

"Come and see," said Philip

Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor!

Sunday 29 November 2009

First Sunday of Advent

8.00am & 10am Eucharist

The service begins on page 119 of the (Green) Prayer Book.

Readings: Jeremiah 33.14-16; Psalm 25.1-10 ? page 244; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13; Luke 21.25-38

10am Music: Together in Song: 265, 276, 266, 273

Psalm response ? see insert

During Communion: "The Word of Life", words & arrangement The Iona Community, Tune: Wild Mountain Thyme (Irish Traditional).

Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Dr Ray Williamson

Flowers: Val Reeves

8am: Sidespeople: Volunteer

Reader: Eloise Wright

10am: Lay Minister: Brian McKinlay

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes; Soloist: Pat Forbes

Sidespeople: Grace Barnes & Hardy Palethorpe

Bible Readers: 1st Brian McKinlay, 2nd Helen Palethorpe

Chalice Servers: Linda Anchell & helper

Morning Tea: Ann Munro & Helen Palethorpe

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.

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

Dear Friends at St Philip's,

I am very pleased to welcome you to St Philip's this morning as we come again to the beginning of a new church year with our observance of Advent Sunday.

It is a pleasure also to welcome the Reverend Robin Moore as a Deacon at the 8.00 Eucharist today, and to congratulate her on her ordination

yesterday in St Saviour's Cathedral.

As we come to the season of Advent, we can think of it as taking us back to the beginning of things, back to that time so long ago when men and women of faith yearned for the coming of the Christ. So, Advent anticipates our celebration of how that yearning was satisfied by God's fresh beginnings in the person of Jesus, the Christ. The season also is for us an attempt to capture that spirit of hope even in the midst of apparent hopelessness, a spirit of yearning for that which would be too good to be true ? some new and unique expression of God's purposes of love in our world now.

This year, it is also a time of new beginnings for this parish. In two days time, Rebecca will be inducted as the next Rector of St Philip's, and it will be an occasion of great anticipation and hope, both for her and for every member of the parish. Advent could not be a more appropriate time for this new beginning.

Over the last fifteen months we have been on a considerable journey as a parish community ? from great shock and deep sorrow, through grief and celebration, finding God's grace holding and leading us, to now be on the verge of something new.

I thank you most sincerely for the privilege of being on that journey with you, for the warmth of the welcome you have given me throughout this time, for the friendship and generosity that have been so kindly offered, for the willing inclusion of Erica on every possible occasion, and for the wonderful opportunity to share with you in worship and ministry during this time.

Every blessing to you all for today, for this particular week ahead, and for all your future as a community of faith in this place,

Grace and peace, in Christ, Ray

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.

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 Philips Cookbooks

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

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 Ewing / (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

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.

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.

Congratulation to Fred Anchell - St Philip's 2009 'Twilight Star' recipient.

FROM MORLEY TO MOZART

Divine Solos and Duets for Sopranos:

Greta Claringbould, Soprano

Gemma Dashwood, Soprano

St John's Anglican Church, Reid

4pm, Sunday 6 December 2009

ENTRY FREE

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Ecumenical Cycle: Liberia, Sierra Leone. Pray for: The fullness of human life for all men, women and children of all tribes and ethnicities in Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Anglican Communion: West Texas - (Province VII, USA) The Rt Rev'd Gary Lillibridge; The Rt Rev'd David Mitchell Reed

The Diocesan Cycle: Diocese of Polynesia: Bishop Jabez Bryce

Theological Colleges and Church Schools of the Anglican Church of Australia: staff and students

Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia: The Order

of Saint Benedict, The Society of the Sacred Mission, The Society of Saint Francis, The Little Brothers of Francis, The Society of the Sacred Advent, The Community of the Holy Name, The Community of Sisters of the Church, The Community of Christ the King, The Sisters of the Incarnation, The Community of Saint Barnabas and Saint Cecilia

Special Ministries: Military Christian Fellowship: Russell Bielenberg (Helen); Order of St Luke: Pastor Ken Perrin (Church of Christ); Religious education in schools and parishes: Schools Ministry Consultant and Convenor of RE Unit of ACT Churches' Council; Education for Ministry Diocesan Coordinator: Michael Richards; Confirmation Preparation: Confirmation candidates, the Catechumenate and Alpha programs

Pray for: Outreach and ministry amongst youth. For those ordained yesterday.

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

The Departed: Constance Morton d.25/11/2001

The Saints: Andrew, Apostle and Martyr; Francis Xavier (1506-1552); Nicholas Ferrar, deacon (d.1637)

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 10am: Holy Communion

Friday 10am-1pm: Pandora's OPEN

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NEXT SUNDAY 8am & 10am Eucharist

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

Rosters: Cleaning: Leighton & Ruth

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

8am: Sidespeople: John Girdlestone

Reader: John Girdlestone

10am: Sidespeople: Chris Cheah & Roger Sharp

Bible Readers: 1st Leith Dudfield, 2nd Rebecca Palethorpe

Chalice Servers: Time Gowty & Denise Manley

Morning Tea: Volunteer or no morning tea

Weekly Offering/income needed to operate our Parish \$2090 per week,

excludes rental income.

Offerings received 18 & 22 Nov \$741.40 + EFT \$508 = \$1249.40. Shortfall \$840.60

Pandora's income 20 & 21 Nov \$146, Mission Projects \$50

Twilight Community Fair: \$10,332.50

Key Points from November Parish Council meeting

The last remaining priority work at the Rectory is the installation of a security alarm and additional security lights in line with Diocesan guidelines.

The lock and security door on the Parish Office have been replaced ? the former having been inadequate for some time.

The Council has expressed its appreciation for the decision by Pandora's to fund the new security doors and locks for the Rectory and Office, the outside painting of the Rectory and a new ceiling fan. Pandora's has also provided the Northbourne Community Centre with \$500 for its Christmas party.

Arrangements for the Bishop's visit and Rebecca's Induction Service on 1 December are well advanced.

The Council has decided to enter into a three-year leasing arrangement through the Diocese for a small Parish car for Rebecca.

The Council has decided to submit an expression of interest via the SEE-Change Group in the possibility of solar generation panels. The arrangement is also available to individual householders. The expression of interest will keep us informed of developments, and has to be submitted by 29 November. No commitment is involved at this stage and no decision would be needed one way or the other until mid-2010. Information has been emailed to parishioners and a copy will also be placed on the noticeboard. Inquiries to be directed to Fred Anchell.

The council has noted that regular giving so far this year is down approximately \$6000 on the budget projection.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 14 December.