

# 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](#)

## Fourth Sunday in Lent, 26th March 2006



### 8am and 10am Holy Communion

*The service begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer book*

Readings:

- Numbers 21:4-9
- Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 page 337  
Psalm response (10am):  
Give thanks to the Lord, Give thanks to the Lord,  
for he is gracious
- Ephesians 2:1-10
- John 3:14-21

**Hymns at 10.00am: Together in Song: 203, 232, 677, 600(ii)**

**Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes**

*Introit: Prelude and Fugue in B major, Book 1 J.S. Bach*

**Soloist: Denise Manley**

At Communion: "Quia Respexit" from Magnificat in D — JS Bach

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

Dear Everyone,

No-one could miss the stories of devastation for householders, farmers and businesses in the parts of North Queensland following Cyclone Larry this week, and the readiness of media reporters to highlight the failures of providing relief. Angry and desperate scenes were played out on our TV screens, but I imagine for every angry scene there were hundreds of ordinary people just getting on with putting life back together! How we have come to expect an immediate response when trouble occurs. Just as the fires around Canberra have made us aware of the need for greater preparedness, I imagine there will in future be similar efforts at greater preparedness for cyclones in the north. But surely we have not forgotten the lessons of Darwin in 1974 ... or have we?

I commend to you the "North Queensland Cyclone Appeal Fund" which has been established. The Bishop, Bishop John Noble, reports that there is much damage to property, but that this will ultimately be covered by insurance. The appeal is to sustain ministry, especially in Innisfail and the surrounding district until the economy can be rebuilt. Pray for Ray and Ann Fishwick in Innisfail as they minister to people in great need. I encourage your generosity to this appeal!

Did Moses not read his own copy of the Ten Commandments? In today's Old Testament reading he seems more than willing to make a serpent on a pole in complete contradiction of the command to "not make a graven image". Maybe it is just pointing out the reality of our human existence that we somehow forget the rules when it suits us or when in unfamiliar territory! Maybe we are also being reminded that Moses was human too and that although rules and regulations are helpful they will only serve our human condition if behind them we find the Grace, Mercy, and Forgiveness of God expressed.

We find in the gospel reading probably one of the most often used verses in the Bible, John 3.16. Sadly it is often used (wrongly) to pressurize people who are trying to understand the Christian faith into making a response. And yet, it is a most wonderfully positive passage introducing love into this conversation with Nicodemus and pointing out God's love for the world for the first time in the gospel.

To have eternal life is equivalent to 'seeing' or 'entering the kingdom of heaven'. This is the first use of the words 'eternal life' which means 'the life of the coming age' I find it hard to tell whether this is about the reign of Christ in the world OR the life to come! Perhaps it is both!

Rob Lamerton.

From Washington

I would wish to inform you and all members of St. Philips Church that I arrived safely in Kenya after the long journey from Australia. All members of my family are so happy to see me around. The only exception is the young Isack who is wondering about the stranger in the house who everybody is calling Daddy! Pass my best regards to the whole congregation. Special thanks to all of you for the support, prayers for my journey and my family.

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

Offerings received 19/3/06: \$918.05 + EFT \$400 **Shortfall \$137**

## Notices

### **ST PHILIP'S ANNUAL ELECTORAL MEETING**

**The meeting will reconvene at today following the 10am service.**

**People's Wardens nominated: Elizabeth Allinson and Hardy Palethorpe**

**Parish Council Nominations: Roger Sharp and Ann Munro.**

### **The Bishop of North Queensland Cyclone Appeal Fund**

Donations should be sent direct to: PO Box 1244, Townsville Queensland 4810.

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. "Last Orders" Brief discussion. Finish at

9pm.

***God & Caesar: The Bible, Postmodernity & the New Imperialism***  
**PUBLIC LECTURE — Thursday 30 March, 7-30pm**

Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture Chapel  
Bishop Tom Wright of Durham UK

Readers are needed for the Passion  
Palm Sunday St Mark (8 readers)  
and Good Friday St John (9 readers)

**BENEFIT CONCERT FOR KIPPAX UCA — TODAY at 3.00pm**

Two of Canberra's Premiere Choirs, Igitur Nos and Lady's Mantle will combine to present a Benefit Concert on Sunday 26 March at 3pm at All Saint's Anglican Church, Ainslie.

Proceeds going to the community of the Kippax Uniting Church whose building suffered severe damage from a fire on Christmas Day 2005.

Entry is by donation (suggested \$10/\$5)

**Working Bee Saturday 1st April**

Between 9am and 12noon. Come for an hour or for all three to re-arrange storage and generally tidy up before Easter.

**St John's Care — Commissioning of new Director TODAY at 6pm.**

Prayer List

The Prayer List continues to grow and I need to know how to manage it! If you know people mentioned on the Prayer List please let me know when they no longer need our prayers for healing or any changes in their condition to help our prayers.

## WE PRAY FOR:

**The World:** For peace for the people of Iraq. Afghsanistan and West Papua.

**In Australia:** For those caught up in Cyclone Larry. For the Commonwealth Games athletes and organizers. Give thanks for the resolution of Canberra's teachers' dispute.

**For our St Philip's family:** For the Wardens and Parish Councillors elected today. For Robin and team at Northbourne Community Centre.

**Those in need of healing:** Michael Cockayne, Roy Arton, Raymond Nudilago, Anne Morris Bannerman, Shane Woodburn, 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:** June Morris, John Robert Dimmick (d.22/3/71), David Thomas Linaker (d.29/3/96)

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

## TODAY'S ROSTERS:

Cleaning: Sally Adams

Readers:

8am: 1st Eloise Wright 2nd Shane Woodburn

10am: 1st Ann Munro 2nd Joyce Webster

Sidespersons:

8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: Helen Palethorpe, Brian McKinlay & James Kim

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
- **Thursday** Meal and Lent film discussion.
- **Friday** 10am ANU Chaplaincy  
10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Margaret Woodbridge & Fay Pankhurst
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Pat Forbes

SUNDAY 2nd April 2006  
8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings:

- Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Psalm 119:9-16 page 350
- Hebrews 5:5-15
- John 12:20-33

**Rosters:**

Cleaning: Leighton & Ruth

Readers:

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

10am: 1st Beryl Holder 2nd Chris Cheah

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Chris Cheah & Roger Sharp

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Wardens: Denise Manley, Elizabeth Allinson and Hardy Palethorpe

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