

Welcome @ St Philip's O'Connor!

"Come and see," said Philip

Sunday 9 November 2008

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The service begins on page 119 of the Prayer Book.

Readings: Amos 5.18-24 Psalm 70 - page 292
1 Thessalonians 4.9-18 Matthew 25.1-13

10am Hymns: Together in Song; **613, 269** (vs. 1, 2, 3, & 6), **526 & 266**

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.

Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Ray Williamson

Flowers: Jeanette McHugh

8am:

Sidespeople: Volunteer

Reader: Rhonda Evans

10am:

Deacon: Linda Anchell

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Sidespeople: Leighton Mann & Hardy Palethorpe

Bible Readers: 1st Denise Manley, 2nd Ann Munro

Chalice Servers: Ruth McGorman Mann & Hardy P

Morning Tea: Adams family

Dear Friends,

I welcome you all to St Philip's on this 26th Sunday after Pentecost (yes, Pentecost was six months ago!) for our Sunday Eucharist. Today, and on the next two Sundays, we hear the three well-known parables that make up Matthew 25. Today's parable –The Ten Bridesmaids – with its basic theme of 'being prepared', certainly reminds us that we are beginning to get ready for Advent.

In two weeks time, on the Sunday before Advent, 23rd November, when we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, we are to have a special Evening Prayer as a Parish Memorial Service for Rob Lamerton. It will commence at 5.30pm, and I hope you will be able to come to it as well as invite others who have known Rob and to whom he ministered over the years.

Next Saturday the parish is holding the Twilight Fair. Thank you to all who are putting in so much effort in preparing for it. Please make it widely known in the community.

As you know, last weekend the Diocesan Synod met in a special session for the purpose of electing a new Bishop of the Diocese. The Synod concluded on Sunday afternoon with the election of the Reverend Stuart Robinson. For the past three years he has been the Rector of St Paul's Chatswood (Sydney). He was ordained Deacon and Priest in 1987 in Sydney. He prepared for ordination at Moore College, where he studied for a Bachelor of Theology degree, having previously completed a Certificate in Theology at Vision College. After ten years in parish ministry in Sydney, he spent five years in the UK and Europe. After his return to Sydney, he held key position in the diocese's Evangelism Ministries before his move to Chatswood. He is married to Jane Eliza. Pray for them as they prepare for this new ministry and for the diocese as it enters a new period under his leadership.

Every blessing to you for this coming week, Ray

Our new Bishop

At the electoral synod in Goulburn last weekend, the Revd Stuart Robinson was chosen to be the new Diocesan Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn. Mr Robinson is presently rector of St Paul's Chatswood in Sydney, the National Mission Facilitator for the Anglican Church of Australia, chairman of Church Army Australia and a member of the Order of St Luke. Our new Bishop will be consecrated during a service at St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn on Saturday 31 January at 11.00 am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The World: The Congo; President elect Barack Obama and the USA.

The Church: Bermuda - The Rt Revd Alexander Ewen Ratteray **Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn:** Stuart Robinson (Jane), Allan Ewing (Tricia), Trevor Edwards (Ruth), Clergy and People. **Bishop-in-Council and Executive, Property Trust and Diocesan Foundation:** Chancellor, Richard Refshauge; Treasurer, Ian Thomson; Chair of Foundation, David Rainey **Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture:** Director: Professor James Haire, Centre Manager: Julia Pitman **All Saints' Ainslie:** Sarah Macneil (Ian Chaplin) **Holy Cross, Hackett:** Erica Mathieson (Ray Williamson) **Brindabella Court, Downer:** Warden Sue Hanna.

Pray for: Growth of the Diocesan Foundation and the Anglican Development Fund.

Our Community: Those who will come to the Twilight Fair

Those in need: Sandra, John, Gareth and Jane Lamerton and extended family, Jean Pound, Betty Jennings, Werner Heinkle, Nigel Burn, Delwyn, Paul & Alyssa, Melissa & Samuel, Christine Smith, David Marsden, Janet & family, Frank Faulkner, Claude Woodbridge, Stewart Barrett, Michael Cockayne, Jill Scott, Yoko & Jutaro Murase, Ian Wright, Merv McInnes, Mira Barratt, Betty Ingram, Gwen Hitchens, Pat & Rex, Peter.

For those who mourn: Those who grieve the war dead.

The Departed: Frances Joyce Trivett d.3/11/88, Keith Ashish Huey Sen d.4/11/86, Marjorie Gwyneth Dixon d.5/11/08, John Cunliffe d. 7/11/08

The Saints: Leo of Rome bishop d.461; Martin of Tours d.c. 387; Charles Simeon evangelist d.1836

WHAT'S ON @ ST PHILIP'S

St Philip's Twilight Community Fair, this Saturday, 15 November, 3-7pm

All help appreciated, if you don't already have a task(s), there will be plenty on Saturday, so please offer, thank you.

Memorial service for Rob Lamerton Sunday 23 November, 5.30pm

A service of Evening Prayer to remember Rob Lamerton and celebrate his life will be held on the feast of Christ the King.

Members of the St Philip's family are invited to share things that celebrate Rob and remind us of him. You might like to read a prayer, poem, scripture or other selection, sing or play a piece of music, tell a brief story about Rob, or display a photo or art work. Or you may prefer simply to sit and reflect. The service will include sharing with the children. This will also be an opportunity for those who could not attend the funeral to participate in giving thanks for Rob's life.

If you would like to contribute to this special service, please advise Brian McKinlay by Sunday 16th November — in person, by email brian@nottoomuch.com, or phone 6161 6352 (a.h.). Please mention what you would like to contribute. This will help Ray and the Liturgy Team to prepare a program for the service.

Evening Advent Service Sunday 7 December, 7.30pm

including CAMRA's performance of Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*
followed by a shared supper, please bring a plate

St Philip's Carol Service Sunday 21 December, 7.30pm

followed by a shared supper, please bring a plate

Church Cleaning Roster

Many, many thanks to those faithful people who have been regularly preparing our church for the Sunday services but there are a number of vacancies on the roster for cleaning God's House here at St Philip's. Ideally, if we could get another two teams (of 2 each?) that will allow each team to only have to clean once every two months - that's just 6 times in a whole year! Please contact Denise Manley, on 6254 2838, who is temporarily co-ordinating the roster. And thanks to those who have already offered to be included on the roster since my appeal last Sunday.

THIS WEEK

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

Saturday 10am-1pm: Pandora's OPEN – Fiona Dyer

NEXT SUNDAY

8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings: Judges 4.1-10 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30

Rosters: Cleaning: Shane & Tim Woodburn
Flowers: Sandy Lamerton
8am: Sidespeople: Tim Woodburn
Reader: Volunteer
10am: Sidespeople: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson
Children's Ministry: ??
Bible Readers: 1st Richard Adams, 2nd Doug Bannerman
Communion Servers: Grace B, Doug Bannerman & James Kim
Morning Tea: Volunteers

Weekly Offering/income needed to operate our Parish \$2000 per week,
excludes rental income.
Offerings received 2 November \$879.15 + EFT \$508 = \$1387.15. **Shortfall \$612.85**
Organ Fund \$50 Twilight Fair \$80
Pandora's income 31 Oct. & 1 Nov. \$406.15

Church bulletins typos!

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

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Hon. Priests: Rev'd. Doug Bannerman & Rev'd. Jeannette McHugh.
Hon. Deacon: Rev'd Linda Anchell
Wardens: James Kim, Doreen Sengati-Odom & Roger Sharp

Items for the **Pewsheets** and names for the **Prayer list** (add or remove), please forwarded to Leighton by Thursday!
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