

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

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Sunday 23rd July 2006 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gaza Anglican Hospital Appeal

Emergency funds are needed for Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza in the current crisis.

Funds will be used for medicines, food, trauma recovery and generator fuel.

Call AngliCORD on 1800 249 880 or ABM on 1300 302 663

For more information or donate on line

www.anglicord.org.au . www.abm.asn.au

[Download](#) the report of the Archbishop in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

(a rich text file [Gaza Appeal.rtf](#) 21KB)

More information at ABM

http://www.abmission.org/middle_east_church.html



8am Eucharist
10am Eucharist

The service begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer book

Readings:

- 2 Samuel 7: 1-14a
- Psalm 89: 21-38
- Ephesians 2: 11-22
- Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
Hymns (Together in Song): 246, 431

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

Dear Everyone,

Last week I began what I hoped would be a series of reflections on the St. Philip's vision statement. Here it is again! — **The vision of St. Philips 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.** Last time I spoke about the concept "vision". This time I'll have a go at the next part, "St. Philips". As you see I am pulling the statement apart bit by bit!

St. Philip is of course the apostle and saint who gives his name to this A frame building on an O'Connor corner. Philip is the one who when Nathanael asks "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" replies "Come and see" (John 1:43-45). Philip has great confidence in

Jesus Christ and is prepared and happy to invite others to come and see for themselves who and what Jesus is. He does not try to convince others with complex arguments. He simply offers an invitation for Nathanael to meet Jesus trusting in the grace of God and in Nathanael's own judgement.

St. Philip's is of course the name of this church. Yet as we know the church is not just the building. The church is the community of Christians, the body of Christ. When we talk about a vision we are speaking of a vision that is owned and lived by a community of individuals, not a building of bricks and mortar. The vision too is not just something the church leadership have in their minds. The St. Philip's vision statement was carefully crafted in consultation with the whole parish and is designed to reflect the values and dreams of those individuals. A vision statement that is imposed on a parish is doomed to be forgotten and become next to useless. A facet of this vision statement is that it does seem to me to accurately reflect what happens in this building and between the people that identify themselves as members of the St. Philips church community. There is a welcome degree of integrity between who we say we want to be and who we actually are. This is no small feat!

I think we can be confident in the community of St. Philips but most of all I believe that like St. Philip the apostle we can be absolutely confident in Jesus Christ. The Chr'istian faith has a lot of bad press one way or another, some of it deserved, a great deal of it not, and at times it is hard to be confident about what it is we are believing and doing. Yet the Gospel of Jesus Christ is universal for all times and places despite our doubts and failings, despite the mistakes the church has made and despite the fact that our society seems more and more disinclined to hear the message. All those things nor anything else cannot "separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39). That is part of the great message we invite others to experience.

In closing can I draw your attention to the enclosed request via ABM and Anglicord for emergency funds for the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza.

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 16th July 2006: \$749 + EFT \$400 = \$1149 Shortfall of \$306

Notices

Twilight Fair 3pm - 7pm 11 November 2006
111 days to go! Please see the notice board today for current details.

[Letter from the co ordinator](#)

St. Philip's Parish Day

This Saturday the 29th of July 9.30am to 4pm

This year's parish day is to be held at Chris and Roger's property at Burra. There will be one structured session where the Very Rev'd Philip Saunders, Dean of St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn, will be with us to share his community's experience of outreach using the "Catechumenate". The rest of the day will be devoted to enjoying the peace and quiet, the surrounding bushland, the view and great company. Please bring along a plate to share for lunch — soup is always good!!! If there are enough children there will be some children's activities. If you are intending to come could you please let Rebecca know.

Gospel Service

After the success of the last Gospel service that incorporated black American Gospel music, the liturgy team has decided to hold a similar service once a term.

The next one is to be held on the 20th of August. The theme is "Christ brings light." Invite all your friends! Tell your workmates! The music is wonderful and the energy fantastic.

Parish Dinner — Saturday 26th August, more details soon.

Child Protection Workshops

St John's Reid, Tuesday the 16th September, 10am to 4pm. 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.

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.

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 an end to the violence in Lebanon. 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) For Aboriginal communities and for reconciliation.

Northbourne Community Centre: For Robin and her helpers, and those who attend the centre.

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.

The Departed: Dot Mayo d.22/07/02; Ed d. 23/07/05

The Saints: James, Apostle and Martyr; Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Mary and Martha of Bethany.

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 — Barbara Dowley & Erika Langman
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Doreen Odom & Charity Mapako

SUNDAY 16th July 2006
8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- 2 Samuel 11: 1-15
- Psalm 148
- Ephesians 3: 14-21
- John 6:1-21

Rosters:

Cleaning: Shane & Tim Woodburn

Flowers: Philida Sturgiss-Hoy & Carola Parke

Readers:

8am: Clive Lowes

10am: 1st Pat Forbes, 2nd Ashton Robinson

Sidespersons:

8am: volunteer

10am: Grace Barnes & Hardy Palethorpe

Morning Tea

10am Kerry-Anne & Ian Cousins

St. Philips Twilight Fair

"Families and Food"

Saturday 11th November, 3pm to 7pm

Dear St Philip's Families,

The planning for the Twilight Fair is gathering momentum. We want to make this year's event even better than last year with the aim of providing a warm St. Philip's welcome for people of all ages but particularly for families and to raise much-needed funds for the Parish.

Please consider how you can help NOW with the planning and preparation. What we need is:

- Donations of non-perishable, good quality food for the Gourmet Hamper to be raffled. We would like the hamper to be filled by late August so that we can pre-sell tickets to all our friends, family and workmates and Pandora's customers.
- Busy fingers making Hand Made Creations. Ruth McGorman-Mann has issued a list of items that sold well at last years Fair. To that list we would like to add children's dress up clothes e.g. Superman capes, Fairy outfits, Harry Potter capes, wood worked items, Christmas decorations. Soon Ruth will be asking for assistance to complete items that she has made so if you like stitching away by the fire on cold evenings please see Ruth.
- Budding artists!! This year we want to hold an Art Competition for members of the congregation and any other interested people. There will be a category for children and for adults. For a small entry fee you will be issued with a canvas, upon which you can let your artistic flair show us "God in Creation". These art works will judged with prizes awarded. The works will be displayed in the Church and auctioned (silently) on the day of the Fair. Stay tuned or see Leighton for more details.
- Donations for the "Dollar Sale" — ie this year's version of last year's "Cent Sale". This was very successful last year although we didn't quite know how to run it. This year we do and we are hoping

for the same generous response we received last year eg offers of dinners at restaurants, vouchers for concerts, bottles of wine, gift baskets. This year the prizes MUST all be received two weeks prior to the event ie by 29th October. Start asking the people in your networks to help.

- Coordinators and helpers! There are still a number of empty spots on the coordinators list. Is it your mission in life to help out in this way? Or can you provide help and support for the coordinators? If so, please let them know that you are there to help.

The Twilight Fair planning team are Helen Palethorpe (Co-ordinator), Ann Munro, Denise Manley and Leighton Mann.

We depend on you!

23rd July 06

Pandora's income from 14th & 15th July: \$64 (Reserved for future development of the Parish & Pandora's)

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