

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 24th September 2006 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



8am Eucharist

10am Eucharist

The service begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer book

Readings:

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

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

10am Hymns: TIS 234, 692, 137, 187

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

Dear Everyone,

Thankyou, Thankyou!! To all the people who helped out on Saturday with the garage sale and the spring clean up. It was a great day and wonderful to have all your assistance. The garage sale made \$299.65. To be split between Camra and the parish. Thankyou!

And now back to reflections on our vision statement...!

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We are still hovering around the phrase 'which honours and embraces difference'. Last time I wrote about the notion of honour and what that might mean in the context of our vision statement. The word to ponder this time is 'embrace'. What comes to your mind as you hear that word? Holding someone to yourself and hugging them? Welcoming them with a kiss? I suspect if we began hugging everyone who came through our church door we would get some very strange looks and no second comers! However to be able to embrace something or someone takes a particular state of mind. We must first of all lay aside our fears. The fear of those who are different is at the heart of exclusion and the creation of those who are 'not like us'. To lay aside our fears successfully we need to name them and then consciously jettison them. Next we need to open our hearts, our worship space, our thinking to what might seem difficult to accommodate.

This vision statement actually leaves no room for us being a secluded club of peas in a pod with our minds and hearts bolted against the outside.

When I think of the idea of embracing my mind goes to the story of the prodigal son and the example of the father. What stands out in the story is not what the son was like, what he had or had not done. What stands out is the Father who joyously welcomed his son and ran out to embrace the boy. The father was not thinking of how he had been wronged. He wasn't thinking of who was right and who was wrong. Tricky ethical and theological questions didn't enter into the picture. The father simply had pure joyous love for his son and embraced him wholeheartedly. Let's embrace difference!!

Next week I will be taking some time off to do some much-needed study. My Philippines research is waiting to be converted into a paper for my masters' degree in ministry. I will be away from this Sunday evening through to the end of the long weekend the week

after.

The Rev'd Linda Anchell will be taking the Wednesday service. The Rev'd Doug Bannerman will be taking the Sunday services next Sunday. Doug is also available in case of a pastoral emergency. His phone number is 6247 2646.

To assist those on the flower roster and the cleaning roster a key to the church has now been permanently left with the Pandoras helpers. I hope this makes it easier for everyone to get their jobs done and my apologies for any inconvenience that people might have experienced lately.

Peace and Blessings.
Rebecca Newland

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

Offerings received 10th September: \$872.10 + EFT \$400=\$1272.10 **Shortfall of \$183.10**

Notices

Twilight Fair 3pm - 7pm 11 November 2006

48 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.

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.

Concerned About Climate Change?

Want to do something positive?

Come and help make the words of a human sign: Clean Energy for
Eternity

When: 10.30am Sunday 8th October Where: Reconciliation Place,
Canberra (Between Questacon and the High Court) Fun carnival
atmosphere. Displays, performances and activities for all ages. Great
day out for a great cause. Please register on

www.cleanenergyforeternity.net

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

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.

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 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, Maximina Quintan.

Those who mourn: Denise and family of Beryl Collins.

The Departed: Elizabeth Catherine Wann, John Eadie(2006), Francis Lawrence (Lawrie) Keast d. 24/9/90

The Saints: Sergius of Moscow, abbot and teacher d.1392; Lancelot Andrewes, bishop of Winchester d.1626; Vincent de Paul, priest & worker with the poor d.1660 (and St Michael and All Angels)

"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
- **Wednesday** 10am Holy Communion
- **Friday** Rebecca's Day Off
- **Friday** 10am - 1pm Pandora's Open —
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open —

SUNDAY 1st October 2006 8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22
- Psalm 124
- James 5:12-20
- Mark 9:38-50

Rosters:

Cleaning: Volunteers please!

Flowers: (Jeanette McHugh *from Iona?*)

8am:

Sidespersons: John Girdlestone

Reader: Devin Combs Bowles

10am:

Sidespersons: Chris Cheah & Roger Sharp

Readers: 1st Chris Cheah, 2nd Beryl Holder

Children's Ministry: *School Holidays*

Morning Tea: Volunteers needed (if you want a cuppa!)

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

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Wardens: Denise Manley, Elizabeth Allinson and Hardy Palethorpe
