

‘Come and see,’ said Philip  
Welcome to St Philip’s O’Connor!

Sunday 13 December 2009  
Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-0  
Song of Isaiah  
Philippians 4.4-7  
Luke 3.7-18

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
‘The LORD, your God, is in your midst: he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.’  
(Zephaniah 3:17)

‘So, with many other exhortations [John the Baptist] proclaimed the good news to the people.’ (Luke 3:18)  
Throughout Advent we hear from a selection of Old and New Testament prophets. Today it is Zephaniah and John the Baptist. These two men were separated by 700 years of history, yet the messages they proclaimed share more than a few commonalities. Zephaniah decried the faithlessness of the southern kingdom of Judah, and prophesied doom for Jerusalem. John the Baptist — no stranger to controversy — described those who came to him for baptism as a bunch of poisonous snakes. Both prophets warned of impending judgment and called for repentance. But both also celebrated the One who renews, recreates, restores and redeems. God rejoices in our deliverance. The good news that John proclaimed, and on which we focus in this season of the church year, calls us to look forward, to the promise and possibilities of the present and future.

As world leaders meet in Copenhagen to find a way forward through the political and moral challenge that is climate change there is reason to be deeply worried about the ‘impending judgment’ if we humans do not act in the best interests of all. Like the prophets and people of faith of old we look to Christ, the good news of all creation. In Christ we find a new beginning. May the light of Christ guide those in power. Amen

Blessings, Rebecca

Wanted: Clip boards

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 work mates 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.

## 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

WHAT'S ON @ ST PHILIP'S

Parish Council, December Meeting Thursday December 17, 7.30pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday 20 December

Service of Lessons and Carols, followed by supper 7.30pm

Please bring a plate of Christmas food to share, drinks by donation.

Christmas Eve

Thursday 24 December

Family Christmas Pageant

7pm

Sung Eucharist 11.30pm

Christmas Day

Friday 25 December

Eucharist (with incense) 9am

Denise's 60th Sunday 27 December, 5pm

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.

Holy Communion - will not be held Wednesday 30 December, 10am

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Ecumenical Cycle: Benin, CÔte d'Ivoire, Togo.

Give thanks for: Those who search for ways to provide clean water. Coffee and cacao, palm groves and coconut, yams and peanuts.

Pray for: Children who are trafficked for cheap labour or otherwise exploited.

Anglican Communion: Willochra - (South Australia, Australia) The Rt Rev'd Gary Weatherill [and Parish of Whyalla, Cath Holt]  
The Diocesan Cycle: Ministry with Aboriginal People of Australia: Bishop James Leftwich, Aboriginal Clergy and People.  
Combined Ministry District of St Paul's, Manuka, St David's Red Hill and St Luke's Deakin: Brian Douglas, Michael Armstrong, Bishop Neville Chynoweth, Peter Pocock, John Gibson.  
St David's Close Self Care Units, Red Hill: Warden David & Toni Clark; Aged Care Chaplaincy: Jill Elliot; John James Memorial Hospital: Clem Watts  
Pray for: Peace in the world.  
Those in need: Shirley Barrett, Stewart Barrett, David Marsden, Mervyn McInnes, Helen Gorrell, Paul & Elissa, Melissa & Samuel, Joyce Braithwaite, Myrle Bovis.  
Those who mourn: Conrad and Shelby Canterford and family.  
The Departed: Peter David Blaseotto (d.10/12/03), Dorothy Moore (d.12/12/84), Joseph Horace Heaton 13/12/88  
The Saints: John of the Cross, mystic and teacher (d.1591);

#### THIS WEEK

Wednesday 10am: Holy Communion  
Friday 10am-1pm: Pandora's OPEN  
Saturday 10am-1pm: Pandora's OPEN

#### NEXT SUNDAY

8am & 10am Eucharist  
Readings: Micah 5.2-5 Song of Mary Hebrews 10.5-10 Luke 1.39-45  
Rosters: Cleaning: Barbara Dowley & Rhonda Evans  
Flowers: The Flower Team  
8am: Sidespeople: Tim Woodburn  
Reader: Eloise Wright  
10am: Sidespeople: Peter Andersson & Grace Barnes  
Bible Readers: 1st Ann Munro, 2nd Ashton Robinson  
Chalice Servers: Grace B, James Kim & Linda Anchell  
Morning Tea: James K & Roger Sharp  
Weekly Offering/income needed to operate our Parish \$2090 per week, excludes rental income.  
Offerings received 2 & 6 December \$700 + EFT \$508 = \$1208.  
Shortfall \$882

Induction Service (for St Mark's) \$433.15 Trading Table \$12.00  
Items for the Pewsheets and names for the Prayer list (add or remove), please forward to Leighton by Thursday 12 noon. leighton.ruth@grapevine.com.au or 61617133  
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Rector : Rev'd Rebecca Newland  
Hon. Deacons: Rev'd Linda Anchell, Rev'd Robin Moore (St Philip's Care)  
Hon. Priests: Rev'd. Jeannette McHugh.  
Wardens: Ruth McGorman-Mann, Denise Manley J.P. & Roger Sharp