

"Come and see," said Philip

Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor!

Sunday 4 October 2009

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am & 10 am Eucharist

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

Readings: Job 1.1; 2.1-10; Psalm 26 ? page 246; Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16

10am Music: Together in Song: 449, 430, 461 & 245

Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Dr Don Saines

Flowers: Val Reeves

8am:

Sidespeople: John Girdlestone

Reader: John Girdlestone

10am:

Lay Minister: Sarah Gowty

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Sidespeople: Chris Cheah & Roger Sharp

Bible Readers: 1st Denise Manley, 2nd Leith Dudfield

Chalice Servers: Tim Gowty & Denise M

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.

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 6161 7133

Dear Parishioners,

Sometimes events in our lives or in the world around us seem overwhelming. You will know the kinds of events I am talking about for we all face them from time to time. In our region the Tsunami that hit Samoa and American and the earthquake in Sumatra in Indonesia are cases in point. Such events seem hard to reconcile with the gospel of love we proclaim. Yet we do live in a world that is imperfect and these events are part and parcel of living, though I never want to say this glibly. Faith in God will be the

measure of our response to these events, and sometimes this will include asking questions of our creator and expressing anger and grief.

Human response in these times of tragedy is also moving and inspiring as we see human love and giving, and compassion dealt out in ways we thought impossible. In a sense this is also what today's gospel recognises ? the willingness to go to other human beings in need and to proclaim by word or deed the love of God. In fact there are often times when this is all we can do ? show the compassion of God in the best ways we know how.

Our prayers and thoughts are with the many in Indonesia and Samoa, American Samoa and Fiji who have lost or have injured loved ones and who face tough times ahead. May God give us grace to respond the best way we can.

Don

A Gift for Ray

You are invited to make a contribution towards a gift for Ray, to thank him for the time he has been with us at St Philip's. Contributions can be put in an envelope marked 'Ray's gift' in the collection plate. Thank you.

Prayer For Healing Service

The next Bishop's Prayer For Healing Service will be Wednesday October 7 at 7.00pm, St. John's Canberra. There is (as always) much sickness, anxiety and grief across our diocesan church family. This service is an opportunity to present such concerns to our Lord, Jesus and to draw strength and comfort and release from Him. I do hope that parishes will conduct similar ministries locally and this service allows us all to see how such an event might be organised and structured.

A gathering of the newly formed Archdeaconry of North Canberra.

Thursday 15 October 2009, Holy Covenant, Jamison, 7.30-9.30pm

For Worship, Prayer and encouragement in Mission Strategy

There will be worship, scripture reading, a call to prayer and an address by Bishop Stuart, who will share a vision and encouragement for North Canberra to prepare a mission strategy and for all of us to commit ourselves ourselves to Growing Communities Confident in Christ.

Who should come? Everyone! Clergy, wardens, Synod reps, PC members and all other leaders. Everyone!

Bishop Stuart is asking each Archdeacon to lead in developing a mission strategy for his or her region.

WHAT'S ON @ ST PHILIP'S

Sunday Home Group Sunday 11 October, 12 noon

At Denise Manley's house - 14 Luehmann Street, Page, we'll be continuing our study of the book "Looking for Jesus". All are very welcome to join us. Please speak to Rhonda at 8.00 am or to Ann Munro or Denise at 10.00am for further information.

Working Bee ? Rectory yard, Saturday 17 October, 9am ? 12noon

CAMRA's Polish up your G & S weekend

Friday 23 ? Sunday 25 October: Gilbert & Sullivan Masterclasses & Workshops with Guest Presenter Stephen Anthony Brown from the UK. Food @ St Philip's will be catering for this event, more details soon about how you can assist.

CAMRA's Polish up your G & S Concert

Sunday 25 October, 7.30pm, Tickets \$20 pay at the door. Food @ St Philip's refreshments.

CAMRA Recital by Stephen Anthony Brown Tuesday 27 October, 7.30pm, 'Five Knights and a Gondola'

Tickets \$30 (\$25 Concessions), pay at the door. Food @ St Philip's refreshments.

Middle Eastern Night

Thursday 29 October, 7.30pm

Tour report from Ray, Erica, Linda & Chris.

Drinks, nibbles & presentation followed by desserts (eastern delights) & tea/coffee.

Garage Sale Saturday 31 October, 8am ? 12noon

All Souls / All Saints Sunday 1 November

Royal School of Church Music Sunday 1 November, 3pm

Hymnfest & Organ Recital St Philip's O'Connor

Entry by donation, with profits going towards our Organ restoration fund.

Food @ St Philip's refreshments.

Gospel Service Sunday 15 November, 10am

St Philip's Twilight Community Fair

Saturday 21 November, 3-7pm

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

Robin Moore's Ordination Saturday 28 November, (St Saviours Cathedral, Goulburn) (time tbc)

Advent Dinner in the Courtyard & Ray's Farewell, Saturday 28 November, 6.30pm

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

ST PHILIP'S TWILIGHT COMMUNITY FAIR

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER, 3-7PM

Preparations for the Community Twilight Fair are hotting up! Any help you can provide at this stage what be very much appreciated.

What is needed includes:

Curries ? vegetable, meat or chicken; Our food theme this year will be ? curries? and we hope that you can contribute with your favourite dish. Why not make a curry this week and freeze in readiness.

Books; Sort out your bookshelves and bring your books along to the Garage Sale on Saturday 31st October, between 8 and 11am . That will give the bookstall workers a chance to sort the books ready for sale at the Fair.

Plants;; The warmer weather is perfect for taking cutting or growing seedlings. We need plants, plants, and plants for the huge plant stall we plan to have. If you need pots please let your committee know

Raffle tickets ? for the Gourmet Hamper; are now available to sell to your friends and family. Books of 20 tickets are available from Helen and only cost \$1.00. It's a great prize to win.

Cook Book recipes; Don't forget to get your special recipes to Sarah in good time for her to produce our very own St Philip's Cook Book. Call Sarah on 62552467 or email on sarahgowty@gmail.com

Skills Auction; Everyone has a skill that is worth paying for to someone else. Fiona will have response slips out soon. Last year we raised \$1000 with the skills auction ? let's see if we can improve on that this year!

Co-ordinators; Most positions are filled but if you would like to lead your own team and be responsible for a stall please check the list on the back notice board in the foyer.

Helpers; This year we are confident that everyone in our community would like to help at the Fair. We will draw up a list of teams of helpers and have that on display for you to either tick or cross your name off. Please write your name elsewhere if you would prefer another task or to work with another team. If you are not at all available on the day then please cross your name off and let one of the committee know. If you don't see your name there and would like to help please write your name in. We need as many hands as possible to make it a successful day.

Your committee are Kerry-Anne Cousins, Denise Manley, Leighton Mann, Ann Munro, Helen Palethorpe & Rachel Tscharke.

HEY!

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT TEACHING THE WORD OF GOD

IN WAYS THAT ENGAGE CHILDREN?

St Philip's Anglican Church in O'Connor is looking for a coordinator to minister to pre-school and school aged children and their families.

Hours: up to 5 hours per week (including Sunday morning worship). \$22/hour + superannuation

Interested? Call Fiona on 0429 949 121 or Helen on 61617334 or email on stphil@grapevine.com.au for more details.

TIME OUT FOR MEN SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER, 2009

The theme of this retreat for men will be:

'The Open and Shut Doors:

knowing ourselves, knowing God and the will of God'

Jesus said: "Look at me. I stand at the door. I knock. If you hear me call and if you open the door, I'll come right in and sit down . . . with you . . ." (Revelation 3:20)

To which Silvanus adds an interesting footnote: "Knock upon yourself as upon a door, and walk upon yourself as on a ? road. For if you walk on that path you cannot go astray, and when you knock on that door, what you open for yourself shall open. "

During this retreat we will be focusing on the question of knowing God's will for our lives. This will be ideal for us as we contemplate the rapidly approaching end of a year and the beginning of another.

Time out, in other words, to consider from where we have come, where we are at this moment, and the direction we are going to take into the future.

These moments aside are precious in a busy world, and can be truly life-changing.

Boris Pasternak, the great Russian writer observes that:

"When a moment knocks on the door of your life, it is often no louder than the beating of your heart and it is very easy to miss it."

Look forward to seeing you there.

The day will be led by Nikolai Blaskow, Associate Priest Holy Covenant Jamison, writer: screen, poetry, prose drama; short and documentary film maker.

When: Saturday 10th October 2009, from 10am to 3pm.

Where: St Mark's National Theological Centre Blackall Street, Barton

What to bring: bring your own lunch - morning and afternoon tea will be provided.

Cost: donation of \$10-\$20

Information and Registration: nikolai@nikolaiblaskow.com

Phone: (02) 62486465

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Ecumenical Cycle: Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

Anglican Communion: Swansea & Brecon - (Wales) The Rt Rev'd John Davies

The Diocese Cycle: Diocese of Ballarat: Bishop Michael Hough, Clergy and People.

North Goulburn: Brad Lovegrove (Louise), Wollondilly Gardens: Wardens, Cath and Colin Brown, New South Wales Police State Chaplain: Russell Avery (Beverley), West Goulburn: Bob Lindbeck (Judith), Goulburn Base Hospital Chaplaincy: Bob Lindbeck (Judith) and West Goulburn Parish team, Goulburn Correctional Centre.

Pray for: Victims of physical and sexual abuse; Diocesan Contact Officers for alleged sexual misconduct, abuse or harassment, Dr Joan Buchanan, Dr Judy Begent and Penny Lloyd.

Those in need:

The Departed: Robert Ivan Muir Dixon d.29 Sep 1989, Coralie Joy Rockwell Sawyer d.29 Sep 1991, Lionel Bruce Holgate d.5 Oct 2002.

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 10am: Holy Communion

Friday 10am-1pm: Pandora's OPEN

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NEXT SUNDAY

8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings: Job 23.1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22.1-15 Hebrews 4.12-16 Mark 10.17-31

Rosters:

Cleaning: Doreen Sengati-Odom & Elizabeth Sillano

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

8am:

Sidespeople: volunteer

Reader: Rhonda Evans

10am: Sidespeople: Leighton Mann & Hardy Palethorpe

Bible Readers: 1st David Tscharke, 2nd Fiona Dyer

Chalice Servers: Ruth McGorman-Mann & Hardy P

Morning Tea: Odom Family

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

Offerings received 23 & 27 September: \$509 + EFT \$508 = \$1017.

Shortfall \$1073

Pandora's income 25 & 26 September: \$393

Please save your Egg cartons for the Mann's chooks & ducks, thanks.