

## OUR PRAYERS

**Ecumenical Cycle:** Ghana, Nigeria. Pray for: Better stewardship of the environment and natural resources.

**Anglican Communion:** The Falkland Islands (Parish of) - The Rev'd Dr. Richard Hines

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Diocese of Perth: Archbishop Roger Herft, Bishops Tom Wilmot, Kay Goldsworthy, Clergy and People  
Young District Anglican Ministry: John Thomas, Barbara Moon; Mothers' Union: Chaplain TBA

Pray for: Shared ministry with our neighbouring Dioceses particularly Riverina and Bathurst - our Tri-Diocesan partners; development of unity and cooperation in our Province and National Church.

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

**We remember & give thanks for:** Joseph Horace Heaton (d.13/12/88) Alice Isabel Saylor (d.20/12/88)

**The Saints:** St Thomas, Apostle and Martyr (21 Dec)

### NEXT SUNDAY

### **8am & 10am Eucharist**

**Readings:** Isaiah 63.7-9, Psalm 148, Hebrews 2.10-18, Matthew 2.13-23

**Preaching:** Rev'd Linda Anshell

<b>Rosters:</b>	Flowers:	all the Flower volunteers for Christmas
<b>8am:</b>	Reader:	Shane Woodburn
	Sidespeople:	volunteer
<b>10am:</b>	Bible Readers:	1 <sup>st</sup> Denise Manley, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Helen Palethorpe
	Sidespeople:	volunteers please
	Chalice Servers:	Denise Manley & ??
	Morning Tea:	self serve in the foyer

**Bishop Stuarts** latest 'Stutube' video:

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

It is possible to study theology at St Mark's National Theological Centre as a formally enrolled student (doing as little as one subject) or as someone who simply wants to receive subject materials, attend lectures and participate in tutorial discussion. "Auditing" a subject, which does not come with any requirement to produce essays or submit assignments, costs just \$175.

Offerings received 8 & 12 December: \$\$\$ + EFT \$601  
Pandora's s 10 & 11 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](mailto:leighton.ruth@grapevine.com.au) or 61617133

# *Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor!*

## **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday 19 December 2010**

### **8am & 10 am Eucharist**

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

**Readings:** Isaiah 7.10-16  
Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19 – page 307  
Romans 1.1-7  
Matthew 1.18-25

### **10am Music:**

Hymns - *Together in Song*: **271, 265, 472, 269**

Psalm response: please see insert

During Communion: O Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, *from Handel's Messiah*

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

Flowers: Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

### **8am:**

Reader: Eloise Wright

Sidespeople: Tim Woodburn

### **10am:**

Lay Minister: Sarah Gowty

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Soloists: Pat Forbes & Leila Fetter

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

**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 Linda Anshell, Rev'd Robin Moore (St Philip's Care)  
**Hon. Priest:** Rev'd. Jeannette McHugh

**Hon. Deacons:** Rev'd Rebecca Newland

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

## THE LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

*Leader:* Today we will light the four Advent candles. Their brightness recalls God's glory that shone around the shepherds when they heard the angel's first Christmas greeting: "Do not be afraid". We pray that God's glory will reign on earth as it does in the highest heaven.

*Response:* **Come, Lord Jesus. Shine on us, and the night will be as bright as day.**

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

For once you lived in shadow, but now in the Lord you are light.  
Live as children of light, enjoying all that is good and right and true.  
Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

"Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."  
(Ephesians 5:8-14, adapted)

*Response:* **Come, Lord Jesus. Shine on us, and the night will be as bright as day.**

*(Sung or spoken as a prayer)*

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices,  
open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

Who is the King of glory, how shall we call him?

He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices,

open the gates before him, lift up your voices. (Willard Francis Jabusch)

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*Greetings!*

*As we make our final run to the seasons celebrations and as many of us are heading off on holidays and family get togethers, I'd like to wish everyone a very safe, blessed and merry Christmas.*

*A Christmas blessing for you:*

As you travel by car, plane or foot to meet those you love

May the Lord of hope journey with you.

As you greet the Christ child on Christmas morn

May the Lord of joy live in your heart

As you prepare for the year ahead

May the Lord of peace, guide your willing and your loving.

In the name of God the creator, the Child and the Spirit. Amen.

*Peace and love, Rebecca.*

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*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.*

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**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

## THIS WEEK & CHRISTMAS @ ST PHILIP'S

**Today: 7.30pm St Philip's Carol Service**  
Please bring a plate of christmas food to share for supper.  
Gold coin donation for drinks.

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

**Wednesday: 10am: Holy Communion**

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

**Friday - Christmas Eve** Pandora's @ O'Connor, CLOSED (*Reopens Friday 7 Jan*)  
**6.30pm: Family Christmas Pageant**  
**11pm Carol Singing**  
**11.30pm Sung Eucharist**

**Saturday - Christmas Day**  
**9am Eucharist**

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## KEY POINTS FROM DECEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held after the 10am service on 27 February. The submission deadline for all regular AGM reports and any other papers to be considered at the meeting is 13 February. This is needed to allow time for the reports to be compiled and produced.
  - A first version of the Parish Events Calendar for 2011 will be available shortly. It will be updated and further details added as the year proceeds.
  - The Parish Council has approved the installation of a high quality gutter guard for the roof over the Foyer and Vestry, the Parish Office and the Kindergarten. It will be installed in the new year and is the final step in a program this year to fix persistent roofing problems.
  - A concrete slab will be laid soon between Pandora's and the QE2 (shipping container) in preparation for the installation of a new storage shed for Pandora's. It is needed to meet urgent storage requirements. Like the QE2 it is designed to be easily moved if we are able in the future to move ahead on a building program for a permanent solution for the storage and meeting room needs of the Parish.
  - A Parish master plan remains on the Parish Council work program and will receive further attention in 2011.
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