

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

Sunday 30 November 2008

First Sunday of Advent

Presiding: Rev'd Ray Williamson

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

8am:

Sidespeople: Volunteer

Reader: Volunteer

10am:

Deacon & preacher: Rev Linda Anchell

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Soloist Daniel McMillan

Sidespeople: Grace Barnes & Hardy Palethorpe

Bible Readers: 1st Doug Bannerman, 2nd Ann Bannerman

Communion Servers: volunteers

Morning Tea: Helen Palethorpe & Ann Munro

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

Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9 Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19 - page 307
1 Corinthians 1.1-9 Mark 13.24-37

10am Music: St Philip's Sung Eucharist

Hymns: *Together in Song*; 274, 271, 265 & 276

During communion: *Handel's Messiah*

Recit: Comfort ye my people Aria: Every valley shall be exalted

Visitors are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

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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

At 10.00am Communion bread is administered first, then the small cup for intinction (dipping). The two common cups for sipping follow.

Dear Friends,

I am very glad to welcome you to St Philip's this morning as we gather for our Eucharist on this Advent Sunday – once again the commencement of the cycle of the Church's year. In particular, Advent Sunday begins the season of four Sundays' preparation for the Christmas festival. To reflect this, the emphasis and atmosphere of the liturgy changes.

We begin with the ceremony of the Advent Wreath which involves members of the congregation and focuses on the prophetic word pointing to the coming of the Light of the World.

Today also we launch the Christmas Bowl Appeal for 2008, the 60th Christmas Bowl since its beginning in 1949. Christmas Bowl supports projects aimed to reduce poverty, protect refugees, prevent conflict and empower communities – at the moment in 22 countries across Asia, the Middle East, Africa, the Pacific and Australia. Christmas Bowl envelopes are

available today, and there is an accompanying small leaflet containing information about one of the projects. It is also a very great delight today to be able to welcome Belinda (Bel) Young to St Philip's as she commences her ministry as the parish's Children's Ministry Co-ordinator. At the beginning of the 10.00am Sung Eucharist we will have a brief commissioning of Belinda as she begins this ministry with us. There will be an opportunity to meet with her during morning tea. Please introduce yourself to her..

Thank you to everyone who contributed so much to the Parish Memorial Service for Rob Lamerton last Sunday evening. It was a very moving time of thanksgiving and celebration of his life and ministry, especially here at St Philip's. I am sure everyone would also like to express a very special note of appreciation to Colin Forbes for the wonderful Beethoven Recital that he offered as his own very particular tribute to Rob.

Next Sunday evening there will be the Ceremony of Carols, to be followed by a very enjoyable supper. I hope you can come along to this special Advent occasion.

Every blessing for the week ahead, Ray

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

Offerings received 23 November: \$777.65 + EFT \$508 = \$1285.65. **Shortfall \$714.35**

Pandora's income 21 & 22 November. \$171.05

Twilight Fair \$136 Organ Fund \$50.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The World: Zimbabwe as it faces a cholera epidemic, queues in cemeteries, contaminated wells, closed hospitals, Gaza under siege. India

The Church: Falkland Islands; Dioceses in Kenya.

Mission Agencies: Anglican Board of Mission, National Home Mission Fund, Bush Church Aid Society, Church Missionary Society, Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge - Australia, Church Army, Mission to Seafarers, AngliCORD. **Missionary Work of the Church in Australia & Overseas:** Malcolm and Elizabeth Richards, Democratic Republic of the Congo; Stephen and Crystal Durie, Hong Kong; Fiona Minol, UK; Jan and David Robinson, Bangladesh

Vocational Deacons in their specialised ministries: Anne Ranse, Archdeacon to the Diaconate, Linda Anchell, Judy Begent, Jill Elliot, Don Jamieson, Graham Lindsay, Edith Mayhew, Barbara Moon, Elizabeth Sloane, Mary Thorn, Leonie White, Colleen Close, Lyn Forsyth, Judy Heggart, Ann Burt, Matthew Anstey, Peter Pocock, Judy Holdsworth (ordained yesterday) **Diocesan Clergy:** Clergy currently on Long Service Leave, Study Leave or Exchange, Retired Diocesan Clergy; Clergy on loan: Mark Simon (Louise) to the Parish of St Mark's Forest Hill Victoria Clergy widows and widowers

Our Community: Parish Council; those who maintain our building and grounds

Those in need: Clive Lowes, Jean Pound, Betty Jennings, Claude Woodbridge, Mira Barratt.

The Departed: Constance Morton d.25/11/01

The Saints: Andrew, apostle and martyr; Francis Perry, (d1882); Francis Xavier, (d1552); Nicholas Ferrar, deacon (d1637); Nicholas of Myra, bishop (d.c.342)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	7.30pm	Home Group @ Brian & James
Wednesday	10am:	Holy Communion
	5pm	Evening Prayer
Friday	10am-1pm:	Pandora's OPEN – Margaret Woodbridge & Fay Pankhurst
Saturday	10am-1pm:	Pandora's OPEN – Beryl Blaseotto & Rhyanna Tarlington

NEXT SUNDAY

8am & 10am Eucharist

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

Rosters:	Cleaning:	Leighton & Ruth
	Flowers:	Val Reeves
8am:	Sidespeople:	John Girdlestone
	Reader:	Devin Combs Bowles
10am:	Sidespeople:	Roger Sharp & helper
	Bible Readers:	1 st Beryl Holder, 2 nd Rebecca Palethorpe
	Communion Servers:	Denise Manley & Tim Gowty
	Morning Tea:	volunteers please!

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

Garage Sale at the Cousins

Saturday 6 December, 8am-1pm

15 Hobbs Street, O'Connor. Lucy and Gabriel are having a monster garage sale on. Two sofas, brass bathroom fittings, sink, books, clothes etc. Would be lovely if you all came and bought something so we can reclaim our garage- however no free lessons with appliances this year!

WHAT'S ON @ ST PHILIP'S

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 7 December

Preaching: Brian McKinlay

Evening Advent Service of prayers & readings **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
Carol Singing
Midnight Mass

7pm
11pm
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.

The Advent Wreath

Blessing of the Wreath

Leader: God of new beginnings,
bless this Advent wreath and
help us to prepare our lives for the coming of your Son,
who brings us out of darkness into his own glorious light.
We pray in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Lighting the First Candle – The Candle of Hope

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ

Reader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in the land of deep darkness – on them

light has shined...For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9.2,6)

Reader: Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to be born, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the message of hope, a new understanding of God.

All: **Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the square, who show us a future we never anticipated.**

Reader: On this First Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our hope and remind us of what may be.

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!** [repeat]

The Collect

Eternal God,
through generations you prepared a way
for the coming of your Son,
and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths,
renew us in faith, hope and love
that we may welcome Christ to transform us and our world,
to whom be glory forever. **Amen.**

The Commissioning of Ms Belinda Young Children's Ministry Co-ordinator

Friends in Christ, we gather to celebrate a new stage in the life and work of this parish, as Belinda Young is welcomed and commissioned for this new ministry.

We will commit ourselves afresh to live for Christ and his Church, and pray for the ministry of all God's people.
I now invite the church Wardens to present Belinda.

The church Wardens stand with Belinda before the Acting Rector, and say:

We present to you Belinda Young, who has been chosen and appointed to serve as the Children's Ministry Co-ordinator in this parish. We ask that she be commissioned for this ministry.

The Acting Rector:

Belinda, you have been chosen and duly appointed to be the Children's Ministry Co-ordinator in this parish. I now ask you, in the presence of this congregation,

Do you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility at St. Philip's?

Belinda responds, saying:

I commit myself to it, by the grace of God.

The priest addresses all members of the parish:

People of St Philip's, will you support Belinda and pray for her in her ministry among you?

We will, with God's help.

The Acting Rector

In the name of God, Belinda, I commission you to serve as the Children's Ministry Co-ordinator in this parish.

Let us pray.

God our Father, shepherd and guide of all your faithful people, look with favour on your servant Belinda, now called to this new role within this parish of St Philip's.

By word and example may she be a faithful in this ministry.

Send your Holy Spirit upon all your people,

that we may wait in hope to celebrate again the coming of Jesus, the Christ,
and serve you in love, joy, and peace.

We pray this in Christ's name.

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: