

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 11th June 2006
Trinity



8am Eucharist
10am Sung Eucharist

The service begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer book

Readings:

- Isaiah 6.1-8
- Psalm 29
- Romans 8:12-17
- John 3.1-17

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
Psalm Soloist: Brian McKinlay
Hymns: 143, 447, 153, 242

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

Dear Everyone,

Welcome to our celebration of the Trinity. We follow Pentecost with the Trinity because after celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit we are then in a position to reflect on the nature of God revealed to us - God the Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier. However there is a standing joke amongst clergy folk. If you can get someone else to preach on Trinity Sunday then go for it! Preaching about the Trinity seems to be something people want to avoid and we can see why. To begin with this is the only day of the year that calls us to ponder a teaching of the church rather than a teaching of Jesus. The scriptural readings for the day are carefully chosen to reflect the Three-in-One doctrine: God as Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. The scriptural readings provide Biblical backup for a non-scriptural word: Trinity.

How do we make sense out of believing in one God who is three? Moslems and Jews simply cannot understand how we could claim to believe in the God of Abraham yet believe that God is made up of virtually three Gods. The concept of the Trinity also does not seem to be very relevant in a world that is confronted with environmental disasters, terrorism, an AIDS epidemic, nuclear proliferation and globalisation gone mad. What can the doctrine of the Trinity possibly have to say to a child who has lost both its parents to disease or a coffee farmer from Brazil who cannot make enough money to feed his family? Indeed there are calls in some theological circles to scrap the concept of the Trinity altogether as being hopelessly outdated, irrelevant and patriarchal.

However there is something often forgotten in all this questioning and confusion. It is forgotten that the doctrine of the Trinity was originally formulated to give words to the faith. The doctrine of the Trinity grew out of a faith community that had a profound experience of a loving God, a living Son and an empowering Holy Spirit. Like the early Christians we too must find ways to describe what we know. We too must be ready to witness to others about what we believe and why we believe it. The early Christians, living in a hostile world, needed to put some definitive language to what they believed Christ had revealed to them. For the sake of unity they needed a common language and a common confession. In our hostile world, our witness demands the same thing.

Peace and Blessings

Rebecca Newland

P.S. There is an email and a post card from Rob on the board

Weekly Offering/Income needed to operate our Parish \$1455 per week
(excluding rental income)
Offerings received 11th June: \$1089 + EFT \$400. **No shortfall! \$34 in the black!**

Notices

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.

Pandora's

Pandora's needs some more volunteers. For just a few hours of your time a month, you can get to peruse the merchandise at your leisure, converse with interesting people, develop your sales skills and provide an important ministry. The provision of funky second hand clothes is an essential outreach — seriously. Please contact Rebecca.

Storage Space

The Reverend Jeanette McHugh is in need of some storage space for some boxes. She is willing to pay for the space. If you think you can help please contact Jeanette on 6161 9093

Conference: Thriving Young People, Healthy Communities

On July 6th & 7th a conference on building communities and helping young people reach their potential will be held at Kippax Uniting Community Centre. Rebecca will be attending some of the conference. If you would be interested in attending please see Rebecca or check out the notice on the board.

Marriage Encounter

Picture a weekend away, just you and your spouse — away from the pressures of every day living. 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!

Weekend dates: 23-25 June at Mt Schoenstadt, Mulgoa, NSW

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

Earthquake Appeal

ABM and AngliCORD have launched a joint appeal to help those affected by the earthquake in Java, Indonesia. For donations please contact ABM on 1300 302663 or AngliCORD on 1800 249 880

Please check the pin board in the foyer for more notices about events and performances.

Web site CD.

The web master has put together a CD of the web site. (yes, it is still all on the web, but you might prefer it to be on your computer.) Three years' worth of sermons, newsletters and Lenten and Advent Calendars! plus extras. ask Linda for a copy. email: lindafrd@pcug.org.au

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 the Solomon Islands and Nepal and for justice in Myanmar. For those recovering from the Earthquake in Java. 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) and for those recovering from cyclone damage in northern Australia and for reconciliation.

Northbourne Community Centre: For Robin and her helpers.

Those in need of healing: Noah Palethorpe (recovering from surgery) Michael Cockayne, Roy Ayrton, Anne Morris Bannerman, Tony Kildea, Beryl Collins (Denise's mother), Corey Jansen, June Axelsen, Jill Scott, Yoko and Jutaro Murase, Val Reeves, Jana Combs, John Webley, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Linda Kennedy, Ruth Horn, Sarena, Merv McInnes, Mira Barratt, Zana
Pray for the family of Irmgard Menck mourning her death last weekend.

The Departed: Gordon Arthur (priest) 9/6/1992, Marie Lewis 7/6/01

The Saints: Barnabas, Apostle and Martyr; Antony of Padua, missionary and preacher (d.1231)

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

TODAY'S ROSTERS:

Cleaning: Doreen Odom & Elizabeth Sillano

Flowers: Val Reeves

Readers:

8am: 1st Elizabeth Allinson, 2nd Rhonda Evans

10am: 1st Pat Forbes, 2nd Richard Wade

Sidespersons:

8am: John Cunliffe

10am: Leighton & volunteer

Morning Tea

10am Genevieve Hassall & Margaret Woodbridge

Children's Ministry

10am Stephen & Rebecca Palethorpe

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 — Joan Kerridge & helper
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — **volunteers needed**

SUNDAY 18th June 2006 8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- 1Samuel 15:34 - 16:13
- Psalm 20
- 2Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17
- Mark 4:26-34

Rosters:

Cleaning: Rhonda Evans & Barbara Dowley

Flowers: Jeanette McHugh

Readers:

8am: 1st Shane Woodburn, 2nd Vanessa Tatham

10am: 1st Denise Manley, 2nd Helen Palethorpe

Sidespersons:

8am:

10am: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson

Morning Tea

10am James Kim & Roger Sutcliffe

Children's Ministry

10am Doreen Odom & Charity Mapako

Pandora's income from 9 & 10 June: \$240 (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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