mark's gospel today Jesus heals a man who has leprosy. Fortunately leprosy is much better understood today and with modern medical help the disease and its terrible side effects can be controlled and managed The modern approach of

organizations such as the Leprosy Mission is inspired by such stories and is possible because of the removal of the fear of the illness. Today of course treatment is medical and surgical as well as via other therapies! Jesus in the story breaks down the barriers of fear and rejection by touching the man. Surely the breaking down of fear of any illness is at the heart of finding a cure. I think of those who pioneered the treatment of HIV and AIDS and now those who research an answer for Bird Flu.

Rob Lamerton

Weekly offering/income needed to operate our Parish \$1455
(Excluding rental income)

Offerings received 5/2/06: \$1040.20, EFT \$400 — **shortfall \$14.80**

Notices

ST PHILIP'S ANNUAL GENERAL AND ELECTORAL MEETING
Is only one month away on 5th March! Reports need to be in by next Sunday to allow for printing and publishing by 26th February. Your nominations of Wardens and Parish councillors are also needed. There will be proposals this year to change the structure and operation of the Parish Council to enable more effective operation.
Nomination forms are available in the porch.

Annual Reports are not yet piling up on my desk! Please get them in soon!

Welcome back to Colin and Pat Forbes! Home for a rest!

NEW SETS OF PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

FOR THOSE WHO PREFER TO USE THEM!

Please put your name on the list if you take a set of envelopes!
FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR "ANGLICAN DIRECT", which is administered by the Anglican Development Fund.

OR

YOU MAY LIKE TO USE INTERNET BANKING! Information sheets with the appropriate account numbers are also available

Anglican Board of Missions Project Book for 2006

The "Partners" magazine has information on p.30 about the Toungoo Clean Water Project which has been one of our mission projects over the last few years. Phase two of the project has come to completion but it has benefited more than 3000 people from 14 villages. The project book also tells about the change of emphasis in the ongoing partnership with the Toungoo Diocese in Myanmar. My hope is that we will continue to give our support to this project as we consider our Mission programs for the year.

Room required in O'Connor for a woman from Adelaide coming to be near her daughter for the birth of her baby. Talk to Rob L.

Positions Vacant:..... sometime/part-time/full-time/relief
(not just desperate housewives and dutiful husbands!)

Church Cleaning — phone Janine Studholme 6241 5894
Morning Tea Roster — phone Margaret Woodbridge 6248 0056
Gardens and Grounds — Fr. Rob
Flower Roster — Sandra Lamerton 6161 8606
"Pandora's at O'Connor" — Sandra Lamerton 6161 8606

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WE PRAY FOR:

The Church: as the [World Council of Churches meet. see:](http://www.wcc-assembly.info/)
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The World: For peace and stability in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Stable government for Palestinians. For wisdom for all who negotiate with Iran over nuclear power and an end to war in Iraq.

In Australia: For students and teachers returning to schools, colleges and universities.

Northbourne Community Centre: For Robin and helpers.

For those confirmed last week: Xanthe, Bree, Karinne, Clare and Bridget.

Those in need of healing: Anne Morris Bannerman, Myrle Bovis, Beryl Collins (Denise's mother), Corey Jansen, Ron Grimshaw, Clive Lowes, June Axelsen, Jill Scott, Yoko Murase, Noah Palethorpe, Rhyan Bloor, Val Reeves, Jana Combs, John Webley, Rebecca Bowman, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Linda Kennedy, Ruth Horn, Sarona,

Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase.

The departed: Nancy Ingle (d.9/2/61), Alison Done (d.10/2/53).

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

TODAY'S ROSTERS:

Readers:

8am: 1st Elizabeth Allinson 2nd Rhonda Evans

10am: 1st Denise Manley 2nd Pat Forbes

Sidespersons:

8am: John Cunliffe

10am: Hardy & Leighton

Morning Tea 10am:

THIS WEEK

- **Monday** Rob's day off
- **Tuesday to Saturday** 8.30am Morning Prayer, 5pm Evening Prayer
- **Wednesday** 10am Holy Communion
- **Friday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Joan Kearidge & Kerry-Anne Cousins
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Volunteer

SUNDAY 19th February 2006

8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings:

- Isaiah 43: 18-25
- Psalm 41 page 264
- 2 Corinthians 1:16-22
- Mark 2:1-12

Rosters:

Cleaning: Rhonda Evans & Barbara Dowley
Flowers: Jeanette McHugh

Readers:

8am: 1st Peter Lindeman 2nd Vanessa Tatham

10am: 1st Sarah Gowty (LA) 2nd Washington Oloo

Sidespersons:

8am: Clive Lowes

10am: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson

Morning Tea 10am:

Pandora's income 3 & 4.02.06: \$290.90 reserved for future development of the Parish and Pandora's

Please take a pewsheet home and pass one on to someone else.

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