

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 7th May 2006 Fourth Sunday of Easter & St Philip's Day



8am and 10am Eucharist

The service at 8.00am begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer book

Readings:

- Isaiah 30:18-21
- Psalm 19:1-6
- 1Corinthians 15:1-8
- John 14:6-14

at 10.00am: A Gospel Celebration of St Philip see service sheet.

Pianist: Colin Forbes
with Mood Swings

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

Dear Everyone,

Welcome to church and a celebration of St. Philip & James. James gets a little forgotten on this day because St. Philip is our special saint. St. Philip's O'Connor is named after him and today we give thanks for his witness and his wholehearted proclamation of the good news. When others asked Philip about the Lord he answered "come and see". "Come and see" is an invitation for others to find out for themselves who Jesus was and is and how following in his footsteps can make a world of difference. "Come and see" is not about pressure or fear instilling or coercion. It is an invitation coming from faith, hope and love. Philip and James, like all the early Christians who lived the gospel message from their hearts, witnessed powerfully to the good news Jesus life, death and resurrection. In Philip we see simplicity and strength, courage and dedication, questioning and yearning and an invitation to all who wonder.

In the gospel we hear that Philip and his co-disciples had discovered that Jesus was "the way, the truth and the life". Their invitation is for us to discover that reality as well. Living that reality out in practical ways that make a difference to people's lives is part of the work of ABM, the Anglican Board of Mission. St. Philip has been supporting an ABM project called the Toungoo Diocese Partnership — Myanmar (Burma). This project seeks to promote partnerships and build capacity with the different diocese of Myanmar. Water, HIV/AIDS and small activities development are some of the areas targeted by this partnership. In five years more than 50 communities — many of whom exist in situations of extreme hardship and sometimes conflict — have been provided with access to clean drinking water. ABM has recently sent us a project update and a flyer about it is on the notice board.

Sometimes we wonder whether the donations we give really do make a difference. From someone who has seen close hand the types of projects ABM supports I can say that it makes a profound

difference and that the people it assists are deeply grateful for our support. Not just grateful for the monetary help but grateful and touched that they are remembered and cared for. As we celebrate St. Philip we can give thanks that the way of Jesus Christ, who St. Philip so faithfully followed, is a way that brings life and hope to all people in all situations.

Praise God!

Rebecca Newland

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

(excluding rental income)

Offerings received 23 & 30/4/06: \$1384.80 + EFT \$800

Lenten Study \$48. Passover Dinner \$10

Notices

THANK YOU!

A **huge** thank you to all those who helped out with the garage sale on Saturday morning. It was quite a communal event and very well attended. The garage sale made approximately \$668.20. We are so blessed to have such fantastic people offering their time and skills — and people willing to put their hands in their pocket for that old teapot and crocheted scarf!

Liturgy Team Meeting

There is a liturgy team meeting scheduled for Wednesday the 10th May at 7.00pm in the parish office. All lay readers are invited to attend and anyone interested in liturgy.

Called to Serve?

The team from St Philip's who help with the communion service at Calvary Hospital on the first Sunday of the month need another helper. They set up at 9.30am and the service begins at 10.15am. They would like someone who is able enough to push wheel chairs around! It is a rewarding and very important ministry. Please contact Rebecca —
6161 7334

Clothes sorters needed!!!

Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays at 5.00pm to assist with the sorting of clothes for "Pandora's at O'Connor". Please contact Kerry-Anne Cousins ph 6247 4928

We need a counter

Fred Anchell has generously offered to be one of the counters and bankers for the weekly offerings, but we need one more person to work with him and to be a backup. Please contact Rebecca — 6161 7334

After School Studies

An after school study program is being offered free for people under 25 who are ESL students. Help is available for Maths, Science, English or SOSE. See the notice board for details.

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.

Anglican News is now available

Please take one and catch up on all the diocesan news!

WE PRAY FOR:

The World: For peace and stability in the Solomon Islands and Nepal and for justice in Myanmar.

In Australia: For wisdom for Australian authorities dealing with Asylum Seekers. (See the [Refugee Action Committee](#) web site) and for those facing the threat of cyclones in northern Australia.

Northbourne Community Centre: For Robin and her helpers.

Those in need of healing: Noah Palethorpe (recovering from surgery), Michael Cockayne, Roy Arton, Anne Morris Bannerman, Tim Woodburn, Tony Kildea, Beryl Collins (Denise's mother), Corey Jansen, Ron Grimshaw, Clive Lowes, June Axelsen, Jill Scott, Yoko & Jutaro Murase, Val Reeves, Jana Combs, John Webley, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Linda Kennedy, Ruth Horn, Sarona, Merv McInnes, Paul Mitchell, Mira Barratt.

Remembering: Violet Pocknall (d.8.5.1984)

The Saints Philip and James, apostles; Athanasius, deacon and bishop of Alexandria, teacher (d 373); John, apostle and evangelist.

Especially pray for the Diocese of Toungoo and Bishop John Wilme

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

TODAY'S ROSTERS:

Cleaning: Ellen Unruh

Flowers: Val Reeves

Readers:

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

10am: 1st Fred Anchell 2nd Sarah Gowty

Sidespersons:

8am: John Girdlestone

10am: Volunteers

Morning Tea

10am Volunteers

THIS WEEK

- **Monday to Wednesday** 8.30am Morning Prayer, 5pm Evening Prayer
- **Tuesday** 10.30am Kankinya Holy Communion
- **Wednesday** 10am Holy Communion
- **Friday** Rebecca's Day Off
- **Friday** 10am - 1pm Pandora's Open — Rhonda Evans & Joyce Webster
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Ann Munro & Delwyn Boundy

SUNDAY 7th May 2006
8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- Acts 8:26-40
- Psalm 22: 26-32
- 1John 4:7-21
- John 15:1-8

Rosters:

Cleaning: Janine & Stephen

Flowers: Jeanette McHugh

Readers:

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

10am: 1st Jean Pound 2nd Joyce Webster

Sidespersons:

8am: John Cunliffe

10am: Leighton & Hardy

Morning Tea

10am Margaret & Genevieve

Pandora's income last two weeks: \$789.80 reserved for future development of the Parish and Pandora's
Please take a pewsheet home and pass one on to someone else.

Priest: Rev. Rebecca Newland. Ph 6161 7334 Fax 6161 7322

New e-mail stphil@grapevine.com.au website: <http://www.acay.com.au/~stphil>

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Wardens: Denise Manley, Elizabeth Allinson and Hardy Palethorpe

correspondence willingly entered into.

Index page for the site is at <http://www.acay.com.au/~stphil/index.html>