

## OUR PRAYERS

**Ecumenical Cycle:** Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo. Pray for: resolution of the current crisis in The Ivory Coast.'

**Anglican Communion:** The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain - The R't Rev'd Carlos López-Lozano

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Diocese of Grafton: Bishop Keith Slater, Clergy and People

Holy Covenant, Jamison: Susanna Pain, Nikolai Blaskow, Jill Crawford, Anne Ranse, Susan Joy Nevile, Andrea DeVaal, Rhys Thorpe; Christ Church, Hawker: Patrick Cole, Wendy Bloomfield; Ginninderra Gardens Residential Aged Care Nursing Home & Hostel, Page: Chaplain: Wendy Bloomfield; Calvary Hospital, Bruce: Anglican Chaplaincy Team; Clare Holland House (ACT Hospice); St James', Holt: Nick Speyer, Anne Ranse  
Pray for: Anglicare activities in caring for and supporting older people; for staff and volunteers; for their clients.

**Those in need:** Mary McGiven-Shaw, Jean Pound, Meg Colwell, Michael Sawer, Mervyn McInnes, Vera Bowman, Myrle Bovis, Shirley Barrett, Claude Woodbridge, Paul and Maria Blinksell.

**We remember & give thanks for:** Gwen Green (d.4/12/10), Peter David Blaseotto (d.10/12/03); Dorothy Moore (d.12/12/84); Joseph Horace Heaton (d.13/12/88)

**The Saints:** Lucy, martyr & virgin (d.304); John of the Cross, mystic & teacher (d.1591)

### NEXT SUNDAY

### 8am & 10am Eucharist

**Readings:** Isaiah 7.10-16, Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19, Romans 1.1-7, Matthew 1.18-25

<b>Rosters:</b>	Flowers:	Philida Sturgiss-Hoy
<b>8am:</b>	Reader:	Eloise Wright
Sidespeople:	Tim Woodburn	
<b>10am:</b>	Bible Readers:	1 <sup>st</sup> Louise McKay, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ashton Robinson
	Sidespeople:	Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson
	Chalice Servers:	Grace B & James Kim
	Morning Tea:	James K & Roger Sharp

Bishop Stuarts latest 'Stutube' video:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/stuartcg10#p/a/u/0/F-beu0zdeWg>

Doug and Anne Bannerman send Seasons Greetings to all our friends at St Philip's. We continue to enjoy the Northern Rivers close to Sarah, Murray, Mo and now Skip Jack (born October). We think of the St Philip's community often and will visit again soon.

Offerings received 1 & 5 December: \$?? + EFT \$601  
Pandora's s 3 & 4 December: \$??

Items for the Pewsheets and names for the Prayer list (add or remove), please forward to Leighton by Thursday 12 noon. leighton.ruth@grapevine.com.au or 61617133

# Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor!

## Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 12 December 2010

### 8am & 10am Eucharist

The services begin on page 119 of the (Green) Prayer Book.

**Readings:** Isaiah 35.1-10  
Song of Mary – page 31  
James 5.7-10  
Matthew 11.2-11

### 10am Music:

Hymns - *Together in Song:* 270, 275, 414, 276

For the Psalm: The Magnificat

During Communion:

1. He shall feed his flock/ Come unto him, from *Handel's Messiah* (Watkins shaw edition)
2. Rejoice Greatly oh Daughter of Zion, from *Handel's Messiah*

**Presiding & Preaching:** Rev'd Rebecca Newland

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

### 8am:

Reader: Rhonda Evans

Sidespeople: Volunteer

### 10am:

Lay Minister: Philippa Wicks

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Soloists: Madeleine Rowland & Tanuja Doss

Bible Readers: 1<sup>st</sup> Sarah Gowty?, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Adams

Sidespeople: Leighton Mann & Hardy Palethorpe

Chalice Servers: Ruth McGorman-Mann & Hardy P

Morning Tea: St Philip's Kids

**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.

*"Come and see," said Philip*

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Rector: Rev'd Rebecca Newland

Hon. Deacons: Rev'd Linda Anshell, Rev'd Robin Moore (St Philip's Care)

Hon. Priest: Rev'd. Jeannette McHugh

Wardens: Helen Palethorpe, Ian Cousins & Denise Manley J.P.

## The Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

*Leader:* On the third Sunday of Advent, we light three candles. Our hope grows stronger, and our joy grows brighter as we prepare to celebrate Christ's coming. We remember also in this time of shadows those whose tears still water the ground with sadness, and we pray that God will bring all people home with shouts of joy.

*Response:* **Come, Lord Jesus. In your light we will trust and not be afraid.**

*Leader: (Read while the candle is being lit)*

In God's promised new heaven and new earth:

The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it,  
for the glory of God is its light and its lamp is the Lamb.

The nations will walk by its light,  
and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it". (*Revelation 21:23-24*)

*Response:* **Come, Lord Jesus. In your light we will trust and not be afraid.**

*(Sung or spoken as a prayer)*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. (*9<sup>th</sup> century Latin*)

Greetings!

*The Third Sunday of advent is the "Joyful" Sunday and the pink candle of the Advent Wreath is lit. It is the "Joyful" Sunday because the early Latin introit set for this day began "Gaudete en Dominum" – "Rejoice in the Lord!" The rejoicing is because of the imminence of the Lord's arrival. The Song of Mary, which we say today also emphasizes the theme of rejoicing at the coming of the Lord. Rejoice means to feel joyful, to be delighted. Joy can be a difficult emotion or action to describe but it helps to compare it with another closely related word, happiness. According to the Oxford English dictionary, happiness is based on luck or good fortune. Joy on the other hand, is described as a vivid emotion of pleasure. Thus, happiness depends on circumstance; joy, on our emotional well-being. We may be happy if we win lotto, but we feel joy when we think about a beloved child or grandchild. We feel joy when we appreciate life, when we contemplate nature, when we recognize our freedom, and when we dwell on our successful relationships with other people; we feel joy when we have faith in something larger than ourselves. One way to understand the differences between joy and happiness is to think about their opposites. It is said that while the opposite of happiness is unhappiness, the opposite of joy is fear. This is why real joy is the absence of fear. Amazingly we can develop the ability to recognize and feel joy as opposed to feeling fear and this becomes a freeing experience. The phrase 'rejoice in the Lord always' is not just a pie in the sky idea. It can become part of our everyday life and practise each day. Appreciation for life's blessings, gratitude and humility will all strengthen our capacity to know joy. As we come to recognize that joy does not depend on more money, bigger cars, or longer holidays then we begin to recognize this emotion as part of our daily lives, as part of our soul, and as part of who we are and how we view the world. As we take this journey to Christmas, "Rejoice" and again I say "Rejoice"!*

*Peace and Blessings, Rebecca.*

## THIS WEEK @ ST PHILIP'S

**Today: 5.30pm BBQ & Sarah's Afghanistan experience**

At Helen & Hardy's home, 74 Waller Crescent, Campbell. Please bring a salad or dessert if you can – if you can't, it's OK too. If you have special dietary needs then please bring your own barbecue food.

Sarah Gowty has recently spent two months in Kabul working on projects for Care Australia. Come and share a relaxed evening, ask her questions about life in Kabul and hear her stories. She will have fascinating things to relate and will provide us with insight into every day life in Afghanistan.

A donation for a humanitarian project in Afghanistan will be much appreciated.

Please RSVP to 62488030.

**Monday: 10.30am St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre - including lunch**

**Wednesday: Rev'd Rebecca's Birthday!!!**

10am: Holy Communion

7.30pm: Parish Planning Group @ The Rectory

**Thursday: Rev'd Robin Moore in Pastoral Care team at Ginninderra Gardens**

**Friday: 10am-1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor – Open**

*Volunteers: Kerry-Anne Cousins & Ann Brown*

1pm-2pm: Rev'd Linda Anshell @ Women in Black Vigil,

Petrie Plaza, Canberra City

**Saturday 10am-1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor – Open**

*Volunteers: Fiona Dyer & Patricia Abbott*

10.30am: Holy Communion @ Kankinya Aged Care Facility, Lyneham

5.30pm **Saturday Service/Eucharist**

## COMING EVENTS @ ST PHILIP'S

**St Philip's Carol Service**

**Sunday 19 December, 7.30pm**

Please bring a plate of christmas food to share for supper. Gold coin for drinks.

**Christmas Eve**

**Friday 24 December**

**6.30pm - Family Christmas Pageant**

**11pm - Carol Singing**

**11.30pm - Sung Eucharist** (please note change: no incense will be used.)

**Christmas Day Eucharist**

**9am, Saturday 25 December**

The trial **Hearing Aid Loop** has been installed and will be in place for the next two Sundays.

TAMS will commence work on **St Philip's Car park** driveway this Monday 13 December. The car park will not be accessible by car for the next two weeks.

**Better Bits** - Thank you all for your wonderful donations to this years stall. Due to our big sellout at the Fair, our stock is very low so I am happy to take donations of jewellery and small items of bric-a-brac during the year. I am also happy to take your unloved Chrissy pressies - no questions asked! Kerry-Anne