

*"Come and see," said Philip*  
**Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor!**  
Sunday 31 August 2008  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**8am & 10am Eucharist:**

*The service begins on page 119 of the Prayer Book.*

**Readings:** Exodus 3.1-15          Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26  
Romans 12.9-21                  Matthew 16.21-28

**10am Hymns:** *Together in Song*; **52, 583, 560** (tune I) & **595**

**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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**Rector:** Rev'd Rob Lamerton (on leave)

**Hon. Priests:** Rev'd. Doug Bannerman & Rev'd. Jeannette McHugh.

**Hon. Deacon:** Rev. Linda Anchell

**TODAY**

**Presiding & Preaching:** Rev'd Ray Williamson

**Rosters: 8am:** Sidespeople: volunteer

Reader: Clive Lowes

**10am:** Lay Minister: Sarah Gowty

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Children's Ministry: Dyer family

Sidespeople: Grace Barnes & Hardy Palethorpe

Readers: 1<sup>st</sup> Pat Forbes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Palethorpe

Communion Servers: Linda Anchell & volunteers

Morning Tea: Ann Munro & Helen Palethorpe

*Dear St Philip's friends*

*It was delightful to chat with Sandy Lamerton on Wednesday. She gave me this good news to share with you on how Rob is progressing.*

*Sandy knows that prayer for Rob is being heard and answered by our Lord. The nurses caring for Rob say that his progress is miraculous. The pathology results after Rob's surgery a few weeks ago were grim, but now the secondary cancers appear much less than previously observed. There's continuing optimism that they could be treatable.*

*Once again, Sandy asked me to pass on her biggest thanks for prayer and the gifts of food. She and Rob are very delighted by our love.*

*Rob is getting stronger every day and he may be home about Sunday. However, this good recovery depends on lots of rest and quiet, so **visitors are still restricted**, please.*

*How greatly we are blessed by Ray's ministry! Last Sunday, he took bread and wine from our 10am Communion to the hospital to include Rob and Sandy in St. Philip's gathering at the Lord's Table. Rob and Sandy much appreciated this.*

*Now is not the time to let up! Let's continue in prayer with thanksgiving. This week's reading from Romans encourages us. "Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ... Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer". (Romans 12.10, 12)*

*Since 2001, the last Sunday in August (today) has been set aside by Australian churches as a Day of Prayer for Refugees.*

*Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own; look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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*Much love, James Kim, Rector's Warden*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**The World:** Power sharing talks in Zimbabwe. Thanks for the "Free Gaza" boats landing safely and Jeff Halpern, arrested on his return to Israel.

**The Church:** Iglesia Anglicana del Cono Sur de America The Most Revd Gregory James Venables Presiding Bishop of the Southern Cone & Bishop of Argentina.

The National Council of Churches in Australia: General Secretary John Henderson. Council of the Church in South-East Asia (Anglican) and the Christian Conference of Asia (Ecumenical). Pray for: Partner relationships between our Church and other Churches of Asia and the Pacific.

**St Philip's:** Rob and Sandra and family; Ray Williamson; Pandora's @ O'Connor: the customers and the volunteers

**Those in need:** Rob Lamerton; Jean Pound, Betty Jennings, Werner Heinkle, Nigel Burn, Delwyn, Paul & Alyssa, Melissa & Samuel, Christine Smith, David Marsden, Janet & family, Wendy Woodbridge, Frank Faulkner, Claude Woodbridge, Stewart Barrett, Michael Cockayne, Jill Scott, Yoko & Jutaru Murase, Ian Wright, Merv McInnes, Mira Barratt, John Cunliffe, Betty Ingram, Gwen Hitchens, Pat & Rex.

**The Departed:** Martyrs of New Guinea (d.1942); Gregory of Rome (d.604); Eliza Darling, pioneer social reformer in NSW (d. 1868).

### **THIS WEEK**

Wednesday 10am: Holy Communion

Friday 10am-1pm: Pandora's OPEN – Margaret Woodbridge & Fay Pankhurst

Saturday 10am-1pm: Pandora's OPEN – Beryl Blaseotto & Rhyanna Tarlington

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

### **8am & 10am Eucharist**

**Readings:** Exodus 12.1-14 Psalm 149  
Romans 13.1-10 Matthew 18.10-20

**Rosters:** Cleaning: Sally & Richard Adams  
Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

**8am:**Sidespeople: John Girdlestone  
Reader: John Girdlestone

**10am:** Children's Ministry: Palethorpe family  
Sidespeople: Chris Cheah & Roger Sharp  
Readers: 1<sup>st</sup> Jesse Kim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fred Anchell  
Communion Servers: Tim Gowty & Denise Manley  
Morning Tea: Avigail Abarbanel & Ian Barnes

### **WHAT'S ON @ ST PHILIP'S**

**TODAY, 12 noon**

**Sunday Home Group**

Will meet for lunch & study at Denise Manley's home (14 Luehmann St, Page). We will continue to study Women of the Bible Speak to Women of Today, and study papers are available. Please speak to Ann, Rhonda (at 8.00 am) or Denise.

**September's Retiring Offering** will be for **Nungalinga College**

[www.nungalinga.edu.au](http://www.nungalinga.edu.au) newsletter available in Foyer

**Saturday 13 September, 12 noon Pandora's Spring Fashion Parade**

St Philip's Courtyard, Lunch & Champagne \$8

**Sunday 14 September, 10am:**

**Gospel Service**

**Saturday 20 September**

**St Philip's Parish Quiet Day**

10-30am - 4-30pm at *The Gathering Place*, Bancroft Street, Dickson

Please join us for a time to be quiet and reflective together. There is a lovely walled garden with a labyrinth, a chapel, and places to sit and read and write. Come and go when you wish, hot and cold drinks provided, bring something to share for lunch. Contacts:

Doug Bannerman, Jeannette McHugh & Linda Anchell.

**Sunday 21 September, 10am:**

**Children's inclusive Service**

**Saturday 15 November 3 – 7pm**

**St Philip's Twilight Community Fair**

PLEASE SEE TWILIGHT FAIR NOTICEBOARD IN FOYER

Now collecting items for the **Gourmet Food Hamper**.

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

Offerings received 24 August \$845 + EFT \$508 = \$1353 - **Shortfall \$647**

Church use/hire: \$187.50

**Pandora's** income 22 & 23 August \$225.50 - *Reserved for future development of the Parish*

**St Philip's Wardens:** James Kim 6161 6352 or 0406 375591,

Doreen Sengati-Odom 6161 4739 & Roger Sharp 6236 3444 or 0419 207221

**Parish Office:** Helen Palethorpe will be in Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings.

**Weekly News sheet & Prayer List:** Items for the News sheet and names (add or remove) for the Prayer List, should be forwarded to Leighton leighton.mann@cgs.act.edu.au or 62608030 by Thursday!

## **WHAT'S ON AROUND CANBERRA**

Australians for Justice and Peace in Palestine present

**Professor Jeff Halper**

Coordinator of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD)

**Public Lecture Series:**

**Wednesday 3rd September, 3pm**

Law Theatre, Australian National University

**'A Rights-Based Approach to the Israeli-Palestine Conflict: The Best Prospect for Peace'**

(Free of charge)

**Wednesday 3rd September, 6.30pm**

Shalimar Indian Restaurant,

Marcus Clarke Street, Civic

**'Israeli Apartheid'**

\$35 (\$30 concessions) incl. dinner

**ICAHD** is a non-violent, direct-action group originally established to oppose and resist Israeli demolition of Palestinian houses in the Occupied Territories.

AJPP has been formed to support the achievement of justice and peace in Palestine

AJPP PO box 619 Woden 2606 Tel: 0417 269 984

**Thursday 25 September, 12–2 pm**

Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall St, Barton

**Mothers Union in Australia** – part of the World Wide Mothers' Union - has been asked to devote one of our events this year to child abuse. MU Canberra & Goulburn is sponsoring a Lunch Time Speaker. Tea, coffee and sandwiches will be provided for a gold coin donation. If you are able to attend please advise Anne Downing,

62478116 – please leave message or [abdow@smartchat.net.au](mailto:abdow@smartchat.net.au)

The speaker will be Vicki Hamilton, (from Alstonville, Diocese of Grafton), Founder and Executive Officer of Heartfelt House, an organisation that provides support to adults sexually abused as children. Vicki is an accomplished public speaker who will share her story – a heartfelt story which we should all hear. She has survived 17 years of childhood sexual abuse and risen above the temptations of crime, promiscuity and alcohol which threatened to rob her of her will to live. Her story is what makes Heartfelt House, and the healing that occurs there, possible. Vicki's story will sadden, outrage, but inspire you. A must for everyone to hear, but especially for anyone working with youth or in the area of helping those who have suffered childhood sexual abuse.