

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 [Lenten Calendar 2006](#)

First Sunday in Lent, 5th March 2006



Baptism/Wilderness/Ministry

8am and 10am Holy Communion

The service begins on page 119 of the green prayer book

Readings:

- Genesis 9:8-17
- Psalm 25:1-10 page 244
- 1Peter 3:18-22
- Mark 1:9-15

Hymns at 10.00am: Together in Song: 591, 194 (vv1-4,7), 630, 252

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Introit, Bach Prelude

At Communion: Fugue in D minor Book 1 followed by

Soloist: Pat Forbes

"The Temptations" — John Bell

note: all music today was in a key of D (minor, or major or modal)!

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

Dear Everyone,

Here we are at the beginning of Lent! At the Ash Wednesday observance we set the scene with these words:

"Brothers and sisters in Christ: since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the Church to prepare for this by a season of penitence and fasting. At first this season of Lent was observed by those who were preparing for Baptism at Easter and by those who were to be restored to the Church's fellowship from which they had been separated by sin.

In time, the Church came to recognize that all Christians might take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

I invite you, therefore, to the observance of a holy Lent. As we journey through Lent to Jerusalem and the cross, we are called to travel more and more closely as his disciples. Let us cast off those things that hinder us, that we might experience refreshment of faith and the joy of the resurrection."

Unfortunately, the public image of Lent is very negative, with references to fasting dominating the scene, and yet so many people are aware of the need for a controlled diet and sensible eating habits especially when it comes to physical health. Why are we not also aware of the need for a healthy intake and exercise and discipline when it comes to our spiritual lives? In the Ash Wednesday Gospel we hear Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount speaking about giving alms, praying and fasting and implying care for the needy. These are not meant to be negative experiences but are to give us the opportunity for a positive growth in relationship with God. Repentance is not meant to be depressing and oppressive but joyful in its liberation!

The gospel story today is often remembered for Jesus' struggle with Satan, but it is his **OVERCOMING** of Satan which is the real good news and the point of the story. The telling of the story recalls Psalm

91 v.10-15 as well as other ancient texts. The version in Mark's gospel is very, very brief but is nonetheless packed with meaning. Mark is not interested in developing the detail of the story of Jesus in the wilderness instead he proclaims Jesus as the new Elijah, the new Moses, the righteous man of God (all sustained by God in the wilderness!). Jesus is also the new Adam! Whereas the original Adam failed the obedience test Jesus passes with a distinction!

As we begin the Lenten journey we also meet to elect Wardens and Parish Councillors and plan for the journey of St Philip's through 2006! I am grateful to Denise Manley who has agreed to take up the Rector's Warden role this year.

Rob Lamerton.

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

Offerings received 26/2/06: \$687.30 + EFT \$400 — **shortfall**
\$367.70

Notices

ST PHILIP'S ANNUAL GENERAL AND ELECTORAL MEETING TODAY following the 10am service! Your nominations of Wardens and Parish councillors are required. There will be proposals this year to change the structure and operation of the Parish Council. Nomination forms are available in the porch.

Lent Studies:

"High Fidelity Living" The Ecumenical Study — Wednesdays at 11am — Rectory.

It is also available at St Ninian's each Sunday evening between 5pm and 6pm.

And at St Joseph's Catholic Church on Tuesdays at 10am.

Thursday at the Rectory

eat at 6pm. Movie at 6.30pm. Brief discussion. Finish at 9pm.

We could do a re-run on a Sunday night! Or borrow the movie to watch at home.

(last week's movie was "*Chocolat*")

"Mapping the Mission" Wednesday 15th March 7.30pm

Bishop George Browning will be visiting St Philip's for a consultation about the Mapping of the Mission of our St Philip's community.

Washington Oloo — I believe we farewell Washington next week. Catherine is staying on to study. Please come and say farewell to Washington!

Fast Food Fast

This Lent (or any 40 day period that suits you best) ABM is inviting you, your school or your church to take up a fast that will benefit you — and help to change the world!

It's as simple as this:

1. You take on the *Fast Food Fast* over the forty days of Lent. You contribute the money you would have spent on fast food to ABM. That pizza, pie hot chips or cappuccino [*CAPPUCCINO!!!*] money that you would have spent, goes into a tin or jar and you eat something cheaper, healthier and home-made.
2. After Easter (or at the end of your 40 day time), you send ABM a donation for the total amount you *haven't* spent on fast food.
3. ABM will ensure that your 'junk' food money is used to bring justice, joy and hope to people in need. Examples of the types of projects you'll support can be found on ABM's website www.abmission.org and in ABM's projects guide (see website or in the porch.)

INTELLIGENT DESIGN

What is it? Why has it been so prominent in the media recently? Do all Christians subscribe to this belief about the beginnings of the world? Why is it being taught in some of our schools? Come along to be informed and enlightened by a panel of trained scientists at sunday@seven on TONIGHT from 7.00pm - 8.30pm Canberra Baptist Church, Currie Cres, Kingston.

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WE PRAY FOR:

The World: For an end to revenge attacks and violence in Iraq (500 killed since the bombing of the golden mosque in Samara.) For peace and stability in the Philippines.

In Australia: For all preparations for the Commonwealth Games.

For our St Philip's family: The Annual General Meeting and new Wardens and Parish Councillors.

Those in need of healing: Anne Morris Bannerman, Shane Woodburn, Myrle Bovis, Tony Kildea, 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: Chad, bishop of Lichfield, missionary (d.672), Daphne Hall (d.5/3/95)

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

TODAY'S ROSTERS:

Cleaning: Ellen Unruh

Flowers: no flowers for Lent.

Readers:

8am: 1st John Girdlestone 2nd Devin Combs Bowles

10am: 1st Richard Wade 2nd Helen Palethorpe

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Roger Sharp & Chris Cheah

Morning Tea 10am:

THIS WEEK

- **Monday** Rob's day off
- **Tuesday to Saturday** 8.30am Morning Prayer, 5pm Evening Prayer
- **Tuesday** Kankinya Holy Communion
- **Wednesday** 10am Holy Communion 11.00am Lent Study
- **Friday** 10am ANU Chaplaincy
10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Rhonda Evans & Joyce Webster
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Ann Munro & Delwyn Boundy

SUNDAY 26th February 2006 8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings:

- Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
- Psalm 22:24-32 page 242
- Romans 4:13-25
- Mark 8:31-38

Rosters:

Cleaning: Janine Studholme and Stephen Billett

Readers:

8am: 1st Rhonda Evans 2nd Elizabeth Allinson

10am: 1st Stephen Billett 2nd Fred Anchell

Sidespersons:

8am: John Cunliffe

10am: Leighton & Hardy

Morning Tea 10am:

Pandora's income 24 & 25.02.06: \$172 reserved for future development of the Parish and Pandora's
Please take a pewsheet home and pass one on to someone else.

The Temptations — John Bell

1. For forty days and forty nights,
The desert place was Jesus' home.
Baptised and blessed, God let him stay
Where thoughts of fame and fortune roam.
If doubt is deep and faith is small,
The desert place is where he'll stall:
If faith is deep and doubt is thin,
The desert place is where he'll win.

2. In unknown parts, where strangers meet,
To build a bridge, they sit and eat.
But where there's neither drink nor food,
What can be done to make things good'?
"Why not decline to be ill fed?
Command these stones to turn to bread."
"Why crave for bread, when God alone
Fulfills more needs than transformed stone?"

3. Above the world's most holy place,
The sight below cries out for grace:
To jump down from the temple's tower
Would show God's mercy and heaven's power.
"If faith and love are more than charms,
Let angels catch you in their arms."
"Though angels come at my behest,
I will not set the Lord a test."

4. A mountain top reveals the earth
In all its tragedy and mirth;
Nations and people need a king
To wisely govern everything,
"All that you want, and all you see,
Is yours if you will worship me."
"All that I see is God's to give
To him I pray, for him I live."

5. For forty days and forty nights
The desert place was Jesus' home.
Baptised and blessed, God let him stay

Where thoughts of fame and fortune roam.
And, we who follow Christ today,
Are prone to hear the tempter's voice.
And whether we say Yes or No
Is our, not God's, peculiar choice.

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