

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

The vision of St. Philip's is to **be** a caring, Christian community which honours and embraces difference, and offers a place to celebrate and grow spiritually in the Anglican tradition.

Sunday 19th November 2006 **TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



8am Eucharist

10am Eucharist

The service begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer book

Readings:

- Daniel 12:1-3
- Psalm 16
- Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25
- Mark 13:1-11

10am Hymns: [TIS](#) 433, 546, 650, 153

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Soloist: Madeleine Rowland "Come Unto Him" from Handel's Messiah

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

Dear Everyone,

Welcome to St. Philips!

In last week's sermon I defined stewardship as "what I do, with all that I have, after I say believe" and using the gifts God has given us to do the work God is calling us to do. I wonder what are your particular gifts? Many of us are not very good at naming our gifts and talents. In the good old days we were encouraged not to talk about how 'good' we were at anything. In Australia there is a tendency to 'cut down' those who rise above a certain level, particularly if they speak of it too much, the so called tall poppy syndrome. However we all have gifts and talents to express and offer. Some of our talents we have worked hard to develop. Some of what we have is pure chance and great genetics. As followers of Christ we also have available the gifts of the Holy Spirit that are beyond our efforts or luck. In the bible there are a couple of lists of Spirits gifts that include such things as peace, faith, service, giving, leadership, wisdom and maturity. Where ever our gifts come from, God calls on us to use them in the service of the Kingdom.

One of our challenges is to discern what they are. Sitting down with a pen and paper is a good place to start. Asking for feedback from those who know us is also good and the next time someone compliments you on something you have done don't brush it away — say thank you and then think what gift has enabled you to achieve that result.

The idea of having gifts is also related to our self-esteem; what we think of ourselves. If you are anything like me you have a voice in your head that undermines your positive feelings and thoughts about yourself. Voices like this can be absolutely crippling and act like a dark cloud in the soul. Our minds are constantly full of a multitude of thoughts, both positive and negative. It is worth always keeping in mind that they are just thoughts and only have power if we let either dominate. We can try and focus on the good but another way is go to that place in the heart where we know we are loved and at one with our loving God. Scripture tells us that God has a deep and positive regard for each one of us made all the more remarkable because God knows us like no other, even ourselves. A meditation like this can de-claw and de-tooth any negative self perception.

A word probably needs to be said about the Christian notion of sin

and forgiveness. Whatever our thoughts, our self-esteem, our gifts or talents we "miss the mark" which is the original meaning of the Greek word for sin. It is like aiming for a bull's eye and hitting the tree 20 metres to the left. We "miss the mark" for all sorts of reasons —pride, lack of focus giving up due to despair — are just some of them. "missing the mark" does not change us from being creatures essentially loved by God. Indeed it is in our frailty and imperfection that we are most loved. And forgiveness is ours for the asking. It is the forgiveness we give and receive to others and we receive from God that balances out the spiritual ledger and puts us back onto the starting block — time and time again. God is gracious and merciful a reality that calls us to be the same. So discover your gifts, confident that you have what it takes to serve God and others. It can change the world — or the very least your self-perception, the best place to start.

Peace and Blessings.
Rebecca Newland

P.S.Advanced notice that we will be running the latest NCLS survey in the church shortly.

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

Offerings received 12th November: \$1121.50 + EFT \$400=\$1077.30 **Shortfall** \$377.30

Notices

FOR LOVE OF THE WORLD

Inter-faith Action on Climate Change
Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Canberra
10-30am — 12noon 2nd December 2006

Join Michael Leunig, Chair of the Global Carbon Project, and representatives from the major faith traditions at an important action on Climate Change.

For Love of the World will be an event at which those present can journey from acknowledgement of where we are, including acknowledging our pain, sadness, helplessness and fear, to a place of hope which is connected to real commitment to action. We will call on the government to take committed action, as well as provide the opportunity for individuals to make their own promises for action. We warmly invite you to attend, and to invite others to be present at this important event. Inquiries: Sarah Bachelard, 0423 987 105; Linda Chapman, 0402 273 021 Rebecca Newland, 0432 539 948

St Philip's and CAMRA — Coming Events 2006

- 11 November Twilight Fair
- Friday 1 December 6pm Eucharist and
7pm Parish Advent Dinner (with
Mood Swings)
- 8 & 10 December CAMRA presents Handel's
"Messiah"
- 21 December 7.30pm Carol Service and supper
- 22nd December 8pm CAMRA presents a recital by
Amanda Forbes
(Amanda's only 2006 Australian performance.)
- Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve
morning eucharists, 8am & 10am
7pm Children's Christmas Service
11pm Carols
11.30pm Midnight Mass
- Christmas Day 9am Holy Communion

An invitation to a journey: Come and See

In our modern world there is a deep hunger for spiritual depth and connections. If you would like to part of a process that is designed to deepen your faith and your relationships then consider being part of the "Come and See" journey. "Come and See" is time spent with a spiritual friend and fellow travellers exploring what it means to be a Christian. It is not about telling you what to believe but asking questions together and exploring answers. In "Come and See" we take part in worship, learning, spiritual guidance, and nurture. It is for anyone interested, including those who have been part of church life for many years.

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For more information on session dates and times, an information brochure, or to make enquiries, please contact either Brian on 6161 6352 (ah) or Rebecca on 6161 7334

WE PRAY FOR:

The World: For peace and stability in Palestine and Israel, Iraq, Afghanistan, and for justice in Myanmar. For a resolution to the political instability in Thailand. For all refugees. For a consensus and way to deal with climate change. For unity between all Christians and Christian churches. For interfaith dialogue and understanding.

In Australia: For wisdom for Australian authorities dealing with Asylum Seekers. (See the [Refugee Action Committee](#) web site) For Aboriginal communities and for reconciliation. For rural communities affected by drought.

Northbourne Community Centre: For Robin and her helpers, and those who attend the centre.

Those in need of healing: Michael Cockayne, Roy Ayrton, Tony Kildea, Corey Jansen, June Axelsen, Jill Scott, Yoko and Jutaro Murase, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Linda Kennedy, Sarona, Merv McInnes, Mira Barratt, John Cunliffe, Ruth Newland, Kitty Junior, Michael Ellis, Maximina Quintana, David, Marion, Vicki.

The Saints: Clement of Rome, bishop & martyr (d.c.100); James Noble, first indigenous Australian ordained d.1941

"May the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory."

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

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 & Erika Langman
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Charity Mapoko & Doreen Odom

SUNDAY 26th November 2006 8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- 2Samuel 23:1-7
- Psalm 132:1-12
- Revelations 1:4b-8
- John 18:33-37

Rosters:

Cleaning: Volunteers please

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

8am:

Sidespersons: Ian Rischbieth

Reader: Eloise Wright

10am:

Sidespersons: James Kim, Brian McKinlay & Helen Palethorpe

Readers: 1st Linda Anchell, 2nd Fred Anchell

Children's Ministry: Ellen Unruh & Sally Adams

Morning Tea: Ann Munro.

Pandora's income from 3rd & 10th & 11th November: \$... (Reserved for future development of the Parish & Pandora's)

Hon. Priests: Rev Doug Bannerman & Rev Jeanette McHugh Hon Deacon: Rev Linda Anchell

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Wardens: Denise Manley, Elizabeth Allinson and Hardy Palethorpe
