

"Come and see," said Philip

Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor!

Sunday 20 September 2009

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am and 10 am Eucharist

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

Readings: Proverbs 31.10-31; Psalm 1; James 3.1-12; Mark 9.30-37

10am Music: Together in Song: 246, 427, 498 and 545

Presiding and Preaching: Rev'd Dr Don Saines

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

8am: Sidespeople: Tim Woodburn

Reader: Shane Woodburn

10am: Lay Minister: Sarah Gowty

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Sidespeople: Grace Barnes and Peter Andersson

Bible Readers: 1st ??, 2nd Pat Forbes

Chalice Servers: Grace B and James Kim

Morning Tea: James K and Roger Sharp

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 Friends at St Phillips,

I am very glad to be able to be your priest over these next four weeks and to preside over worship at St Phillip's. This parish has a sound history of thoughtful witness and creative ministry and worship. I am conscious of your grief over the past year and trust that God has been gracing you all with strength and hope for your life and ministry ahead. I have already enjoyed presiding over two Eucharists on the Wednesday, and gleaned from that fellowship the strength of spirit that must represent something of the character of St Phillip's O'Connor.

The gospel today is as usual a good reminder of the practices we are invited to share as a community of Christ. Being a servant is not necessarily an easy role and some of us especially need to hear the balance Jesus brings to this when he speaks of us as no longer servants but

friends. Only through friendship and love do we find the strength to give to others. This is why we also need to sit at the feet of others and especially to gain inner strength from knowing we are loved by God and our friends.

Today Jesus also speaks of welcoming children into our midst. For me children bring liveliness and the unexpected. My grandchildren (we have four so far!) always break me away from being too focused. But Jesus speaks here of something more: children were not considered socially important ? so his comment is linked back to the discussion about who is to be greatest. This is not a request to put ourselves down or to think less of ourselves; it is rather a reminder to think of others who, like us, are made in the image of God.

I look forward to our weeks together. If you would like a pastoral visit or some spiritual guidance during this time, please contact me on 0402 588 221.

With every best wish, Don

To our dear Friends at St Philip's,

Thank you so much for your most beautiful card which we received with great surprise and delight. We are very touched by your thoughtful messages of good wishes for our new life in the Northern Rivers. We are still settling in of course, however we are so enjoying constant balmy weather, friendly people and the preciousness of being near our children and grandchildren living up this way. We see Mo each day!

We will come to Canberra regularly to see friends and dear family and will take those opportunities to come and see you all. We are thrilled with the announcement that Rebecca Newland is to be the new Rector of St Philip's.

Our home phone is: 02 6628 8989 New email: adbanners@bigpond.com

Love to you all, from Doug and Anne Bannerman

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.

FIVE KEY POINTS FROM SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. The major drainage work at the Rectory is now complete. A further Working Bee on the Rectory will be held on October 17.
2. The Kindergarten has proposed a fence with a gate and associated pathways between the Church and the Hall, to try and stop bikes using the courtyard as a thoroughfare - which is dangerous for the children and adds to the deterioration of the courtyard. The kindergarten would fund the work. The Council has given in principle agreement subject to seeing the details of the work proposed.
3. The Council is appreciative of the response from parishioners to assist with the risk management review.

4. Bel has now departed, and action has begun to investigate a possible replacement for the Children's Ministry work.

5. Many thanks to Ben Dyer for the new notice board in the back of the church to display the Children's Ministry work.

PARISH GOVERNANCE

The Parish Council has recently reviewed the governance arrangements of the Council itself and its links with other groups in the Parish. Good governance requires clear lines of responsibility and communication. St. Philips has much of this in place but the Council considered that there was room for some tightening up.

The Council has appointed certain members to be points of contact/liaison for particular aspects of Parish life. This will help parishioners and members of sub-groups know which Council members should be contacted in relation to particular matters and provide for improved lines of communication from and to the Council, particularly for the active sub-groups and committees. The details are as follows:

Parish Council Contact(s)

Rector's Warden: Ruth McGorman-Mann

People's Wardens: Denise Manley and Roger Sharp

Parish Council Chair: Ian Cousins

Treasurer: Shane Woodburn

Secretary: Sally Adams

Grounds and Facilities: Roger Sharp

Parish Office: Fred Anchell

Kindergarten: Rector and Wardens

Northbourne Community Centre Management Committee: Rector

Liturgy Group: Rector and Pat Forbes

Pewsheets: Rector

Community Fair Liaison Officer: Denise Manley

Pandora's Liaison Officer: Ian Cousins

Children's Ministry Liaison Officer: Sally Adams

Social Committee Liaison Officer: Ruth McGorman-Mann

Home Groups Liaison Officer: Denise Manley

CAMRA: Rector and Pat Forbes

WHAT'S ON @ ST PHILIP'S

St. Philip's Family Picnic Sunday 27 September, from 12noon

Cotter Avenue, Cotter River Reserve

BYO everything. Huge playground available for the kids.

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

CAMRA's Polish up your G and S weekend Friday 23 ? Sunday 25 October

Gilbert and Sullivan Masterclasses and 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 and 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.

Garage Sale Saturday 31 October, 8am ? 12noon

All Souls / All Saints Sunday 1 November

Royal School of Church Music Sunday 1 November, 3pm: Hymnfest and 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 Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn) (time tbc)

Advent Dinner in the Courtyard, Saturday 28 November, 6.30pm

First Sunday of Advent Sunday 29 November

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

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF CURSILLO

On this weekend in September 1979 the first Cursillo Weekend was held at

Bishopthorpe, introducing the Anglican Cursillo Movement into this diocese and the Anglican Church in Australia. To celebrate this event the Cursillo Movement in the diocese is having a Day of Celebration at St Saviour's Cathedral Goulburn on Saturday 3 October. The celebrations will start with a BYO Picnic Lunch in the Cathedral grounds followed by a Grand Ultreya service of worship and commemoration at 2.00 and afternoon tea. There is also a celebration dinner in the evening. everybody is most warmly invited to come along and join in. Talk to Cursillistas in the parish who can give you a helping hand with the program, transport and fellowship for this grand 30th anniversary occasion. +Stuart

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Ecumenical Cycle: Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

Anglican Communion: Southwark - (Canterbury, England) The R't Rev'd Thomas Frederick Butler. Southwark - Croydon - (Canterbury, England) The R't Rev'd Nicholas Baines. Southwark - Kingston-upon-Thames ? (Canterbury, England) The R't Rev'd Richard Ian Cheetham. Southwark - Woolwich - (Canterbury, England) The R't Rev'd Christopher Thomas Chessun

The Diocese Cycle: Diocese of Riverina: Bishop Douglas Stevens, Clergy and People.

Cootamundra: David Ruthven (Sharon), Colleen Close (John), Lyn Forsyth (Clive)

Temora: Michael Faragher (Rhonda) Junee and Junee Correctional Centre:

Pray for: Cursillo Movement Lay Director, Rob Barrett; Spiritual Director Caroline Campbell; Secretariat; Servant Communities.

Those in need: Shirley Barrett, Stewart Barrett, Clive Lowes, David Marsden, Mervyn McInnes, Helen Gorrell, Paul and Elissa, Melissa and Samuel, Catherine, Joyce Braithwaite.

The Departed: Beryl Nea Collins d.8 Sep 2006, Francis Lawrence (Lawrie) Keast d.24 Sep 1990

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 10am: Holy Communion

Friday 10am-1pm: Pandora's OPEN

Saturday 10am-1pm: Pandora's OPEN

NEXT SUNDAY 8am and 10am Eucharist

Readings: Esther 7.1-6, 9-10, 9.20-22; Psalm 124; James 5.12-20; Mark 9.38-50

Rosters: Cleaning: Ann Munro and Denise Manley

Flowers: Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

8am: Sidespeople: Volunteer

Reader: Shannon Tow

10am: Sidespeople: Helen Palethorpe, James Kim and Brian McKinlay

Bible Readers: 1st Rebecca Palethorpe, 2nd Ashton Robinson

Chalice Servers: Doreen Sengati-Odom and Leighton Mann

Morning Tea: Margaret Woodbridge and Val Reeves

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

Offerings received 9 - 13 September: \$970.85 + EFT \$508 = \$1478.85.
Shortfall \$611.15

Pandora's income 11 and 12 September \$966.40 (includes Fashion Parade)

Twilight Fair ? raffle \$62.80