

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

Sunday 2nd July 2006 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



LITTLE GIRL GET UP
MK5:41

8am Eucharist
10am Sung Eucharist

The service begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer book

Readings:

- 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
- Psalm 130
- 2Corinthians 8.7-15
- Mark 5:21-43

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
Hymns (Together in Song): 203, 665, 137, 111

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

I have spent the last week at the annual clergy conference at Bateman's Bay. The theme of the conference was ecclesiology vs. missiology.

The conference was a great opportunity to catch up with colleagues and to see what we were all doing in our neck of the woods. Most clergy work in isolation from their fellow ministers and the main value of the conference is to offer support and encouragement to each other. It is even more important for rural clergy.

One topic on our minds was the news headlines about a potential split in the Anglican Communion. This seems to be a sword of Damocles that hangs over our heads. While we sit here waiting to see if and when it will drop it is worth keeping in mind three things. Firstly as Bishop George has said this is not a problem affecting the Australian Province of the Anglican Communion. Nationwide there is no talk of breaking communion between any of the 23 Australian dioceses or any other diocese to my knowledge. Secondly, and to my way of thinking most important, Christian unity is based on our individual communion and unity with Christ. We are not "married" to one another.

We are each of us bound to God, through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. It is through this shared experience that we are bound together. I find it very difficult when I hear people talk of schism and separation because it implies that one Christian can judge whether another is in communion with the triune God. Surely that judgement belongs to God? And finally, the discussion paper that the headlines were drawn from is just that — a discussion paper.

The problems affecting the Anglican Communion are complex and not easily solved. The catalyst issue may appear to be the contentious subject of homosexuality but there are other drivers operating. Such issues include the colonial history of Africa, the understanding of biblical authority, the interpretation of scripture and quite frankly issues of politics, power and honour. One of the truly great strengths of the Canberra-Goulburn Diocese is the willingness of the vast majority of people to work together and to honour difference and diversity.

Well, enough of the Anglican Church! On a global scale it is the growing environmental crisis, the growing chasm between the rich and the poor and the escalation of violence and retribution in the

Middle East that seem to me to be of greatest concern. The gospel reading for today is a long one but in it are contained some of the most amazing stories of healing. It is on modelling our behaviour on Christ that we can be part of bringing healing to the world around us. It is through unity with Christ that we can be inclusive and loving to all. It is by striving to have the heart and mind of Christ that we can understand and live with all paradox and contradiction. The prayer of St. Patrick is one that comes to mind:

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ is mouth of friend and stranger.

Have a great week everyone

Peace and Blessings

Rebecca Newland

Weekly Offering/Income needed to operate our Parish \$1455 per week

(excluding rental income)

Offerings received 25th June: \$695 + EFT \$400 = \$1285.55

Shortfall this week \$360

Notices

St. Philip's Parish Day

Advanced warning ! Last year a quiet day was held at Chris and Rogers property at Burra. A similar day has been booked for Saturday the 29th of July. Stay tuned for more updates and information about what the day will be about!

Child Protection Workshop

St John's Reid, Tuesday the 18th and Tuesday the 25th of July, 6:30 to 9:30 pm each night. If you still need to do the Diocesan mandatory child protection workshop please consider putting the above workshop in your diary. The parish will cover the cost of the workshop and if you need a baby sitter please contact Rebecca to arrange some help.

Marriage Encounter

Take time out to recharge your relationship batteries and rediscover

each others loving quality again. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers couples an opportunity to refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

8-10 September at Sundown Motel Resort, ACT

For bookings/details contact: Maureen & Jim Willson phone: 02 9345 5402

or email jandmwillson@optusnet.com.au Information: website www.wwme.org.au

Twilight Fair

It is on again!! The fair promises to be a wonderful event in all sorts of ways. Please check the notice board for a comprehensive list of what we need and what you can do. There are jobs both large and small.

Reading Reflections

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12.00pm a time has been set aside for a look at the day's readings. It is a time to reflect more deeply on the readings, to share with friends and to build faith and community. The study will begin on the 18th June. Please speak to Rebecca if you have any questions or just turn up! All welcome.

Ministry teams at St Philip's

Team

Pastoral
Maintenance
Youth and Children
Liturgy
Social

Co-ordinator

Denise Manley
Roger Sharpe
Richard Wade
Rebecca Newland
Ann Munro



WE PRAY FOR:

The World: For peace and stability in Palestine and Israel, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Solomon Islands, East Timor and Nepal, and for justice in Myanmar. For all refugees. For unity between all Christians and Christian churches.

In Australia: For wisdom for Australian authorities dealing with Asylum Seekers. (See the [Refugee Action Committee](#) web site) Refugees on temporary visas, those recovering from cyclone damage in northern Australia and for reconciliation.

Northbourne Community Centre: For Robin and her helpers, and those in need.

Those in need of healing: Michael Cockayne, Roy Ayrton, Tony Kildea, Beryl Collins (Denise's mother), Corey Jansen, June Axelsen, Jill Scott, Yoko and Jutaro Murase, Val Reeves, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Linda Kennedy, Ruth Horn, Sarona, Merv McInnes, Mira Barratt, Zana, Michael Ellis.

The Departed: George Colin Forbes 2/7/04

The Saints: John Fisher, bishop and Thomas More, martyrs (d 1535)

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
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open

SUNDAY 9th July 2006
8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- 2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10

- Psalm 48
- 2Corinthians 12: 2-10
- Mark 6: 1-13

Rosters:

Cleaning: Janine and Stephen Billett

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

Readers:

8am: Elizabeth Allinson

10am: 1st Stephen Billett, 2nd Ann Munro

Sidespersons:

8am: John Cunliffe

10am: Hardy Palethorpe & Leighton Mann

Morning Tea

10am Genevieve Hassall and Margaret Woodbridge

Children's Ministry

10am Genevieve Hassall & Richard Wade

Pandora's income from 23rd & 24th June: \$118 (Reserved for future development of the Parish & Pandora's)

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

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