

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

[Advent Calendar](#)

Sunday 1st January 2006 NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS



8am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion and Baptism of Phoebe Ellen Cardell
The Eucharist begins on page 119 of the green prayer book

Readings:

- Numbers 6:22-27
- Psalm 8, page 229
- Galatians 4:4-7
- Luke 2:15-21

Organist: Shirley Barrett

Greetings Everyone,

Welcome to 2006 and Happy New Year! May I also continue to wish you Happy Christmas! Although the world around us has largely forgotten Christmas and turned its attention to the New Year, we continue to celebrate Christmas from Christmas Day until Epiphany (traditionally on January 6th) celebrated here next Sunday!

Welcome especially to Phoebe Ellen Cardell who will be baptised at the 10am Eucharist today! We have come to know Stuart and Janet and Lachlan over the last few weeks as they have worshipped with us. We welcome Sally and Peter with Karen — Phoebe's godparents, as well as Janet's family from Perth! It seems we are building quite a connection with Perth lately.

Every year on the 1st January the New Year celebrations seem to take precedence but also on the 1st every year the Church calendar reminds us to celebrate "The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus" as part of the observances of the Christmas Season. Normally the first Sunday of Christmas focuses on the Holy Family with stories of Mary and Joseph and Jesus' younger years but this year the first Sunday coincides with The Naming and Circumcision

The coinciding of the three — New Year's Day, Naming and Circumcision, and the Baptism of Phoebe give us plenty of food for thought. They are all about new beginnings, starting a journey, about faith and commitment and looking to the future. As we begin the New Year the plans for New Year resolutions take shape as we plan to remedy the mistakes of past years and do better in the year ahead.

The Law of Moses called for three ceremonies to follow the birth of a male child. For Jesus, as for all Jewish boys, the first ceremony of circumcision took place on the eighth day (Leviticus 12, Exodus 13:12 Numbers 18:16) and was also the occasion of the naming of the child. Jesus is the Greek version of the Hebrew 'Joshua' and means 'the Lord is salvation'. There is a certain sense of individual calling in the naming ceremony as well as the calling into the covenant People of God through circumcision. The second ceremony in the case of the first-born was the rite of redemption. After forty

days the third ceremony was the rite of purification for the mother who was regarded as ritually unclean and disqualified from public worship until a sacrifice was offered at this event.

In baptism we have a simple naming as well as the baptism in the name of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. There is I believe a calling similar to circumcision — as an individual Christian AND as a member of the Christian Community. The concept of a Christian community which encourages, supports and cares and does many other things for its members is as important an element of baptism as that of the family and godparents and the individual's commitment.

Rob Lamerton.

Pandora's "All January \$2.00 Sale begins on Friday 6th January!!!!

Weekly offering/income needed to operate our Parish \$1455
(Excluding rental income)
Offerings received 25/12/05: \$1063.35 plus EFT \$400, Missions \$111.50,
Also received: Christmas Bowl \$125, Anglicare Angels \$10,
Northbourne Christmas Party \$100

Notices

The Man at the Gate

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into
the hand of God.

That shall be to you better than the light and safer than a known
way!"

So I went forth and finding the hand of God
Trode gladly into the light.

by M Louise Haskins

[The prose was used at the funeral of Her Majesty the Queen

Mother on 2 April 2002.
Her husband, King George VI, started his Christmas address to
the nation in 1939 with it as well.]

Anglicare Christmas Appeal

Please collect your Anglicare Angels, Angel Pens, Flashing Angels and Silver pens while they are still available! Money may be placed in the box with the pens!

Those not purchased will be returned to Anglicare very soon.

Over the next few weeks!

I will be on leave from Tuesday 3rd January and returning Tuesday 17th.

On Sunday 8th January The Rev'd Jeannette McHugh will be presiding and preaching. That day will be our observance of Epiphany!

On Sunday 15th January The Rev'd Doug Bannerman will preside and preach at the Eucharist at 8.00am and 10.00am

from Janet and Tony Brian-Davis

"Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year to One and All!"
Our new postal address is: PO Box 1239, Gawler, South Australia, 5118.

PLEASE NOTE!!

Throughout January

The Morning Tea Roster and the Children's Church Roster will be taking a break and so there are NO arrangements for Morning Tea and Children's Church.

Informal arrangements may be made from time to time.

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

WE PRAY FOR:

The World Those who continue to suffer trauma from Tsunami, Hurricanes and Earthquake and who struggle to build a future. Those in Australia who work to prevent and fight fires. Pray for our management of water resources at this time.

Northbourne Community Centre: For all who visit the centre.

Those in need of healing: : Ron Grimshaw, Clive Lowes, June Axelsen, Jill Scott, Yoko Murase, Noah Palethorpe, Rhyan Bloor, Val Reeves, Jana Combs, John Webley, Rebecca Bowman, Phoebe Gordon, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Linda Kennedy, Ruth Horn, Sarona, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt, Jutaro Murase.

Those mourning: Ravi and Ranji Lawrence and their two sons Kishan and Beniyei and Ravi's mother Mrs Lawrence following the death of Sheeba in the Tsunami.

The departed: Sheeba Lawrence and Ravi's brothers Pious and Christopher (shot by the Sri Lankan army c. 1984) **Memorial Book:** Norma Florence Reynolds (d 28/12/2000) **The Saints** Stephen, deacon and martyr, John, apostle and evangelist, Holy Innocents, Thomas Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr (d 1170), Josephine Butler, social reformer (d 1905), John Wyclif, teacher and reformer (d 1384)

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

THIS WEEK

- **Monday & Tuesday** Rob's day off
- **Friday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Faye and Margaret
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Beryl Blaseotto

SUNDAY 8th January 2006
8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings for Epiphany:

- Isaiah 60:1-6
- Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, page 294
- Ephesians 3:1-12
- Matthew 2:1-12

Rosters:

Cleaning: Volunteer

Flowers:

Readers:

8am: 1st 2nd

10am: 1st Pat Forbes *alt* 2nd Joyce Webster

Sidespersons:

8am:

10am: &

Morning Tea 10am: in recess until February

Rob Lamerton on Leave!

**I am on leave for two weeks and will be coming and going from the
Rectory.**

**For any special ministry needs please contact the Wardens,
Richard Wade ph 6259 2559 (home) and Sarah Gowty ph
6255 2467 (home) or Devin Combs Bowles.**

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Pandora's income last week: \$233 — reserved for future development of the parish and Pandora's

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



January 1st New Year's Day

Our Christmas Bowl partner in Fiji, hosts workshops in rural towns and villages to help the two major groups of Indigenous Fijians, and Indian Fijians, come together and learn about each other in a relaxed environment.

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