

“Come and see” said St Philip  
Welcome to St Philip’s O’Connor!

Sunday 6 December 2009  
Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am & 10am Eucharist

Readings: Malachi 3.1-4; Song of Zechariah page 425; Philippians 1.1-11; Luke 3.1-6

10am Music:

Hymns: Together in Song: 271, 272, 278, 275

Introit: Morning Psalm, Sherrell Prebble

For the Psalm: Our God has turned to his people.

Words: Timothy Dudley-smith, Music: David G Wilson

During Communion: Oh, what a beautiful city.

African American spiritual, arr. Edward Boatner

Blessing: An Irish Blessing

Presiding & Preaching: Rev’d Rebecca Newland

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

8am:

Sidespeople: John Girdlestone

Reader: John Girdlestone

10am:

Children’s Leader: Rebecca Palethorpe

Lay Minister: Sarah Gowty

Organist/ Pianist: Colin Forbes Soloist: Denise Manley

Sidespeople: Chris Cheah & Roger Sharp

Bible Readers: 1 Leith Dudfield, 2 Rebecca Palethorpe

Chalice Servers: Tim Gowty & Denise Manley

Morning Tea: Volunteer or no morning tea

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.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much everyone for a truly wonderful night on Tuesday. The induction service was all I could have wished. The music was beautiful. It all ran smoothly and most importantly David and I felt well and truly welcomed and inducted. When I walked into church the next day I felt a sense of completeness and comfort. Thank you again to all who took part and thank you to those who have sent words of welcome and good wishes even though they could not make it.

It is a joyous time to beginning a new chapter in my ministry. There is something precious about this time of year as we prepare for the Christmas celebrations and the coming of Jesus Christ. It is also a busy time. There are I think two essential words for Advent - one is “yes”. That’s ‘yes’ to Jesus and all he brings to our world. Within humanity there is a hunger for justice, love and peace. There is an expression of exultant joy waiting to be released once we find that reality. In Jesus we have that fulfilled. The second word is ‘no’. That’s ‘no’ to excess consumption, late nights, rushing from place to place and last minute shopping. It is

also no to buried family resentments and unresolved conflicts. Easier said than done of course but just stopping and taking some deep breaths can bring us back to ourselves and God, the ground of our being. Centring on God can open us to his bountiful grace and strengthen us for the weeks ahead.

May the peace of God be with you this week.  
Blessings, Rebecca

Wanted: Old Christmas Cards and Wrapping paper!  
The Children of St Philips will be making Christmas decorations on the 6 and 13 December. We need Old Christmas Cards and Wrapping Paper to help us on our way. If you have spare, please leave them in the Foyer with the Children's ministry boxes. For more information, please talk to Fiona Dyer or Rebecca Palethorpe.

Wanted: Clipboards

Thank-you to all those who donated calico bags for activity bags for the children. As we start to fill them we are now seeking donations of clipboards. Please see Fiona Dyer or Beck Palethorpe for more information or leave the clipboards with the children's ministry boxes in the foyer.

St Philip's Dolls House raffle  
Books of 20 tickets to sell to family, friends and workmates available from Helen. Posters available to display/ promote at your work place etc.  
The raffle will be drawn at the supper following the Carol Service, 20 Dec.

Twilight Fair - Treasures (Better Bits)  
A big thank you to everyone who gave me treasures and/or came and bought something at our stall. Don't forget BETTER BITS at Christmas when you get that unloved Chrissy pressie - no questions asked and discretion guaranteed. We can pick up. Kerry-Anne and Ian.

WHAT'S ON @ ST PHILIP'S  
Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday 20 December  
Service of Lessons and Carols, followed by supper, 7.30pm  
Please bring a plate of Christmas fare to share, drinks by donation.  
Christmas Eve  
Family Christmas Pageant  
Sung Eucharist Thursday 24 December 7pm 11.30pm  
Christmas Day; 9am Eucharist (with incense)

Denise's 60th Sunday 27 December, 5m  
An invitation to Denise's 60th birthday party, in the Kindergarten (no gifts please).  
Drinks and nibbles to start, followed by a buffet dinner. All parishioners are warmly invited to come and join us in a relaxing, fun celebration.  
RSVP: Leith Dudfield 0428 492 344 or leith.dudfield@live.com.au by 23 December.

New Year's Eve Party @ the Mann's Thursday 31 December, from 8pm  
It's on again, come join us for a cocktail or two! Please bring a plate of finger food to share.  
48 Lachlan St Macquarie.

### St Philip's Cookbooks

The St. Philip's recipe book is the perfect gift for friends and loved ones this Christmas. Printed on 100% recycled paper this collection of Our Family Recipes offers a wide variety of dishes, both sweet and savoury, from around the globe. Great value at \$10 each. Please contact Sarah Gowty 62552467, sarahgowty@gmail.com or after the 10am service to purchase or order your copies.

If you would like me to hand colour your cookbook as a special gift for some-one please let me know. No extra cost. Kerry-Anne Cousins

Father Laurence Freeman, Benedictine monk and Director of The World Community for Christian Meditation is making a (rare) visit to Canberra. He is giving talks today and tomorrow at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall St (Cnr Kings Avenue) Barton. The details are available on a flyer in the Foyer of the church, but in summary are as follows:

Sunday 6 December, 3.30-5.30 pm - Introductory talk and meditation. Cost \$10

Sunday 6 December 6 pm - Fr Laurence will speak at the Sunday Dusk service at St Mark's Chapel (adjacent)

Monday 7 December, there is an all day programme, comprising three sessions: from 10-12 a.m., from 1-2 p.m. (workers' lunch hour) and from 2.30-4 pm.

Cost \$25 all day, \$5 for the 1-2 pm session only.

Father Laurence is a first rate speaker and guide. If you have ever had any interest in contemplative Christian practice, or wondered how meditation might fit in with a Christian spiritual life, don't miss this. Inquiries to Chris Cheah 0428 107 221.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Ecumenical Cycle: Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal

Pray for: Peace, understanding and tolerance between the different religions of these countries, and respect and the freedom to express one's faith.

Anglican Communion: Western Mexico - The Rt Rev'd Lino Rodriguez Amaero

The Diocesan Cycle: Diocese of Bendigo: Bishop Andrew Curnow, Clergy and People  
Canberra Grammar School; Canberra Girls' Grammar School;

Anglican News: Lew Hitchick and the production team

Pray for: The work of Christian education in all schools.

Those in need: Shirley Barrett, Stewart Barrett, David Marsden, Mervyn McInnes, Helen Gorrell, Paul & Elissa, Melissa & Samuel, Joyce Braithwaite, Myrle Bovis.

The Departed: Peter David Blaseotto (d.10/12/03); Dorothy Moore (d. 12 / 12 / 84)

The Saints: Nicholas of Myra, bishop; Ambrose of Milan; bishop & teacher (d.397); Richard Baxter, pastor and spiritual writer (d.1691);

Almighty Father, lover of souls, who chose your servant Nicholas to be a bishop in the Church, that he might give freely out of the treasures of your grace: make us mindful of the needs of others and, as we have received, so teach us also to give; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen