

"Come and see," said Philip

Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor!

Sunday 27 September 2009

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8.00am & 10 am Eucharist

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

Readings: Esther 7.1-6, 9-10, 9.20-22; Psalm 124 - page 361; James 5.12-20;  
Mark 9.38-50

10am Music:

Together in Song: 59, 553, 468 & 626

Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Dr Don Saines

Flowers: Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

8am:

Sidespeople: Volunteer

Reader: Shannon Tow

10am:

Lay Minister: Brian McKinlay

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Sidespeople: Helen Palethorpe & James Kim

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

Chalice Servers: Doreen Sengati-Odom & Leighton Mann

Morning Tea: Margaret Woodbridge & Val

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 Wednesday 30 Sept. (due to long weekend) [leighton.ruth@grapevine.com.au](mailto:leighton.ruth@grapevine.com.au) or 6161 7133

Dear Friends,

While I was not at Synod, except for the opening Eucharist, I have heard that it went well and that some good discussion on some important issues took place. We will no doubt hear more about it from our representatives. Synod is an important part of our Anglican way of being church and while there is much about it that is often quite tedious it is one of the

important ways we seek to hear God together and discern the tasks ahead for our church in this region.

Sometimes the most menial of tasks do have important consequences, not only for ourselves but for the wider plan of God's purposes. Today readings from the book of Esther in the Hebrew Scriptures and the Gospel of Mark are something of a reminder of this and of God's providence in our lives. Esther may not be a story you have read, but it is worth reading. It is a story of salvation and yet the name of God is not mentioned and nor is there any account of the Jews in the story offering prayers throughout their trials. And yet the strong inference is that God is there throughout and bringing salvation to pass.

All this suggests to me a quiet trust in God's providence - God's care, presence and guidance -- that I hope will be part of my daily life and work. May we all know this kind of trust in God's providence this week.

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.

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.

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 Today, 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 & 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 Wednesday 28 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

Gourmet Hamper Raffle tickets, books of 20 raffle tickets are available to sell to family and friends. The tickets are \$1 each.

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

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

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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](mailto:stphil@grapevine.com.au) for more details.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Ecumenical Cycle: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

Anglican Communion: The Most Rev'd David Robert Chillingworth Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church & Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane

The Diocese Cycle: Diocese of Willochra: Bishop Garry Weatherill

Parishes of Cobargo: Harvey and Elizabeth Sloane; Bodalla-Narooma: Trevor Smith (Lyndell), Janet Williams (Dale), Judy Taylor; Open Sanctuary @ Tilba Tilba: Linda Chapman (Anthony Mayne); Moruya: Robin Lewis-Quinn; Batemans Bay: Ian Lambert (Jill), Colin Walters (Kay); Boomerang Meeting Place: Tom Slockee (Muriel).

St Peter's Anglican College: Principal, Tony Horsley; staff and students; Chaplain, Mark Sweeney (Sandi)

Pray for: Aboriginal and Islander ministry: the Diocesan Koori Commission (Convenor: Tom Slockee), Bimbadeen Training College, Cootamundra.

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

The Departed: Francis Lawrence (Lawrie) Keast d.24 Sep 1990, Robert Ivan Muir Dixon d.29 Sep 1989, Coralie Joy Rockwell Sawyer d.29 Sep 1991

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 10am: Holy Communion

Friday 10am-1pm: Pandora's OPEN

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NEXT SUNDAY 8am & 10am Eucharist

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

Rosters: Cleaning: Leighton & Ruth

Flowers: Val Reeves

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Reader: John Girdlestone

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Chalice Servers: Tim Gowty & Denise M

Morning Tea: Volunteer or no Morning Tea!

Weekly Offering/income needed to operate our Parish \$2090 per week, excludes rental income. Offerings received 9-13 September: \$576.70 + EFT \$508 = \$1084.70.

Shortfall \$1005.30. Pandora's income 18 & 19 September: \$247.60