

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 21st May 2006
Sixth Sunday of Easter



8am and 10am Eucharist

The service begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer book

Readings:

- Acts 10:44-48
- Psalm 98
- 1John 5:1-12
- John 15:9-17 or Jn 16:16-24

Hymns at 10.00am: Together in Song: 111, 534 (vv1-4), 641, 534
(vv5-7)

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
Bach Prelude and Fugue in B flat minor.
Psalm soloist: Pat Forbes

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

Dear Everyone,

Today's readings are all about love and to get you in the mood here is a joke I found on the Internet.

A usually irate parishioner is said to have tackled the rector after church one Sunday morning. "I'm so glad you preached an historical sermon," she said. The rector, shocked by this unusual praise beamed thanks. The parishioner continued, "Yes, because I am sick and tired of hearing about love all the time."

Christians do go on about love an awful lot and it can begin to sound tedious to our own ears let alone those who criticize us for our hypocrisy and idealism. That may be the case but Johns gospel will not let us get away with dismissing the notion of love as an unattainable noble vision or with burying our tired heads the sand. The message of love is brought home to us again and again. All the gospels are consistent in using the word, agape, for love, which is love for people who cant pay a person back. This agape love is like grace, a free gift for others which is undeserved or unearned or unmerited. It is a free gift for those in need. It also needs to be a free gift to ourselves. How often have we berated ourselves for our failures, when we haven't lived up to our own expectations? How often have we done things from a place of duty, fear and resentment and not from love for the person or deed itself? Coming from the former place will ultimately bring damage to the other and us. Perhaps a worst thing than helping others from that place is doing nothing at all. M.Scott Peck writes that the opposite of love is not hate it is apathy. I forgot who said it, perhaps someone can enlighten me, but some one did say that the only thing necessary for evil to triumph was for good men (and women) to do nothing.

[*Edmund Burke: L*]

There are so many things to be concerned about though aren't there? Apathy seems like a blessed relief in the face of all the places love is needed. We need to take heart from Jesus own words who calls us friends and assures us that if we are bound to God, the source of all goodness, we will bear fruit. We will love in the small things and the big things. Love is a way of being, it is not an unattainable vision. It is not just meant for the grand acts of self-sacrifice and courage. It is seen in the little choices we make everyday, the small acts of fearlessness; the letting go and letting God guide our hearts and minds.

So let's not be afraid of, bored with or confused by love but instead discover the call to love anew. It really is the only thing you need! Have a blessed week.

Peace and Blessings
Rebecca Newland

I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts then there is no more hurt, but only more love.
Mother Theresa

Weekly Offering/Income needed to operate our Parish \$1455 per week
(excluding rental income)

Offerings received 14 May: \$556.55 + EFT \$400. **Shortfall this week \$498.45**
Trading Table \$33.30, Garage Sale \$5

Notices

Week of Prayer for Reconciliation and Christian Unity

The week of prayer for Christian unity begins on next Friday the 26th of May. The normal octave of prayer for Christian unity (the eight days concluding with Pentecost) has been expanded to include Sorry Day and the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation. At the back of the church are some small booklets to assist you in this prayer ministry. If they have already been all taken please see Rebecca after the service.

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

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

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.

Raisin Toast

Parents of small and not so small children: After the 10.00 am service there will be raisin toast available - please help your child help themselves. If this works then we will do the same next week.

Ministry teams at St Philip's

Team

Co-ordinator

Pastoral	Denise Manley
Maintenance	Roger Sharpe
Youth and Children	Richard Wade
Liturgy	Rebecca Newland
Social	Ann Munro

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 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, Sarona, Merv McInnes, Mira Barratt, Irmgard Menck
The Saints Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury (d988); John (d1791) and Charles Wesley (d1788) evangelists and teachers. Augustine of Canterbury; missionary and bishop. (d605)

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

TODAY'S ROSTERS:

Cleaning: Shane & Tim Woodburn
Flowers: Carola Parke & Philida Sturgiss-Hoy
Readers:
8am: 1st Peter Lindeman, 2nd Eloise Wright
10am: 1st Stephen Billet, 2nd Ann Munro
Sidespersons:
8am: Clive Lowes
10am: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson
Morning Tea
10am: James Kim & Roger Sutcliffe

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
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Michael F-Clarke & Felicity Maher

SUNDAY 28th May 2006
8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- Acts 1:15-17
- Psalm 1
- 1John 5:9-13
- John 17:6-19

Rosters:

Cleaning: Volunteers please

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

Readers:

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

10am: 1st Linda Anchell, 2nd Brian McKinlay

Sidespersons:

8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: James Kim, Brian McKinlay & Helen Palethorpe

Morning Tea

10am Ann Munro

Children's Ministry

10am Richard Wade & Genevieve Hassall

Pandora's income from 12 & 13 May: \$358.70 (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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correspondence willingly entered into.

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