

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!leighton.mann@cgs.act.edu.au or 62608030

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

Sunday 21 September 2008

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Ray Williamson

Flowers: Val Reeves

8am:

Sidespeople: Tim Woodburn

Reader: Stephen Billett

10am: Children's Service

Lay Minister: Sarah Gowty

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Sidespeople: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson

Readers: 1st Elise Palethorpe, 2nd Sian Dyer

Communion Servers: Grace B & James Kim

Morning Tea: James Kim & Roger Sharp

The service begins on page 119 of the Prayer Book.

Readings: Proverbs 3:1-6 Psalm 19: 1-6 (page 239)
Ephesians 4:1-6 Mathew 9.9-13

10am Songs: Jesus loves me & I have decided to follow Jesus – *Song Sheet*
595 & 242 – *Together in Song*

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.

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Rector: Rev'd Rob Lamerton (on leave)

Hon. Priests: Rev'd. Doug Bannerman & Rev'd. Jeannette McHugh.

Hon. Deacon: Rev'd Linda Anchell

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

Dear St Philip's Friends,

It is a pleasure to welcome you all to our Sunday Eucharist at St Philip's on this day when we remember Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. At the 10 o'clock Service this morning there will be a special focus for the children, and we are grateful to Fiona and Ben and Doreen who have worked with the children in preparing for it.

This is now the third time I have written something for the Sunday bulletin, and so far I have related to you some details of my background as a way of introducing myself a little more fully. The two episodes to date have covered the immediate past at St Luke's Mosman, and the Morpeth years as student, teacher and Rector.

The Sydney period remains for the third and final instalment. The move from Morpeth to Sydney took place in January 1986, and I became the General Secretary of the NSW Ecumenical Council. At the time the Council consisted of twelve member churches, and over the years this grew to sixteen, with the largest addition being the Roman Catholic Church, as each of the eleven dioceses throughout NSW/ACT joined the Council. A similar development also occurred nationally, with the formation of the National Council of Churches at a meeting here in Canberra in 1994. Prior to that, the biggest

ecumenical event to have taken place in Australia was also in Canberra – the Seventh Assembly of the WCC in 1991. The NSWEC had a big role in many of the preparations, and so the Assembly will always be an important part of my memory of those years.

Major developments in the work of the NSWEC included the formation of Churches Community Housing in 1996, and the establishment of the House of Welcome project in 2000 in response to refugees being released from the Villawood Detention Centre. Promotion of the Christmas Bowl was also a significant part of our task, and opportunities to have first hand contact with projects supported by the Bowl were opened to me through several visits to the Middle East.

Beyond the NSWEC, I also had the privilege of working with the theological commission of the national council, and a highlight of that work was the signing of a national Covenanting Document by the churches in 2004. This had strong implications for the NSWEC work for it sought strongly to promote local ecumenical cooperation, and that was always high on the agenda of state councils.

Over all the years, the work was challenging, sometimes frustrating, but always diverse, interesting and a great privilege.

Every blessing to you for the week ahead, Ray Williamson

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The World: Children around the world.

The Church of the Province of Uganda **The Most Revd Henry Luke Orombi** Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala Diocese of Sydney: Archbishop Peter Jensen, Bishops Robert Forsyth, Peter Tasker, Glenn Davies, Ivan Lee, Alan Stewart, Clergy and People. **St John's, Wagga Wagga:** John Stead (Jan); Lee Weissel (Raelene), Judy Begent, Leonie White (Rob), Norman Fellowes (Dorothy); Jim Waddell (Muriel); Colin Rush (Ruth), Daphne May, Ian Forsyth (Margaret) **Wagga Wagga Base Hospital:** Leonie White (Rob) **St Martins College:** Head, Jenny Willsher (David) **The Riverina Anglican College:** Principal, Ian Grant (Michelle); Chaplain, Lee Weissel **Juvenile Justice Centre, Wagga Wagga:** Graeme Liersch

Pray for: The work of evangelism in every Parish and institution throughout the Diocese.

St Philip's: give thanks for the Spring fashion parade and the ministry of Pandora's. Ministry of children.

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, Peter.

The Departed: Sergius of Moscow (d.1392); Lancelot Andrewes, bishop of Winchester (d.1626); Vincent de Paul, priest and worker with the poor (d.1660);

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 10am: Holy Communion
5pm Evening Prayer

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

Saturday 10am-1pm: Pandora's OPEN – Jeanette McHugh & Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

NEXT SUNDAY

8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings: Exodus 17.1-7 Psalm 78.1-4, 11-16 Philippians 2 Matthew 21.23-32

Rosters: Cleaning: Volunteer

Flowers: Jeannette McHugh

8am: Sidespeople: Volunteer

Reader: Shannon Tow

10am: Sidespeople: James Kim & Brian McKinlay

Children's Ministry: School Holidays (activity sheets available)

Bible Readers: 1st Denise Manley, 2nd Ashton Robinson

Communion Servers: Doreen Odom & Leighton Mann

Morning Tea: Jesse Kim & Margaret Woodbridge

Morning Tea roster

New helpers needed to serve morning tea once a month after the Sunday 10.00am service.

Please speak to James, or call 6161 6352. Thank you.

WHAT'S ON @ ST PHILIP'S

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

Today following Children's Service, a **shared lunch** – please bring a plate.

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, please note St Philip's Kindergarten is a Peanut Free Zone!

Food @ St Philip's – If you can assist with food preparation & setting up at 10am OR cleaning up after the wedding, please see Leighton.

Sunday 26 October, following 10am Service Twilight Fair meeting

For all Co-ordinators, so we can do all the final planning. BYO lunch.

Thursday 6 & Saturday 8 November, 8pm CAMRA Concert

Mozart's *Così fan Tutte* highlights

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

PLEASE SEE TWILIGHT FAIR NOTICEBOARD IN FOYER

Sunday 2 November, 10am: All Souls and All Saints Service

Sunday 7 December, 7.30pm Evening Advent Service

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

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

followed by shared supper, please bring a plate

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

Offerings received 14 September \$819 + EFT \$508 = \$1327 - **Shortfall \$673**

Retiring offering – Nungalinya \$30, Twilight Fair (raffle & plants sales) \$114

Pandora's income 12 & 13 September (inc. fashion parade & lunches) \$932.95

Church bulletins typos!

⌘ Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

⌘ Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

Jesus loves me

1.

Jesus loves me this I know
For the bible tells me so
Little ones to him belong
They are weak but he is strong

2.

Jesus loves me when I'm good
When I do the things I should
Jesus loves me when I'm bad,
But it makes him Oh So Sad

3.

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus likes to hear me say,
That I love Him every day!

4.

Jesus, take this heart of mine,

Make it pure and holy thine;
On the cross you died for me,
I will try to live for Thee.

I have decided to follow Jesus

1.

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back

2.

The world behind me, the cross before me
The world behind me, the cross before me
The world behind me, the cross before me
No turning back, no turning back

3.

Tho' none go with me, still I will follow
Tho' none go with me, still I will follow
Tho' none go with me, still I will follow
No turning back, no turning back

4.

Will you decide now, to follow Jesus
Will you decide now, to follow Jesus
Will you decide now, to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back

WHAT'S ON AROUND CANBERRA

A responsible and reliable Year 10 student is seeking accommodation in the North Canberra area from November 2008. He is able to pay board and would prefer to live in a settled home environment with a family or other mature adult/s. He is enrolled at Dickson College for Year's 11 & 12 and aspires to study global relations. For more details contact Pastor Steve Lindner on 0409 800 513 or email: office@oasischurch.org.au

Now - 24 September

Glebe Park (Cnr Akuna & Bunda Sts).

Forty two million people throughout the world are either refugees or internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have fled in search of safety from armed conflict. In August 2008, following a successful 13-year run in 13 countries around the globe, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Australia is launching the first Australian tour of REFUGEE CAMP IN YOUR CITY. A recreation of a refugee camp and its facilities, REFUGEE CAMP IN YOUR CITY aims to create a better understanding of the vulnerability of life for displaced people and refugees who have fled their homes.

Free and open to the public, this innovative outdoor event is fully interpreted by MSF Australian returned field workers who have witnessed life in a refugee camp first-hand. Their free guided tours will educate and enlighten visitors on the experiences and everyday life of displaced people around the world. REFUGEE CAMP IN YOUR CITY. Don't miss this rare chance to experience firsthand what happens in a refugee camp.

Thursday 25 September, 12–2 pm Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture

Mothers Union in Australia – part of the World Wide Mothers' Union - has been asked to devote one of our events this year to child abuse. MU Canberra & Goulburn is sponsoring a Lunch Time Speaker. Tea, coffee and sandwiches will be provided for a gold coin donation. If you are able to attend please advise Anne Downing, 62478116 – please leave message or abdow@smartchat.net.au The speaker will be Vicki Hamilton, (from Alstonville, Diocese of Grafton), Founder and Executive Officer of Heartfelt House, an organisation that provides support to adults sexually abused as children. Vicki is an accomplished public speaker who will share her story – a heartfelt story which we should all hear. She has survived 17 years of childhood sexual abuse and risen above the

temptations of crime, promiscuity and alcohol which threatened to rob her of her will to live. Her story is what makes Heartfelt House, and the healing that occurs there, possible. Vicki's story will sadden, outrage, but inspire you. A must for everyone to hear, but especially for anyone working with youth or in the area of helping those who have suffered childhood sexual abuse.