

"Come and see," said Philip

Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor!

Sunday 1 November 2009

All Saints All Souls

Readings: Isaiah 25.6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21.1-6 John 11.32-44

Dear Friends,

Welcome to worship at St Philip's today as we celebrate All Saints' Day with an observance of All Souls.

On this day the church looks backward to recall with gratitude the lives of people of faith who have gone before us. We remember 'great ones' from the distant past and those whose lives and memories remain painfully and preciously close. The Scripture readings today place our rememberings firmly in the context of God's future and fill our reflections with hope. The readings from Isaiah and Revelation look forward to a future when there is an end to the pain of hunger, grief and loneliness. It is a future when God dwells with God's people and is pictured as a great feast. The question of when this glorious future will come about is not answered. But the gospel story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead reminds us that God's future breaks through even in the present, and as it did for Mary and Martha, it fills us with joy.

It was very gratifying to see so many people from both the St Philip's and Holy Cross congregations here last Thursday evening for the travellers' Report Back. We certainly enjoyed sharing a little of our experiences and telling something of the situation we encountered. It was a great evening, with delicious food ? for which our appreciation goes to Kerry-Anne and Ian. But thanks to everyone for all your interest and support, and thank you too for the generous donation which I will pass on to the Middle East Council of Churches for the work in support of Palestinian refugees, especially in Gaza.

Every blessing to you for today, and for the week ahead, Ray

Bishop Stuart's latest 'YouTube' address can be accessed via our Parish Website www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au. Just click on the Bishop's face!

A big thank you from CAMRA

CAMRA (Canberra Academy of Music & Related Arts) would like to thank St Philip's for their continued support and providing us a home. We had a very successful G & S Masterclass weekend and the catering by Food @ St Philip's was outstanding!

Food @ St Philip's

Thanks to everyone who baked, cooked, setup, prepared food, served & cleaned up for CAMRA's G & S weekend. We made \$921 from the weekend for the Parish.

Calico bags for Children's Ministry

Fiona is chasing calico bags to make children's activity bags for the

church. They need to be able to hold a folder - so slightly larger than an A4 page is perfect! If you have some cluttering up your house that you no longer need, please leave them at the back of the church with the children's resources!

Pandora's at O'Connor

Thank you everyone for all your support this year - thinking about the roster for next year we realise we will need some more help as some of our volunteers suffer with ill health and can't do their shifts next year. Even if you can only help occasionally or be prepared to go on the emergency roster that would be great -see Margaret Woodbridge, Ann Munro or myself and you will be warmly welcomed. There are always two volunteer staff on at Pandora's so you don't have to cope on your own and our customers are great! Kerry-Anne Cousins.

WHAT'S ON @ ST PHILIP'S

Twilight Fair Co-ordinators/Stall holders Lunch Meeting Sunday 8 November, following 10am service

The Twilight Fair committee invites all who are playing a leading role. Things are pretty much on track this year but we just want to make sure everyone is aware of what is happening and who is doing what and that we haven't forgotten anything that really matters. Please BYO Lunch. Wine, juice, tea & coffee provided.

Parish Council - November meeting Monday 9 November, 7.30pm.

Gospel Music Service Sunday 15 November, 10am

St Philip's Twilight Community Fair Saturday 21 November, 3-7pm

SKILLS AUCTION

There will be a Skills Auction again at this year's Fair. To make this a success, we need donations of skills for auction!! Forms are at the back of the church - please complete one and place them in the box, which is also at the back of the church. If you need more information, please see Fiona or Ben Dyer or contact them on dyerbf@bigpond.net.au

TREASURES (Better Bits Stall)

Its time again to donate your gold fillings and grandma's pearls to my collection of Better Bits. Any Jewels, Fine china, glassware, evening bags, bits and pieces associated with sewing, doileys, old buttons, vases, candlesticks and all those mistakes that you bought in foreign lands plus any exotica (no, not erotica -its not that sort of stall!) hiding in the attic. Please give them to me personally so any treasures don't get lost. Kerry-Anne Cousins.

Christ the King, Sung Eucharist (with incense) Sunday 22 November, 10am

Robin Moore's Ordination Saturday 28 November, 11am. (St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn)

Advent Dinner in the Courtyard & Ray's Farewell Saturday 28 November, 6.30pm. Please bring a Salad or Dessert to share. BYO Drinks.

First Sunday of Advent Sunday 29 November

Rev'd Rebecca Newland's Induction as Rector of St Philip's Tuesday 1 December, 6.30 pm. Please bring a plate of finger food for Supper.

Diocesan Farewell Service for Bishop Allan Ewing & Tricia. (St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn) Saturday 5 December 2009, 2.00pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday 20 December. Service of Lessons and Carols 7.30pm

Christmas Eve Thursday 24 December

Family Christmas Pageant 7pm

Sung Eucharist 11.30pm

Christmas Day Friday 25 December. Eucharist (with incense) 9am

Weekly Offering/income needed to operate our Parish \$2090 per week, excludes rental income. Offerings received 21 & 25 Oct: \$705 + EFT \$508 = \$1213. Shortfall \$877. Pandora's income 23 & 24 Oct: \$272.90

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Ecumenical Cycle: Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda.

Pray for: Those displaced by violence and by the volcano in Goma, that they may be able to rebuild their lives.

Anglican Communion: Ughelli - (Province of Bendel, Nigeria) The Rt Rev'd Vincent O Muoghereh

The Diocesan Cycle: The Anglican Church of Australia; The Primate: Archbishop Phillip Aspinall and The General Synod

The Bishops' Office: Bishop Stuart Robinson, Bishop Allan Ewing, Bishop Trevor Edwards, Bev Forbes, Wayne Brighton and Diocesan Registry; Anglican Development Fund; all who work in these tasks.

Pray for: The strengthening of relationships between the twenty-three Dioceses of the Australian Anglican Church, the development of our life and witness as a National Church and for our ecumenical relationships.

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

The Departed: Marjorie Sheehan d.23 Oct 01, Charles William Edwin "Ted" Moore d.31 Oct 03, Frances Joyce Trivett d.3 Nov 88, Marjorie Gwyneth Dixon d.2 Nov 75, Keith Ashish Huey Sen d.4 Nov 86.

The Saints: All Souls; Richard Hooker, priest and teacher (d.1600)

Everlasting Lord God, you hold all souls in life, we pray you to pour forth on your whole Church the bright beams of your light and heavenly comfort, that we following the steps of those who have loved and served you here on earth and are now at rest, may at the end go in with them to your full joy that has no end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (from the Melanesian

Prayer Book)

Prayer from the Ecumenical Cycle

Lord, you call on us to pray for our enemies.

Have mercy on those who are disposed to do us evil and who divide your church.

Deliver us, Lord, from every temptation.

Have mercy on our lack of belief and our wavering faith as we travel the path towards the unity of your people.

You are our God and we want always to be your people under the guidance of your Holy Spirit.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 10am: Holy Communion

Friday 10am-1pm: Pandora's OPEN

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NEXT SUNDAY 8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings: Ruth 3.1-5; 4.3-17 Psalm 127 Hebrews 9.(19-22) 23-28 Mark 12.38-44

Rosters: Cleaning: Adams Family

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

8am: Sidespeople: Volunteer

Reader: Rhonda Evans

10am: Sidespeople: Leighton Mann & Hardy Palethorpe

Bible Readers: 1st Denise Manley, 2nd Ann Munro

Chalice Servers: Ruth McGorman-Mann & Hardy P

Morning Tea: Odom Family

Items for the Pewsheets and names for the Prayer list (add or remove), please forward to Leighton by Thursday. leighton.ruth@grapevine.com.au or 61617133

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Hon. Deacon: Rev'd Linda Anchell

Wardens: Ruth McGorman-Mann, Denise Manley J.P. & Roger Sharp