

"Come and see," said Philip

Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor!

Sunday 7 September 2008

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 (page 379) Romans 13:1-10 Matthew 18:10-20

Hymns 477; 437; 648; 683

Dear St Philip's Friends,

As many of you know, Rob Lamerton is now at home and steadily continuing his recovery from surgery. He 'phoned me briefly on Tuesday to say "Hello" and was cheerful, positive and glad to be home!

Some may have heard that Sandy was unwell on Sunday, but she is OK now. Rob asked me to pass on his thanks for the many prayers and for the love and care being given to Sandy as well as himself. All the good food is greatly appreciated. There is enough in store for the moment. Doreen will let us know when more is needed. Of course, Rob and Sandy both need peace, quiet and rest as much as possible, so please continue to keep visits and calls to a minimum.

A happy Father's Day to all the Dads! That's all from me this week, as I want leave some space for Ray!

Much love, James Kim, Rector's Warden

Dear St Philip's Friends,

I am very grateful for the welcome you have given me as I have to share in the life of St Philip's parish community for a time. I have known of St Philip's for many years and worked with George Garnsey in Morpeth during the early '80s. I also have known Rob since his student days, and I am pleased that is possible for me to offer to assist him and the parish in this way during his illness.

It is very good news that he was able to come home from hospital yesterday week. That was a sign of significant improvement, for which we are all are very thankful, and we continue to pray for him, that he will continue to be renewed in strength and health, and for Sandy in her concern, support and love for him. Again, they say 'thank you' for all the generous care and love that has been shown to them during this difficult and stressful time.

It has been suggested that I might use this column today to let you know a little about myself and my background. The most exciting thing to say first is that I recently re-married - just 9 weeks ago today. Erica and I then moved to Canberra 4 weeks ago and she was inducted as Rector of Holy Cross, Hackett, on 16 August. So it has been a time both of great joy and of significant change.

Regarding our families, I have two daughters, Elizabeth and Judy (who is married to Michael), living in Sydney, and a mother, who turned 92 last Tuesday, living near Gosford; and Erica has a sister, also in Sydney.

At the end of July, I completed 8 months as Acting Rector of St Luke's Mosman, where I had been assisting for the previous 8 months. Prior to that, my years in ordained ministry broadly fall into two extensive periods, in

Morpeth and in Sydney. At that point, however, I think the space might require a continuation next week.

Every blessing for this week, Ray Williamson

WHAT'S ON @ ST PHILIP'S

Retiring Offering in September is for **Nungalinya College**

www.nungalinya.edu.au newsletter available in Foyer

This Saturday, 13 September, 12 noon Pandora's Spring Fashion Parade

St Philip's Courtyard (in Church if weather unpleasant). Champagne Lunch \$8.

Could some people please provide a slice for the lunch, thank you.

Next Sunday, 14 September, 10am: Gospel Service

Saturday 20 September St Philip's Parish Quiet Day

10-30am - 4-30pm at *The Gathering Place*, Bancroft Street, Dickson

Please join us for a time to be quiet and reflective together. There is a lovely walled garden with a labyrinth, a chapel, and places to sit and read and write. Come and go when you wish, hot and cold drinks provided, bring something to share for lunch. Contacts: Doug Bannerman, Jeannette McHugh & Linda Anchell.

Sunday 21 September, 10am: Children's inclusive Service

Followed by a shared Lunch – please bring a plate to share!

Saturday 11 October, 4.00pm Wedding of Jeannette McHugh and Terry Bell

Followed by High Tea. Everyone is invited. If you wish to attend, please RSVP on the list in the Foyer. Definitely no presents, but a plate of savoury or sweet finger food would be greatly appreciated.

Saturday 15 November 3 – 7pm St Philip's Twilight Community Fair

PLEASE SEE TWILIGHT FAIR NOTICEBOARD IN FOYER

This Friday, 12 September, 11.45am All Saints' Ainslie

Ecumenical Service for National Child Protection Week.

Local primary schools will attend along with representatives of various denominations. The service will include a primary-school choir and will last about 45 minutes.

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

Offerings received 24 August \$1146.65 + EFT \$508 = \$1654.65 - **Shortfall \$345.35**

Organ fund \$50

Pandora's income 29 & 30 August \$285.50 - *Reserved for future development of the Parish*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The World: Afghanistan; Small island states facing sea level rise.

The Church: The Episcopal Church of the Sudan The Most Revd Daniel Deng Bul Yak Archbishop of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan & Bishop of Juba

Assistant Bishop of Juba - (Sudan) The Rt Revd Joseph Makor Atot

Diocese of Brisbane: Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, Bishops Geoff Smith, Rob Nolan, Jonathan Holland, John Parkes, Clergy and People

Braidwood: Geoff Hoad (Patricia); Bungendore: Caroline Campbell; Gunning: TBA; Crookwell: Kevin Stone (Anne); Binda: John Campbell (Marlene) Taralga: John Clewer (Deborah); Small country churches and their ministry; the Rural Ministry Group; Archdeacon of Rural Ministry,

St Philip's: Rob and Sandra and family; Ray and Parish Wardens and Council.

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

The Departed: John David Williams d.2/9/04

The Saints: Mother Esther CHN, founder of the Community of the Holy Name (Melbourne) (d.1931); Cyprian of Carthage, bishop and Martyr (d.258).

THIS WEEK

Wednesday	10am: 5pm	Holy Communion Evening Prayer
Friday	10am-1pm:	Pandora's OPEN – Rhonda Evans & Joan Kearidge
Saturday	10am-1pm: 12 noon	Pandora's OPEN – Ann Munro & Myrle Bovis Pandora's Spring Fashion Parade

NEXT SUNDAY

8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings: Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 Romans 14:1-14 Matthew 18.21-35

Rosters: Cleaning: Janine & Stephen Billett
Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

8am: Sidespeople: volunteer
Reader: Rhonda Evans

10am: Children's Ministry: Doreen Sengati-Odom
Sidespeople: Leighton Mann & Hardy Palethorpe
Readers: 1st Brian McKinlay, 2nd Ann Munro
Communion Servers: Ruth McGorman-Mann & Hardy P
Morning Tea: Richard & Sally Adams

Weekly News sheet & Prayer List: Items for the News sheet and names for the Prayer List (add or remove), please forwarded to Leighton by Thursday!
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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