

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 28 September 2008

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding & Preaching: Rev’d Ray Williamson

Flowers: Jeannette McHugh

8am:

Sidespeople: Volunteer

Reader: Shannon Tow

10am:

Deacon: Linda Anchell

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Sidespeople: James Kim & Brian McKinlay

Children’s Ministry: (activity sheets available)

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

Chalice Servers: Doreen Odom & Leighton Mann

Morning Tea: Margaret Woodbridge & helpers

The service begins on page 119 of the Prayer Book.

Readings: Exodus 17.1-7 Psalm 78.1-4, 11-16 (page 301)

Philippians 2 Matthew 21.23-32

10am Songs: *Together in Song* **596, 548** (Tune 332), **245, 496**

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,

A very warm welcome to you for our Eucharist at St Philip’s this morning as we celebrate the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost. Being the last Sunday in September, it is also the day that member churches of our National Council of Churches have set aside

as Social Justice Sunday. This year, the resource material is entitled "Faces of Poverty". It asks all Australians to look at our response to the many faces of poverty; to learn; to do; and to pray. It helps us to do so through four special stories that are told so as to inspire us to reflect on the meaning of poverty and to be moved to offer a Christian response.

I know you are all deeply concerned about Rob and like to know the latest news about him. It also helps us in our praying. This week the news is that, after being re-admitted to hospital ten days ago for a relatively minor medical procedure, on Tuesday the doctors decided to operate again. The result of both is that Rob has been greatly relieved of the pain and other discomfort he had been experiencing, and the doctors have advised that the chemotherapy begin later this week. Both Rob and Sandy are extremely grateful for your prayers and support and all the loving greetings they have received. Please continue to hold them both and their family in your prayers.

I also want to say 'thank you' for all the special efforts being made by many of you in order to maintain the life of the parish during this time of Rob's illness. So many ordinary, seemingly mundane, tasks are necessary, and are faithfully done by those who have taken responsibility for them. Rosters help us to keep all these things going, and for convenience, these rosters (including the cleaning roster) are placed on the notice board near the vestry door. Please keep your eye on them to ensure everything will continue to run very smoothly. Thank you again for everything that is being done.

Every blessing to you for the week ahead, Ray Williamson

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The World: United Nations and the Millennium Development Goals

The Church: The Episcopal Church in the USA The Most Revd Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church in the USA

Province of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia: Co-presiding Bishops Jabez Bryce, Brown Turei, David Moxon

Anglicare Australia: Chair, Archdeacon Ray Cleary; Executive Director, staff and volunteers. **Basement Ministries:** Leadership Team: Caitlin Lance, Emily Lambert, Mark Body **Synergy Youth:** Diocesan Youth Minister, Judy Kocho Douglas (John); Youth Minister Course Coordinator, Kirrilee Reid (Ewan) **Youth Work:** Chairman, Camp Pelican Committee, Anne Hazell; Co-ordinators, Tania and Jim Manuel; Camp Pelican Committee Members

Pray for: Churchwardens, members of Parish Councils and Lay Leaders.

St Philip's: Ministry to Calvary Hospital.

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: Francis (Lawrie) Keast d.24/9/90

Jerome, priest and biblical scholar (d. 420); Francis of Assisi, (d.1226)

THIS WEEK

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: Exodus 20.1-4 Psalm 19 Philippians 3 Matthew 21.33-46

Rosters: Cleaning: Leighton & Ruth
Flowers: Sandra Lamerton

8am: Sidespeople: John Girdlestone

Reader: Devin Combs Bowles

10am: Sidespeople: Roger Sharp & helper

Children's Ministry: School Holidays (activity sheets available)
Bible Readers: 1st Chris Cheah, 2nd Pat Forbes
Communion Servers: Denise Manley & Tim Gowty
Morning Tea: Volunteers or no Morning Tea

Jesse Kim left Canberra yesterday to take up a new job in Wellington New Zealand at short notice. He was farewelled at Home Group during the week and sends his thanks to all the St. Philip's folks for their friendship and fellowship

Congratulations to Ray Williamson on receiving the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) at a ceremony in Sydney last week. The honour, announced on 9th June, is "for service to the promotion of ecumenism and to community welfare, particularly through collaborative projects with the government to establish affordable housing." During Ray's service as General Secretary of the NSW Ecumenical Council from 1986 to 2007 the membership and work of the Council considerably. The House of Welcome agency was formed as part of the ecumenical refugee program and Churches Community Housing Ltd was established to provide affordable social housing for people on a low income, especially for those requiring support services.

WHAT'S ON @ ST PHILIP'S

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

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 today**. Definitely no presents, but a plate of savoury or sweet finger food would be greatly appreciated, please note St Philip's Kindergarten is a **Nut Free Zone!**

Saturday 25 October, 8am – 12

St Philip's Garage Sale

Remember no White Elephant Stall at the Fair, so bring all your extra stuff to the Garage Sale! Contact Leighton for further details.

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

Morning Tea roster: Due to departures from Canberra, we are now at least three people short for the morning tea roster. Please consider this enjoyable way to serve and speak to James about joining the tea team!

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

Offerings received 21 September \$633.50 + EFT \$508 = \$1141.15 - **Shortfall \$858.50**

Retiring offering – Nungalinya \$100, Twilight Fair – hamper raffle \$16

Pandora's income 19 & 20 September \$266.80

Church bulletins typos!

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.