

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

Sunday 7 December 2008

Second Sunday of Advent

Presiding: Rev'd Ray Williamson

Preaching: Brian McKinlay

Flowers: Val Reeves

8am:

Sidespeople: John Girdlestone

Reader: Devin Combs Bowles

10am:

Lay Minister: Brain McKinlay

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Sidespeople: Roger Sharp & helper

Bible Readers: 1st Beryl Holder, 2nd Rebecca Palethorpe

Communion Servers: Denise Manley & Tim Gowty

Morning Tea: volunteers please!

10am: St Philip's team @ Calvary Hospital Chapel

8am & 10am: *the service begins on page 119 of the Prayer Book.*

Readings: Isaiah 40.1-11 Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13 *page 311*
1 Peter 3.8-15a Mark 1.1-8

10am Hymns: *Together in Song; 264, 270, 275, 273*

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.

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Acting Rector (Part time): Rev'd Ray Williamson

Children's Ministry Co-ordinator: Belinda Young **Hon. Deacon:** Rev'd Linda Anshell

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

Wardens: James Kim, Doreen Sengati-Odom & Roger Sharp

Dear Friends,

Welcome again to St Philip's for our celebration of the Eucharist on this Second Sunday in Advent. Today we light the Second Advent Candle – the Candle of Peace that reminds us to look ahead towards the coming of the One who is the Prince of Peace.

This evening, at 7.30, we are to come together again for a time of worship that includes the presentation of Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols. It is a special Service, appropriate for this Advent season – and it will be followed by a supper to be enjoyed by us all! I hope you will be able to join us.

The Ceremony of Carols is also a very appropriate way to say farewell to Colin and Pat Forbes as they leave in a few days on their journey to London. We wish them every blessing, that they will travel safely, have a wonderful Christmas, and enjoy the whole of their seven weeks away. We thank them most sincerely for all they do to enhance the musical life of this parish community, especially the music for our worship, and for the arrangements they have made to cover their time away. We will look forward to their return.

Last week we 'launched' the Christmas Bowl Appeal for 2008 - the 60th Christmas Bowl since its beginning in 1949 – with the distribution of the envelopes and a small leaflet containing information about one project that receives financial support

from the Christmas Bowl. Today there is a second of those leaflets to provide you with a little more information about the projects, and there is also a small bookmark for you to take and use as a reminder of this work of the churches together. Please support this year's appeal as generously as you can.

Every blessing for the week ahead, Ray

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

Offerings received 30 November: \$1392.95 + EFT \$508 = \$1900.95. **Shortfall \$99.05**

Pandora's income 28 & 29 November. \$232.30

Twilight Fair \$80 Organ Fund \$50.00

St Philip's Calvary Hospital Ministry and Pastoral Care

The Calvary Ministry team needs some more hands and some new energy. Would you like to help?? If you can spare a few hours on Sunday morning once a month please contact Beryl Blaseotto on 62477230 or blas@goldweb.com.au

This is what you'll be asked to contribute to;

- Visiting patients and listening to their stories
- Providing wheelchair transport for patients to chapel services

A real Garage Sale at the Rectory Garage Saturday 13 December, 8am-2pm

Sandy & Gareth are clearing out the shed & garage, lots of bloke things!

WHAT'S ON @ ST PHILIP'S

Service of prayers & readings

Today, Sunday 7 December, 7.30pm

including CAMRA's performance of Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*
followed by a shared supper, please bring some savoury food to share.

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 14 December

Preaching: Chris Cheah

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 21 December

Preaching: Rev Jeanette McHugh

St Philip's Carol Service

Sunday 21 December, 7.30pm

followed by a shared supper, please bring some Christmas fair/treats to share.

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24 December

Children's Service

7pm

Carol Singing

11pm

Midnight Mass

11.30pm

Christmas Day

Thursday 25 December

Eucharist

9am

Gala Cabaret Supper

Saturday 18 April 2009, 8pm

a fund raiser for the Organ Restoration fund, presented by CAMRA & Food @ St Philip's

Northbourne Community Centre

The Northbourne Community Centre Monday Outreach program, operating under the umbrella of St Philips, has been providing a meal and welcoming environment for disadvantaged members of the inner north community for the past 12 years. As a result of the loss of their major long term sponsor last year, the Program is actively seeking sources of funding to enable its operation into the future. If anyone has any personal contacts into organisations or businesses that may consider assisting with ongoing funding could they please get in touch with Hardy Palethorpe.

Northbourne Community Centre Christmas Appeal

As part of their Monday Outreach Program, the Northbourne Community Centre provides a special christmas lunch and small gift to the regular attendees. The centre is seeking donations to enable them to provide the lunch and gift. Please consider giving a donation to assist with this event. Donations can be placed in the offering plate in envelopes marked with NCC. If you would like more information, please speak with any of the members of the Centre management team: Hardy Palethorpe, Ann Munro, Robin Moore, Liz Drysdale, Ray Williamson or Fiona Dyer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The World: Zimbabwe with infrastructure collapsing.

The Church: Kolhapur - (North India) **The Rt Revd Bathuel Ramchandra Tiwade**

Diocese of Brisbane: Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, Bishops Geoff Smith, Rob Nolan, Jonathan Holland, Clergy and People

Braidwood: Geoff Hoad (Patricia); **Bungendore:** Caroline Campbell; **Gunning:** TBA; **Crookwell:** Kevin Stone (Anne); **Binda:** John Campbell (Marlene);

Taralga: John Clewer (Deborah); **Pray for:** Small country churches and their ministry; the Rural Ministry Group; **Archdeacon of Rural Ministry:** Genieve Blackwell.

Our Community: Those who clean and iron and polish before Christmas celebrations.

Those in need: Clive Lowes, Betty Jennings, Claude Woodbridge, Mira Barratt, Peter, Christine Smith, David Marsden

The Saints: Richard Baxter, pastor and spiritual writer (d 1691); Lucy, martyr and virgin (d304)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 7.30pm Home Group @ Brian & James
Wednesday 10am: Holy Communion
5pm Evening Prayer
Friday 10am-1pm: Pandora's OPEN – Rhonda Evans
Saturday 10am-1pm: Pandora's OPEN – Ann Munro

NEXT SUNDAY

8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings: Isaiah 61.1-4, 8.11 Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5.12-28 John 1.6-8, 19-28

Rosters: Cleaning: Doreen Sengati Odom & Elizabeth Sillano
Flowers: Jeanette McHugh
8am: Sidespeople: volunteer
Reader: Volunteer
10am: Sidespeople: Leighton Mann & Hardy Palethorpe
Bible Readers: 1st Sarah Gowty, 2nd Fiona Dyer
Communion Servers: Ruth McGorman Mann & Hardy P
Morning Tea: Adams family

Items for the **Pewsheets** and names for the **Prayer list** (add or remove), please forwarded to Leighton [by Thursday!](mailto:leighton.mann@cgs.act.edu.au)
leighton.mann@cgs.act.edu.au or 6161 7133

The Advent Wreath

Second Candle – The Candle of Peace

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Today is the Second Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the peace we have in Christ

Last Sunday we lit the First Candle in our Advent Wreath – the Candle of Hope – and remembered the prophets of old and their message of hope. We light it again as we remember Jesus, born in Bethlehem, the source of all our hope.

Reader: It is written... “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight’”. *(Mark 1.2-3)*

Reader: Today we remember John the baptiser, who spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and safety. He taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and live God's peace in our lives.

All: **Today we give thanks for all who are peacemakers in our world today; all who challenge us to change our ways to the ways of peace and to find God's forgiveness.**

Reader: On this Second Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the peace of Christ that is like a light shining in a dark place.

The first candle is lit

Sing: TiS 286 **Light one candle for hope,
one bright candle for hope.**

**He brings hope to every heart.
He comes! He comes!**

**Light one candle for peace,
one bright candle for peace.
He brings peace to every heart.
He comes! He comes!**

The Collect

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

From the Clergy Appointment Board

The formal process for choosing a new Rector will not start until next year. In the meantime and to feed into the formal process, we as a Parish need to do some thinking about our requirements and our future. Things we are required to address with the Bishop or his delegate include the Strengths of the Parish, Weaknesses of the Parish, Most important needs of the Parish, Hopes and plans for the future and the Personal qualities seen to be important in a new Priest. We expect that, in addition to the activity of the Clergy Appointment Board, the whole Parish will have the opportunity to meet with the Bishop or his delegate during the process.

Please take some time to think of these things, pray about them and write down the thoughts which come to you. It is very important that these are passed on to us for consideration when the time comes.

After meeting with the Parish Council and discussing the practical issues involved, may we also add that the deadline for the return of your thoughts will be Sunday 21 December 2008. This will allow time for the next stage in the process, which is to collate all ideas into a draft Parish Profile document for presentation to the Parish and the Bishop.

Chris Cheah, Denise Manley and Ian Cousins.

Your thoughts & comments: