

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

Sunday 21 December 2008

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Presiding & Preaching: Rev Ray Williamson

Flowers: All the Flower Team

8am:

Sidespeople: Tim Woodburn

Reader: Volunteer

10am:

Lay Minister: Rev'd Linda Anchell

Organist/Pianist: Alexander O'Sullivan

Singers: Alison Knight, Gemma Dashwood
& H  l  ne Duponchel

Sidespeople: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson

Bible Readers: 1st Ann Munro, 2nd Ashton Robinson

Communion Servers: Grace B & James Kim

Morning Tea: Margaret Woodbridge & helpers

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

Readings: 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16 Psalm 89.1-4, 19-27 *page 315*
Romans 16.25-27 Luke 1.26-38

10am Music: **Hymns:** *Together in Song; 279, 268, 266 & 273*
during Communion: *Suscepit Israel* from J. S. Bach's Magnificat in D.

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 Anchell

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

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

Dear Friends,

Well, already we have come to the Fourth Sunday of Advent! Welcome, as we gather here at St Philip's to celebrate this day with our Eucharist this morning and the lighting of the fourth Advent Candle – the Candle of Love.

Also, this morning at 10.00, the children will be getting ready for their Christmas Pageant, and we are very grateful to Jeannette and Doug for being with the children today for this preparation.

Another special feature of our 10.00am Eucharist today will be the music during Communion: Suscepit Israel from J. S. Bach's Magnificat in D. Our soloists will be Alison Knight, Gemma Dashwood and H  l  ne Duponchel. We welcome them and express our gratitude to them.

I hope we can all be here again this evening at 7.30 for the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Our musicians have put in a great effort in preparing for it, and it should be a wonderful service to mark the beginning of our celebration of the Christmas festival. It is not too late to invite your family, friends and neighbours. And there is the lovely supper to be enjoyed afterwards. It will be a delightful evening.

You all will be aware of the times of worship on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. On Christmas Eve at 7.00pm there will be the Family Service and Children's Pageant; earlier in the day, at 10.00am, the usual Wednesday morning Eucharist; and later, at 11.00pm, Carol singing followed by a Sung Eucharist for Christmas. Then on Christmas Day, at 9.00am, a Eucharist will conclude our celebration of this great Festival. I will look forward to sharing it with you.

May it be a blessed and holy and hoped-filled time for you, Ray.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The World: Zimbabwe and its neighbours; Bethlehem, Palestine and Israel; young Israelis who refuse to do army service in the occupied territories.

The Church: Province of Lagos, Nigeria: The Most Revd Ephraim Adebola Ademowo. **Diocese of Rockhampton:** Bishop Godfrey Fryar, Clergy and People. **Holbrook:** Kevin Farrelly (Lorraine); **Gundagai.**

Fr Michael Martin, celebrating 50 years of priesthood today.

Pray for: Workplace Chaplains

Our Community: People who will find Christmas difficult as we celebrate family in Australia. School holidays and all that brings. Safety in travel and recreation.

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

The Departed: Alice Isabel Saylor d.20/12/88;

The Saints: Thomas, apostle and martyr; Stephen, deacon and first martyr; John, apostle and evangelist

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 10am: Holy Communion

Friday 10am-1pm: Pandora's CLOSED

Saturday 10am-1pm: Pandora's CLOSED

NEXT SUNDAY

8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings: Isaiah 61.10 – 62.3 Psalm 97 1 John 1.1-5 John 20.2-8

Rosters: Cleaning: Volunteers

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

8am: Sidespeople: Volunteer

Reader: Shane Woodburn

10am: Sidespeople: Helen Palethorpe, James Kim & Brian McKinlay

Bible Readers: 1st Brian McKinlay, 2nd Helen Palethorpe

Communion Servers: Doreen Sengati-Odom & Leighton Mann

Morning Tea: Self Service in the Foyer

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

Offerings received 14 December: \$1321 + EFT \$508 = \$1829. **Shortfall \$171**

Pandora's income 12 & 13 December \$61

Christmas bowl \$100 Northbourne Community Christmas Appeal \$156

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

Our Deacon, Rev'd Linda Anchell celebrated her 60th birthday last Monday! Birthday cake for Morning tea!

Thank you so much for allowing St Alban's to participate in the St Philip's Twilight Fair. It was very generous and hospitable of you to invite us to have a stall. We made over \$600 which is a much needed addition to our budget. We were very happy to provide our tables and we enjoyed the day very much.

We look forward to maintaining the links between our two parishes and we thank you deeply for your generosity and hospitality.
Best regards, Rev'd Rebecca Newland.

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

WHAT'S ON @ ST PHILIP'S

St Philip's Carol Service (Nine Lessons & Carols)

Today, Sunday 21 December, 7.30pm

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

Christmas Eve

Wednesday 24 December

Family Service with Children's Pageant 7pm

Carol Singing

11pm

Sung Eucharist (Midnight Mass)

11.30pm

Christmas Day

Thursday 25 December

Eucharist

9am

St Philip's Annual General Meeting Sunday 1 March, following 10am Service

J.S. Bach *St John Passion* Friday 27 March, 8pm All Saints, Ainslie

Sunday 29 March, 3pm St Philip's, O'Connor

Igitur Nos (an All Saints Choir) and CAMRA are joining forces to present Bach's *St John Passion* in Lent 2009. Refreshments by Food @ St Philip's (both locations).

Gala Cabaret Supper Saturday 18 April, 8pm

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

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.

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 with organisations or businesses that may consider assisting with ongoing funding could they please talk to one of the management team.

The Advent Wreath

Fourth Candle – The Candle of Love

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the love of God made known to us in Christ

Last Sunday we lit the Third Candle in our Advent Wreath – the Candle of Joy – and remembered Mary and all who fearlessly step out in faith. We light it and the Candles of Hope and Peace again as we remember Jesus, born in Bethlehem, our hope, our peace and our joy.

Reader: "In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was from the house and Family of David". (Luke 2.1,3-4)

Reader: Today we remember Joseph, worn-out traveller and worried husband, doing what was necessary for the sake of his family, the burden of poverty stifling his hope in the promise of God. There was no room for him, yet he knows to whom he belongs.

All: **Today we give thanks for the Josephs among us, migrating far from home when there is no choice, fiercely devoted to the ones they love, unwavering in their belief that there is no room for all in the kin-dom of God.**

Reader: On this Third Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Joseph, who knocks at the door, ready to take his place among royalty.

The fourth 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!**

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

**3. Light one candle for joy,
one bright candle for joy.
Every nation will find salvation
in Beth-l'em's baby boy.**

**4. Light one candle for love,
one bright candle for love.
He brings love to every heart.
He comes! He comes!
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P.T.O.

The Collect

Gracious God, you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son: as we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

From Parish Council – December meeting

1. It was resolved to communicate key points from Parish Council in the pew sheets and to the congregation in the form of notices following each Parish Council Meeting
2. During December there will be a retiring offering for Northbourne Community Centre's Christmas Lunch
3. The Church's AGM will be held on the 1st of March – reports will be circulated prior to this.
4. A list of repair, maintenance and minor works around the church has been compiled and prioritised. Our immediate priorities are:
 - a. Erection of a shade cloth in front of Pandora's
 - b. Replacing the footpath/concrete around the edge of the Kindergarten to the toilets
 - c. Rectory repairs
 - d. Repair of the banner
 - e. Restoration of the organ
5. The allocation of the church's fundraising funds needs approval of Parish Council
6. Parish Council were pleased to formally acknowledge the appointment of the Children's Ministry coordinator: Belinda Young

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The parish car is listed for sale – if anyone is interested in a 1998 Mitsubishi Magna (auto) that has done approx 150,000 km, please see one of the Parish Councillors.

From your Parish Council: Shane Woodburn (Chair & Treasurer) Fiona Dyer (secretary) Roger Sharp Doreen Sengati-Odom James Kim Fred Anchell and Ray Williamson

Our next meeting will be 9 February 2009. Please bring items for consideration to Parish Councillors beforehand.