

# 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.

Synod reports, the Bishop's Synod Charge, Synod Sermon and bible study are available at:

<http://www.canberragoulburn.anglican.org/HTML/publications/SYNOD/2006/syno>

**Sunday 17th September 2006**  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**8am Eucharist**  
**10am Eucharist**

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

Readings:

- Proverbs 1:20-33
- Psalm 19
- James 2:18-26
- Mark 8:27-38

**Organist/Pianist:** Colin Forbes  
**10am Hymns:** TIS 156, 450, 526, 351  
Psalm soloist: Rev'd Linda Anchell

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

Dear Everyone,

The Synod Sarah Gowty, Brian McKinlay and I attended last weekend in Goulburn was a celebratory affair with an emphasis on wellbeing. There were a couple of very significant motions passed including two on the Middle East and one on Diversity in the Anglican Church. Ashton Robinson is going to give a short report about synod for us all. However below is the text of an email sent from central office last week about one of the resolutions:

### Aid for the Middle East

**The Diocesan Synod passed a resolution setting the challenge of raising \$30,000 from the Diocese to assist the humanitarian work of the Anglican Church in the Middle East: Gaza or Lebanon. The 330 members of synod personally donated or pledged over \$4,000 to the fund before they left for home last Sunday. The Bishop of Jerusalem, The Rt Rev'd Riah H. Abu El-Assal, will be in Canberra on Wednesday 27 September and will be giving a lecture at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture that evening. Bishop George intends to assure Bishop Riah that the Diocese will raise this money.**

**Please support this compassionate work of our Church. These donations are tax deductible and can be made either through your Parish or directly by phone or online to AngliCORD [Anglicans Cooperating in Overseas Relief and Development] and ABM [Anglican Board of Mission - Australia].**

**For more information or to make a donation go to:  
[www.anglicord.org.au](http://www.anglicord.org.au) or [www.abm.asn.au](http://www.abm.asn.au) or call AngliCORD on 1800 249 880 or ABM on 1300 302 663. Please let your Parish Treasurer know that you have made a donation. In this way we can plot our course to reaching our target.**

I wholeheartedly commend this endeavour to you all. The target set is very manageable for the diocese as a whole. Whatever way you can help, no matter how small, will go towards the target.

Sometimes the needs of so many people and situations in our world seem overwhelming. I was chatting with a friend last week about the impending climate change crisis amongst other things. She was feeling weighed down and helpless and felt as if it did not matter what she did, nothing would improve. Politicians would not listen if she wrote letters; the small amount of money she could donate to causes would not really change anything and her meagre efforts to reduce the use of her car or shop as ethically as possible would have no impact. She was right of course but if all of us took similar steps then it truly would make a difference and quite quickly. It is not that we cannot change anything. It is as a people as a whole, working together, that we lack the will.

Perhaps the problem is that in the face of so many problems we no longer have hope. Hope is called the quintessential Christian virtue for with hope all other things become possible - forgiveness, love of neighbour, reconciliation, care of the earth, a church community thriving and growing. Without hope there is only despair.

May the Holy Spirit stir up hope within us so we can take the steps, one day at a time that will make the difference.

Peace and Blessings.  
Rebecca Newland

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

Offerings received 10th September: \$ 814.80 + EFT \$400 = **Shortfall of \$241**

## Notices

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

**55 days to go!** 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.

Also if you have not already please collect the latest Fair bulletin from the back of the church.

### **GARAGE SALE This Saturday 23 September 8am - 12 noon**

All Trash & Treasure items welcome, especially white elephants!

Remember no White Elephant stall at Twilight Fair, so clean out your cupboards now!

Your assistance on the day would be appreciated, come early (from

6am) to help setup, come during the morning to sell or come late morning to pack up. Can sell large or good quality items on commission. Can organise pickup of items if needed. Please see Leighton (6260 8030) for further details.

**FOLLOWED BY**

A parish BBQ at the church

**THEN**

A spring working bee!

2pm - 4pm

**Men's Breakfast 8.00 am Saturday 30th of September**

Speaker: Rev Barry May

W.A's first full time police chaplain will talk about his experience as an Anglican priest in the force. St. Barnabas' Church Charnwood.

**Reading Reflections** - on the first and third Sundays of the month.

A time has been set aside to look at the day's readings. It is a time to reflect more deeply on the readings, to share with friends and to build faith and community.

*(This week, the reflection happened with the late leavers. Wonderful, heady stuff!)*

**Ministry teams at St Philip's**

**Team**

Pastoral  
Maintenance  
Youth and Children  
Liturgy  
Social

**Co-ordinator**

Denise Manley  
Roger Sharpe  
Richard Wade  
Rebecca Newland  
Ann Munro

## WE PRAY FOR:

**The World:** For peace and stability in Palestine and Israel, Iraq, Afghanistan, and for justice in Myanmar. For the implementation of the UN resolution in Lebanon. For all refugees. For a consensus and way to deal with climate change. For unity between all Christians and Christian churches.

**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.

**Those who mourn:** Denise and family of Beryl Collins.

**The Saints:** John Ramsden Wollaston, priest, missionary of Western Australia; d1856; John Coleridge Patteson, first bishop of Melanesia, martyr d1871; Matthew, Apostle, evangelist and martyr;  
*"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 — Barbara Dowley & Erika Langman
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open —Charity Mapako & Doreen Odom

## **SUNDAY 24th September 2006**

### **8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist**

Readings:

- Proverbs 31:10-31
- Psalm 1
- James 3:1-12
- Mark 9:14-29

#### **Rosters:**

Cleaning: Volunteers please!

Flowers: Val Reeves

#### **8am:**

Sidespersons: Ian Rischbieth

Reader: Eloise Wright

#### **10am:**

Sidespersons: James Kim, Brian McKinlay & Helen Palethorpe

Readers: 1st Linda Anchell, 2nd Richard Wade

Children's Ministry: Stephen & Rebecca Palethorpe (or Fiona & Ben?)

Morning Tea: Ann Munro

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*Pandora's income from 8th & 9th September: \$186.55 (Reserved for future development of the Parish & Pandora's)*

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