

"Come and see," said Philip
Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor!

Sunday 27 April 2008
ASCENSION SUNDAY



Go therefore and make disciples... I am with you always!

8am & 10am Eucharist

The Service begins on page 119 of the Prayer Book

Readings: Daniel 7.9-14 Psalm 93
 Acts 1.1-11 Matthew 28.16-20

10am Hymns: Together in Song: 143, 373, 517, 411.

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.

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

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Hon. Priests: Rev. Doug Bannerman & Rev. Jeannette McHugh.

Hon. Deacon: Rev. Linda Anchell

Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Rob Lamerton

Rosters	Flowers:	Val Reeves
8am:	Lay Minister:	Stephen Billett
	Sidespeople:	Volunteer
	Reader:	Volunteer
10am:	Lay Minister:	Rev'd Linda Anchell
	Organist/Pianist:	Alexander O'Sullivan
	Sidespeople:	Helen Paethorpe, Brian McKinlay & James Kim
	Readers:	1 st Pat Forbes, 2 nd Ann Munro
	Communion Servers:	Sarah Gowty & Tim Gowty
	Morning Tea:	Jesse Kim & Margaret Woodbridge

Greetings to all!

Today we celebrate Ascension Day a little early! Ascension Day falls on Thursday and since we have our celebration of St Philip and St James next Sunday it seemed right to include an Ascension celebration into Easter in readiness for Pentecost in two weeks time!

Ascension marks the departure of Jesus from his followers "forty days" after his resurrection. The story of Jesus Ascension from Acts of the Apostles mentions his appearances "during forty days" after his suffering. Of course we often think of forty days not literally but simply as a significant period of time. In the Acts version Jesus "was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight" while in the gospel of Luke he "withdrew and was carried up into heaven"! In Matthew there is no "ascension" as such, only the assurance that Jesus would be with his followers to the end of the age. The writers are trying to tell us that Jesus is taken from sight to his place in the heavenly realms to be set in place as Christ or Messiah (Lord) over all creation. He is depicted as the "one like a human being" from the book of Daniel who is "given dominion and glory and kingship" who also remains with his followers

Ascension is about Jesus being Christ (the Messiah, the King), the Lord of all things, the one who is worshipped and worthy of our obedience and faithfulness who through the gift of God's Holy Spirit remains in our midst!

Rob Lamerton.

Announcements at Church

Please come to the front prayer desk microphone when giving notices? Gather at the microphone while I am giving my announcements and then follow on!

Weekly Offering/income needed to operate our Parish \$2000 per week,
excludes rental income.

Offerings received 20 April \$721.40 + EFT \$508 = \$1229.40 **Shortfall \$770.60!!!**

Crockery Donation \$300

WHAT'S HAPPENING

**NEXT SUNDAY – 4 May St Philip's Day - 10am Sung Eucharist
Followed by a Curries & Jazz in the Courtyard**

Bishop Allan Ewing will Preside & Preach. Confirmees are Eloise Wright, David McCaskie, Jesse Odom and Tevin Mapako. Those admitted to communicant membership are Fiona Dyer, Jesse Kim, and Roger Sharp.

Please see list in Foyer to nominate what you can contribute to the lunch.

*Autumn Leaves and flowers are required for decorating the church next week!
Please bring them to the church by 8am on Saturday!*

**Saturday 10 May "Pandora's at O'Connor" future management!
Meeting 2.15pm - Rectory! All welcome!**

The proposed 'Task Plan Coordination' will be available next Sunday

Sunday 11 May Day of Pentecost

Please wear something RED! Brian McKinlay will be preaching.

Sunday 18 May Trinity Sunday

Chris Cheah will be preaching.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Canberra Taizé Group will hold a special Taizé prayer evening on **Friday 9 May, 8pm to 9pm** at St Stephen's, Kambah (cnr Marconi and Kett Streets).

15 November 2008, 3pm – 7pm St Philip's Community Fair

NOTICES

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY IS AVAILABLE! – PLEASE TAKE ONE!

St Philip's Social Team has purchased **new crockery** for the Parish. If you would like to **make a donation** to help with this expense, please place it in the offering plate marked "crockery" or hand it to Denise or Leighton, thank you. If we receive enough donations we would like to purchase new cutlery also!

St Philip's Cleaning Roster! – Can you give two hours every second month to keep St Philip's looking good? We need your help! Contact Janine 62415894

ANGLICARE WINTER PANTRY APPEAL

Volunteers are required to staff the donation centre at Woden Westfield.

Diaconate??? What's that??? Please take the papers and booklets to read!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The World: Peace in resolving the election outcome in Zimbabwe. For wisdom, patience, and fair treatment for Tibetan people under Chinese government. Worldwide efforts to combat Malaria. Australia: Pray for teachers and children returning to school.

The Church: Confirmation candidates and those to be welcomed to Communicant Membership next week at St Philip's. Diocese of Willochra: Bishop Garry Weatherill, people and clergy. Parishes: Cobargo awaiting appointment of a priest, Bodalla-Narooma: Trevor Smith (Lyndell), Janet Williams (Dale), Linda Chapman (Anthony Mayne), Judy Taylor, Open Sanctuary @ Tilba Tilba: Linda Chapman (Anthony Mayne), Moruya: Robin Lewis-Quinn, Batemans Bay: Ian Lambert (Jill), Tom Slockee (Muriel), Colin Walters (Kay), Boomerang Meeting Place: Tom Slockee (Muriel), St Peter's Anglican College: Principal, Tony Horsley; staff and students; Chaplain, Mark Sweeney (Sandi), Pray for: Aboriginal and Islander ministry: the Diocesan Koori Commission (Convenor: Tom Slockee), Bimbadeen Training College, Cootamundra. The appointment of our Children's Ministry Coordinator. The future of Pandora's at O'Connor. The ministry of Robin and Liz at the Northbourne Community Centre. Robin Moore and others discerning their vocation.

Those in need: The many suffering with Malaria around the world. Juan Sillano, Nigel Burn, Delwyn, Paul and Alyssa, Melissa and Samuel, Christine Smith, David Marsden, Janet and family, Wendy Woodbridge, , Sandra Patch, Frank Faulkner, Bp. Owen Dowling, Claude Woodbridge, Stewart Barrett, Toni O'Brien, Michael Cockayne, Jill Scott, Yoko and Jutaro Murase, Ian Wright, Merv McInnes, Mira Barratt, John Cunliffe, Betty Ingram, Gwen Hitchens. The Departed:

THIS WEEK

Monday to Thursday	8.30am:	Morning Prayer
	5.00pm:	Evening Prayer
Tuesday	10.30am	Kankinya Nursing Home - Holy Communion
	5.30pm:	Meditation
Wednesday	10am:	Holy Communion
Friday	10am-1pm:	Pandora's OPEN – Margaret Woodbridge & Fay Pankhurst
Saturday	10am-1pm:	Pandora's OPEN – Beryl Blasotto & Rhyanna Tarlington

NEXT SUNDAY 8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings: Isaiah 30.18-21 Psalm 19.1-6 1 Corinthians 15.1-8 John 14.6-14

Rosters:

Cleaning:	Sally & Richard Adams
Flowers:	Jeanette McHugh
8am:	Sidespeople: John Girdlestone
	Reader: John Girdlestone
10am:	Sidespeople: Chris Cheah & Roger Sharp
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	Communion Servers: Denise Manley & Tim Gowty
	Morning Tea/Lunch Curries & Jazz in the Courtyard

Pandora's income from 18 & 19 April \$189.70

Reserved for future development of the Parish & Pandora's