

## OUR PRAYERS

**Ecumenical Cycle:** Liberia, Sierra Leone. Give thanks for: Those who work for reconciliation and healing, so that people can live with one another again. Pray for: Healing for those broken in body, mind and spirit by the brutality of war.

**Anglican Communion:** Kimberley & Kuruman - (South Africa) The R't Rev'd Oswald Peter Patrick Swartz

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Province of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia: Co-presiding Bishops Jabez Bryce, Brown Turei, David Moxon.

Anglicare Australia: Chair, Archdeacon Ray Cleary; Executive Director, Kasy Chambers; staff and volunteers.

Basement Ministries: Leadership Team: Caitlin Lance, Emily Lambert, Mark Body; Chaplain, Wayne Brighton. Synergy Youth: Chair: Colin Dundon; Diocesan Youth Director, Matt Brain; Wagga Wagga Youth Ministry, Lucas King, Camp Pelican: Murray Tooth and team members, directors, chaplains and leaders. 'Forc' Project: Judy Douglas and team

Pray for: Churchwardens, members of Parish Councils and Lay Leaders.  
PRAY For greater awareness of HIV and AIDS.

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

**We remember & give thanks for:** Constance Morton (d.25/11/01)

**The Saints:** Andrew, apostle & martyr (30th Nov); Frances Perry, founder Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne (d.1892); Francis Xavier, priest & missionary; Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, man of prayer (d.1637).

### **from the ecumenical prayer cycle:**

Son of the Living God:

our God of power and might, of love, grace and mercy;  
by whose spoken word the world came into being  
and without whose guidance we are lost;  
we stand in awe of you and in adoration lift our voices to you:  
We thank you for the people of Sierra Leone.

Come, Lord Jesus. Come and make Sierra Leone  
a better place for the people there and for their children.

## NEXT SUNDAY

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

**Readings:** Isaiah 11.1-10, Psalm 72.1-7, 18-21, Romans 15.4-13, Matthew 3.1-12

<b>Rosters:</b>	Flowers:	Rebecca Newland
<b>8am:</b>	Reader:	John Girdlestone
	Sidespeople:	John Girdlestone
<b>10am:</b>	Bible Readers:	1 <sup>st</sup> Fiona Dyer, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rebecca Palethorpe
	Sidespeople:	Roger Sharp & Chris Cheah
	Chalice Servers:	Tim Gowty & Denise Manley
	Morning Tea:	Ann Munro & Helen Palethorpe
<b>10am:</b>		St Philip's Team @ Calvary Hospital Chapel

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

## **First Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday 28 November 2010**

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

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

**Readings:** Isaiah 2.1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13.9-14  
Matthew 24.36-44

### **10am Music:**

Hymns - *Together in Song:* **132, 265, 497, 276**

Psalm 122, *The New parish Psalter*

**During Communion: Better Be Ready**  
*Negro Spiritual, Traditional words – extra verses by Anne Collins.*

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

Flowers: Jeannette McHugh

### **8am:**

Reader: Eloise Wright

Sidespeople: Volunteer

### **10am:**

Deacon: Rev'd Linda Anchell

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Cantor/Soloist: Denise Manley

Bible Readers: 1<sup>st</sup> Erika Langman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kerry-Ann Cousins

Sidespeople: Helen Palethorpe, James Kim & Brian McKinlay

Chalice Servers: Doreen Sengati-Odom & 1 more

Morning Tea: Val Reeves & Margaret Woodbridge

**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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Hon. Priest: Rev'd Jeannette McHugh  
Wardens: Helen Palethorpe, Ian Cousins & Denise Manley J.P.

## The Lighting of the First Advent Candle

**Leader:** On each Sunday of Advent, we light a new candle, a sign of hope in a world of shadows. When all four candles are burning brightly, we will know that it is time to begin the Christmas Feast of Lights. We want to be ready to welcome the Light of the World into our lives.

**Response: Come, let us walk in the light of the lord!**

**Leader:** (Read while the candle is being lit) Let this light shine so that we may remember to bring the light of Jesus' presence to all people. "While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of the light" (John 12:36)

**Response: Come, let us walk in the light of the lord!**

(Sung or spoken as a prayer)

Come thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, Greetings!

Greetings,

*It is a new church year and time to begin another round of listening to the story of Jesus Christ, of reflecting and wondering, of learning and unlearning, of growing and changing. Advent is just the beginning...who knows what the future holds...but our faith is built on the love of God, the faithfulness of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. We know then that what ever the New Year holds for us we will have all we need to continue the journey.*

*Our theme for Advent, these first four Sundays of the year is the journey from darkness to light. On this first Sunday of the church year we are reminded that the Christ light that we will celebrate at Christmas is fundamentally about peace. Peace that comes from reconciliation and forgiveness. Peace that comes from the assurance of God's justice and love. As our Isaiah reading says, "He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4).*

*I am convinced that if the nations and people of the world truly put into practise the love and forgiveness of Jesus the prophecy of Isaiah would indeed become a reality. But we need not only look outwards to what could be possible. Peace begins with looking in as well. This first Sunday of the church year is an opportunity to see where we might be hanging onto any resentments about the past. It is a chance to let go of any bitterness in our hearts and to practise forgiveness and compassion. A heart at war with itself or others cannot experience peace. In our Romans reading Paul wrote, "Love does no wrong to a neighbour, therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law" (Romans 13:10).*

*In this time of preparation for the coming of our Lord may we fulfil the law and find our peace.*

*Peace and blessings, Rebecca*

**Anglicare Christmas Lights Bus Tour** – please see poster in foyer for details.

## THIS WEEK @ ST PHILIP'S

<b>Sunday:</b>	12noon–2pm: <b>Twilight Fair Wrap up/Review meeting</b> Shared Lunch @ the Dyer's home, open to all interested people.
<b>Monday:</b>	10.30am St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre - including lunch
<b>Wednesday:</b>	10am: Holy Communion 7pm: Bishop's Prayer for Healing Service @ St John's Reid
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rev'd Robin Moore in Pastoral Care team at Ginninderra Gardens
<b>Friday:</b>	10am-1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor – Open <i>Volunteers: Margaret Woodbridge &amp; Fay Pankhurst</i> 1pm-2pm: Rev'd Linda Anchell @ Women in Black Vigil, Petrie Plaza, Canberra City
<b>Saturday</b>	10am-1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor – Open <i>Volunteers: Beryl Blaseotto &amp; Rhyanna Tarlington</i> 10.30am: Holy Communion @ Kankinya Aged Care Facility, Lyneham

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## COMING EVENTS @ ST PHILIP'S

<b>Christmas Trading Table</b>	<b>Sunday 5 December, following 10am Service</b> Christmas gift ideas, Fresh produce - contributions very welcome.
<b>Parish Council @ the Rectory</b>	<b>Wednesday 8 December, 7.30pm</b>
<b>BBQ &amp; Sarah's Afghanistan experience</b>	<b>Sunday 12 December, 5.30pm</b> You are invited to a barbeque 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 barbeque 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 <a href="mailto:hpaethorpe@grapevine.net.au">hpaethorpe@grapevine.net.au</a> or 62488030.
<b>Saturday Service/Eucharist</b>	<b>Saturday 18 December, 5.30pm</b>
<b>St Philip's Carol Service</b>	<b>Sunday 19 December, 7.30pm</b>
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Friday 24 December</b> 6.30pm - Family Christmas Pageant 11pm - Carol Singing 11.30pm - Sung Eucharist
<b>Christmas Day Eucharist</b>	<b>9am, Saturday 25 December</b>

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Offerings received 17 & 21 November: \$678.10 + EFT \$601  
Pandora's 19 & 20 November: \$140      Twilight Fair \$128.50

*Items for the Pewsheet 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*