

*"Come and see," said Philip*

## ***Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor!***

Sunday 23 November 2008

### **Christ the King**

**10am Hymns:** *Together in Song:* 216, 256, 275 & 724

**Readings:** Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 - page 326  
Ephesians 1.15-23 Matthew 25.31-46

*Dear Friends,*

*May I offer you a very warm welcome as we gather for our Sunday Eucharist at St Philip's on this final Sunday of the Church's year, when we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. In a world where power means domination, we celebrate the kingship of Christ as consisting in the power of love and of service, which is the only power that gives life, hope, healing and joy to people. The Scripture readings remind us that Christ's way of being king is God's way; and they invite us to be active partners with Christ in serving others for their life, hope, healing and joy.*

*Later today, at 5.30pm, we will gather here again for Evening Prayer as a Parish Memorial Service for Rob Lamerton in thanksgiving and celebration of his life and ministry, especially here at St Philip's. Please note that as a very special contribution to this Memorial, Colin Forbes will be offering a Beethoven Piano Recital that will commence at 4.15pm. The children are also preparing something as an expression of their own memory of Rob. It will be an occasion of wonderful participation with many people in the parish sharing their memories and expressing their appreciation for all that Rob meant to them.*

*Next Sunday is the beginning of Advent Sunday. It is the start of the new Church year, and the beginning of Year B in the lectionary cycle—the Year of Mark. At 10.00am we will have a Sung Eucharist, and of course we will begin to light the Advent Candles. I hope you will be able to share with us in worship throughout the Advent season as we await and prepare to celebrate again the birth of the Christ.*

*I am delighted to be able to let you know that an appointment has been made for our parish Children's Ministry. After meeting with her during last week, Belinda (Bel) Young has accepted an offer to take up this position with St Philip's and she will commence next Sunday. Currently she is studying for a Graduate Diploma in Education at the Australian Catholic University. We will look forward very much to welcoming her and commissioning her for this ministry next Sunday morning.*

*Every blessing for the week ahead, Ray*

### **A day of prayer for peace in the Congo, Sunday 23 November.**

As you know, the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo continues to fester. Much is still underreported. In addition to the crisis in the Goma region, there are two areas of rebel activity in Congo which have not hit the news: the Dungu area, in the north, where the Lord's Resistance Army has attacked villages and abducted adults and children in recent weeks, and also the Gety/Aveba/Nyankunde region, close to Bunia, where a new militia group emerged in late September and displaced many people from their homes. Our Anglican sisters and brothers in those areas have been deeply affected, and are in the forefront of relief efforts and peacemaking.

*O God of peace and abundant life,  
You call peacemakers your children.*

*Let your Holy Spirit guide and govern all those who are making peace in Congo, and give them success, So that*

*all your people may have that abundant life promised through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, one God in Holy Trinity. Amen.*

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

**TODAY 23 November**

**Beethoven Piano Recital** by Colin Forbes **4.15pm** Donations accepted for the Organ Restoration Fund  
**Memorial Service for Rob Lamerton 5.30pm**

A service of Evening Prayer to remember Rob Lamerton and celebrate his life.

**First Sunday of Advent Sunday 30 November**  
Preaching: Rev Linda Anchell 10am: Sung Eucharist

**Second Sunday of Advent Sunday 7 December**  
Preaching: Brian McKinlay

**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

**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 a plate

**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

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

Offerings received 16 November: \$600.75 + EFT \$508 = \$1108.75. **Shortfall \$891.25**

Pandora's income 14 & 15 Nov. \$186.25

Twilight Fair \$9745 (\$545 previously banked)

*Parish Council have decided to allocate the Twilight Fair funds towards the Organ Restoration Fund (\$5000) and Rectory floor covering replacements & repairs (balance).*

## **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.*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**The World:** Day of Prayer for Peace in the Congo

**The Church: The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain** The Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano

**Diocese of Tasmania:** Bishops John Harrower, Chris Jones and Ross Nicholson, Clergy and People;

**St Paul's, Turvey Park with Tarcutta:** Mark Short (Monica); **St Alban's, Koorinal:** Mal Dunnett (Rosemary), John Cohen (Hilary); **Community of the Redeemer, Ashmont:** Ministry Team: Gordon Hodges, Anna Conyers, Dawn South, Sandra Wait, Sandra Wells

**Ashmont Community Resources Centre:** Sandra Grentell, Julie Bell; **The Forrest Centre:** CEO, Neil Stubbs; Chaplain, Judy Begent; **Loreto Home of Compassion - Daphne May;** **Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, Wagga Wagga**

**Pray for:** Those who work in the justice system.

**Our Community:** victims and perpetrators of domestic and other violence against women  
(For White Ribbon Day)

**Those in need:** Clive Lowes, 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:** All who miss Rob as we remember his life with us tonight.

**The Saints:** James Noble, pioneer Aboriginal deacon (d1941)

### **THIS WEEK**

Tuesday      7.30pm      Home Group @ Brian & James

Wednesday 10am: Holy Communion

5pm Evening Prayer

Friday 10am-1pm: Pandora's OPEN – Barbara Dowley & Erica Langman

Saturday 10am-1pm: Pandora's OPEN – Sandra Lamerton

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

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

**Readings:** Isaiah 64.1-9 Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 Mark 13.24-37

**Rosters:** Cleaning: Volunteers

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

**8am:** Sidespeople: Volunteer

Reader: Volunteer

**10am:** Sidespeople: Grace Barnes & Hardy Palethorpe

Bible Readers: 1<sup>st</sup> Doug Bannerman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Bannerman

Communion Servers: volunteers (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

Morning Tea: Helen Palethorpe & Ann Munro

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](mailto:leighton.mann@cgs.act.edu.au) or 62608030

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

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