

*"Come and see", said Philip*

# Welcome to St Philip's

Welcome to the Anglican Church of St Philip's O'Connor, Canberra, ACT,  
Australia

We are delighted you are here (especially visitors on the web!)

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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

The vision of St. Philip's is to **be** a caring, Christian community which honours and embraces difference, and offers a place to celebrate and grow spiritually in the Anglican tradition.

## **Second Sunday in Lent 17th February 2008**



Nicodemus came to Jesus "by night"

**8am & 10am Eucharist  
Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Rob Lamerton**

*The service of second order Holy Communion begins on page 119 of the  
Green Prayer book*

Readings:

- Genesis 12:1-4a

- Psalm 121
- Romans 4:1-17
- Matthew 17:1-9

**10am Hymns:** [Together in Song](#) 418, 241, 628, 203

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

Greetings to all!

This week's apology to the stolen generations was the right and decent thing to do! We could no longer hide from the fact that removal of indigenous children from their families is documented in our history. I cannot imagine to level of grief experienced by so many because children were deemed to be "better off" being raised with families and in cultures not their own! The very sad and tragic result of the dislocation of families carries on through generations. Yes there were bound to be claims and they will need to be dealt with but we could no longer ignore this step in the ongoing journey of reconciling and healing our nation. I for one am pleased and proud that our Prime Minister had the courage to take this step!

Sandra and I will be away next weekend as we travel to Perth for the marriage of my nephew Joel Lamerton to Catherine Ronchi. The rest of the family will be home to mind the house and the Rev'd Doug Bannerman will preside and preach at both services on Sunday 24th.

The visit of Nicodemus to Jesus in today's gospel begins a discussion which opens up what it means to be born "from above" meaning open and receptive to the Spirit of God. This appears to me to be a debate between one who lives by the law and the call of Jesus to be able to live in the freedom of the Spirit as a disciple. Paul in the letter to the Romans reminds us of Abraham who journeyed by faith before the law was established. As well as rising above temptation (last week's story) we are encouraged to undertake our life journey in faith and in the grace and freedom of God's Spirit.

We will hear from our two home groups today about the ways they meet and work to encourage each other on the journey of faith.

Rob Lamerton.

## **TODAY'S SERVICES:**

**Flowers:** none during Lent

### **8am:**

Lay Minister: Stephen Billett      Sidespersons: Tim Woodburn  
Reader: Volunteer

### **10am:**

Lay Minister: Brian McKinlay  
Organist/pianist: Colin Forbes  
Sidespersons: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson  
Readers: 1st Ashton Robinson, 2nd Sarah Gowty  
Morning Tea: James Kim & Roger Sharp

## **Weekly Offering/Income needed to operate our Parish**

**\$1690** (excludes rental income.)

Offerings received 10 February \$1118.20 + EFT \$508 =  
\$1626.20

Garage Sale \$640.00 Lent Study books \$18

## **NOTICES**

Important! Visit of newly installed Anglican bishop in  
Jerusalem, Suheil Dawani

7.30pm Tuesday 19th Feb at Australian Centre of  
Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street Barton.

A flyer to download to help publicise the event is on our  
web site:

[http://www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au/#Jerusalem  
Bp\\_Jerusalem\\_Flyer\\_sml.pdf\\_267KBs](http://www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au/#Jerusalem<br/>Bp_Jerusalem_Flyer_sml.pdf_267KBs)

**St Philip's Annual General Meeting** Sunday 9th March  
Please get your reports in by Sunday 24th Feb for printing.

### **KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE — AWARENESS PROGRAM**

This continues to be an important need within the church!  
Three options are available in the next few weeks. Yass on  
23rd Feb; Charnwood over two nights on 26th Feb and 4th  
March and Holt on 29th March. These workshops are very  
helpful for everybody but absolutely necessary for those who  
wish to be involved in any children's ministry.

Liturgy Team meeting — Wednesday 20 February

## **A Thanksgiving for Australia**

God of holy dreaming, Great Creator Spirit from the dawn of creation you have given your children the good things of Mother Earth.

You 'spoke' and the gum tree grew.

In the vast desert and dense forest and in cities at the water's edge, creation sings your praise.

Your presence endures as the rock at the heart of our Land.

When Jesus hung on the tree you heard the cries of all your people and became one with your wounded ones: the convicts, the hunted and the dispossessed.

The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew and bathed it in glorious hope.

In Jesus we have been reconciled to you, to each other and to your whole creation.

Lead us on Great Spirit as we gather from the four corners of the earth; enable us to walk together in trust from the hurt and the shame of the past into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ. Amen.

### WE PRAY FOR:

**The World:** The people of Kenya (especially Washington and Catherine Oloo and family). The people and government of East Timor

**Australia:** We give thanks for the apology to the "stolen generations" and pray for its spirit to flow on in practical ways.

**Canberra Community:** The National Multicultural Festival. For wisdom in the restructuring of the National Capital Authority.

**The Church:** Bishop Allan Ewing administering the Diocese at this time. Diocese of North Queensland: Bishop Bill Ray, Assistant Bishops James Leftwich, Saibo Mabo, Clergy and People. Queanbeyan: Ian Palmer (Elizabeth), James Wood (Jo), Gayl Mills (Greg), Mary Thorn, Ann Burt (Dennis). Community of Celebration and Mary's Place: Michael Cockayne. "Bargain Hunter" shop: Kaye Pritchard and Hazel Wheatley

Pray for: Work amongst needy, unemployed and homeless people of all ages.

**Those in need:** Christine Smith, Lynn Edwards, Janet and family, Wendy Woodbridge, Michael, Sandra Patch, Frank Faulkner, Bp. Owen Dowling, Megan Brocklehurst, Claude Woodbridge, Stewart Barrett, Toni O'Brien, Michael Cockayne, Jill Scott, Yoko and Jutaro Murase, Ian Wright, Merv McInnes, Mira Barratt, John Cunliffe, Joyce Braithwaite, Betty Ingram, Gwen Hitchens, Jane Engel.

**The Departed:** The Departed: Nancy Ingle d.9/2/61 & Alison Done .10/2/53

**The Saints:** Cyril (d.869) and Methodius (d.885)  
missionaries to the Slavs

*"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](#)

### **Ministry teams at St Philip's**

**Priest:** Rev'd Rob Lamerton

**Wardens:** Hardy Palethorpe, Roger Sharp & Doreen Odom

**Liturgy:** Rob Lamerton

**Buildings and Maintenance:** Roger Sharp

**Social:** Hardy Palethorpe

**Secretary:** Fiona Dyer

**Treasurer:** Shane Woodburn

**Pastoral Care:** Doreen Odom

Councillor: Fred Anchell

### WEEKLY EVENTS

- **Monday to Thursday** 8.30am Morning Prayer, 5pm Evening Prayer
- **Monday** 7.30pm PARISH COUNCIL
- **Tuesday** 10.30am Kankinya Nursing Home — Holy Communion  
5.30pm Meditation
- **Wednesday** 10am Holy

Communion

11am Lent Study

- **Friday** RECTOR'S DAY OFF  
10am - 1pm **Pandora's OPEN** Barbara Dowley & Erica Langman
- **Saturday** 10am - 1pm **Pandora's OPEN**  
Jeannette McHugh & Jodie Jacobs

## NEXT SUNDAY

Readings:

- Genesis 12:1-4a
- Psalm 121
- Romans 4:1-17
- Matthew 17:1-9

### **Rosters:**

Cleaning: Janine & Stephen Billett

Flowers: NO flowers in Lent

### **8am:**

Sidespersons: Volunteer

Reader: Shane Woodburn

### **10am:**

Sidespeople: Helen Palethorpe, Brian McKinlay & James Kim

Readers: 1st Brian McKinlay, 2nd Richard Adams

Communion Servers: Grace, Linda Anchell & Doug Bannerman

Morning Tea: Jesse Kim & Margaret Woodbridge

Pandora's income from 1 & 2 February \$232.50  
*reserved for future development of the parish and Pandora's*

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