

# 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

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## **Sunday 8th October 2006** **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**8am Eucharist**

**10am Eucharist**

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

Readings:

- Job 1:1, 2:1-10
- Psalm 26
- Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
- Mark 10:2-16

**Organist/Pianist:** Anne Morris Bannerman

**10am Hymns:** TIS 474, 431, 654, 560

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

Dear Everyone,

It is good to be back in Canberra and into the work at St. Philips. I had an amazingly productive time at the coast and managed to write up almost all my research data from the Philippines trip. Not only that, the beach and bush were just wonderful and after the stress of the last few months their beauty went a long way to refreshing my soul. The life of faith is really a life long journey - where we learn from the circumstances in our lives and through God's grace grow in inner understanding and knowledge. I have a favourite passage from Paul's letter to the Ephesians (3:14-12). In it Paul prays that through the power of the Spirit his readers 'inner selves' it will grow strong and that God, 'planted in love and built on love' will live in their hearts. There are other passages in the New Testament that point to this 'growing' aspect of the Christian journey. We have a vision here at St. Philips that we will be a community that offers a place to grow spiritually: **The vision of St. Philips is to be a caring, Christian community, which honours and embraces difference and offers a place to grow spiritually within the Anglican tradition.**

'Offering a place' is about hospitality and welcome but it is something specific we have in mind — spiritual growth — not only for those who might walk through the doors but also for ourselves. Perhaps most importantly for ourselves! If we are not growing in understanding and knowledge then I think we are less likely to be able to offer a place that facilitates this for anyone else. What I particularly like about the passage from Ephesians is that it is through the power of the Spirit that growth happens, not through our own convoluted and tortuous efforts which is just as well. All we have to do is to pray and be open to God's love and power in our lives. When the small group of people gather together here on a Tuesday evening for Christian meditation that is part of the process of becoming ever more open to God's grace and love. Singing hymns, praising God, listening to the Word of God, listening to each other (!) are all part of the same process.

As part of my study last week I came across articles that used Max Weber's analysis of world religions as a basis for some reflections. One of Weber's arguments is that religions are transformative phenomena. They are about the transformation of societies and individuals. They are about growth and change. As Christians we choose the path of Christ, we live in Christ, we are renewed in Christ and we proclaim Christ. In a few short weeks we will hopefully be beginning our program of 'offering a place' for others to grow spiritually the 'catechumenate'. (we will have a better name soon!)

Maybe it will be an opportunity for some of us to do some 'spiritual growing' ourselves. It is not only for 'outsiders', brothers and sisters we have not yet encountered, but for those who are signed up members of the church. If you are interested in participating please speak to Sarah Gowty, Linda Anchell, Brian McKinlay or myself. We will also shortly be asking for volunteers to be fellow journeyers, a role that should be wonderfully rewarding. Whatever your intention please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the team leaders and that we will all indeed grow in faith and love.

Today we welcome Brian McKinlay to the pulpit!!! Many thanks Brian!

Peace and Blessings.

Rebecca Newland

P.S. David and I are attending the climate change rally today (see notice board for details).

Come and join us!!

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

Offerings received 1st October: \$485.70 + EFT \$400    **Shortfall of \$569.30.**

## Notices

### **Twilight Fair 3pm - 7pm 11 November 2006**

**34 days to go!** We depend on you to make it happen!

Please see the notice board today for current details.

Wheat is available for anyone who could make heat packs/bags.

Garden pots available near back door of church. Jars for jams needed.

Boxes and cans needed for children's activities.

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### **The Micah Challenge Events**

Micah Challenge is a global movement of Christians against poverty, in the spirit of Micah 6:8 "...what does the Lord require but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God", in support of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals to halve poverty by 2015.

**7 - 8.30pm Sunday October 15**

**Micah Challenge Worship Service, Canberra Baptist Church, Kingston:** worship leader Greg Trainor, Vineyard pastor, Cabramatta preacher Fuzz Kitto, youth worker drama and dance Breakthru Artz

**11.45 - 12.45 Monday October 16 STAND UP AGAINST POVERTY, Front Lawn, Parliament House**

THE international anti-poverty event of 2006 — help set a Guinness World Record for the most people to stand up against poverty! Featuring

Canberra Tongan Choir and "Schmick As" Circus Troupe

**6.30pm-8.30pm Monday October 16 Sausage Sizzle & Hypothetical, Canberra Baptist Church, Kingston** Expert panel including politicians and journalists discuss poverty reduction measures

**12.30pm-1.30pm Tuesday October 17 Official Opening, Create to Advocate Art Exhibition, Parliament House, International Day for the Eradication of Poverty** View art created to make poverty history! Exhibition runs from 9 October - 7 November, Public Display Area, 1st Floor, Senate side.

**6pm-6.30pm Tuesday October 17 Prayer Vigil, Front Lawn, Parliament House,** final event, Voices for Justice 2006. **GET INVOLVED:**

**Siev X Memorial  
Raising of the Poles  
2pm Sunday 15 October 2006**

Weston Park, Yarralumla ceremony of remembrance for the parents and children who drowned on the SIEVX refugee vessel in 2001. 353 poles made by schools, churches, and communities across Australia representing each life lost procession, music and ceremony — opening by Chief Minister Jon Stanhope.

Support the effort towards a permanent lakeside memorial at Weston Park, Yarralumla

## **St Philip's and CAMRA — Coming Events 2006**

- Saturday 4th November                      Parish working  
bee and spring clean
- Sunday 5th November                      10am                      All  
Souls/All Saints Eucharist  
with Haydn's "Little Organ Mass"
- 11 November                      Twilight Fair
- Friday 1 December 6pm Eucharist and  
7pm Parish Advent Dinner
- Friday 2nd December  
CAMRA's *In the Mood* concert
- 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  
7pm Children's Christmas Service  
11pm Carols  
11.30pm Midnight Mass
- Christmas Day 9am Holy Communion

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.

**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.

**The Departed:** Lionel Bruce Holgate d.5/10/02

**The Saints:** Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, England (d.1845)  
*"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 Prayer](#)

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 — Joyce Webster & Rhonda Evans
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Ann Munro

**SUNDAY 15th October 2006**  
**8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist**

Readings:

- Job 23:1-9, 17-17
- Psalm 22:1-15
- Hebrews 4:12-16
- Mark 10:17-31

**Rosters:**

Cleaning: Doreen Odom & Elizabeth Sillano

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

**8am:**

Sidespersons: *volunteer*

Reader: Shane Woodburn

**10am:**

Sidespersons: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson

Readers: 1st Jean pound, 2nd Anne Morris Bannerman

Children's Ministry: ???

Morning Tea: James Kim & Roger Sharp

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*Pandora's income from 29th & 30thrd September: \$183.90 (Reserved for future development of the Parish & Pandora's)*

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