

KEY POINTS FROM APRIL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- The Parish Council has appointed a Master Plan Group to consider a master plan for the church site and property. The members are Rebecca, Fiona Dyer, Leighton Mann and Roger Sharp. They would welcome any thoughts parishioners have on this matter.
- During the month of May the mission focus will be the ABM Christian Care Centre project in the Solomon Islands. The centre is a refuge for women and children suffering abuse. The decision at the AGM was to provide \$1500 to the project.
- The Council continued its discussion of the needs of the children's ministry and welcomed the contribution of ideas from the Rev. Jeannette McHugh. There will be further consultation with parents and other parishioners.
- The Council noted that at the end of March giving from envelopes and loose plate was \$1600 less than the projected income from these sources for the first three months of the 2011 budget year.
- A copy of the AGM minutes will be placed on the noticeboard. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 4 May.

Children's Ministry @ St Philip's

1st Sunday of month 10am - Children's Church

2nd Sunday of month 10am - Children serving Morning Tea

3rd Saturday of month 5.30pm - Family Eucharist

ST PHILIP'S DIARY

Mission Project for May - Solomon Island's Christian Care Centre (a refuge for women &

children). Parish Target \$1500 (our international project)

Parish Council meeting @ the Rectory Wednesday 4 May, **5.30pm**

St Philip's Patronal Festival, Sung Eucharist Sunday 8 May, 10am

Bring bring a plate to share for morning tea

First Communion Service (Rev'd Linda Anchell preaching) Sunday 15 May, 10am

Saturday Evening Family Service/Eucharist 21 May, 5.30pm

Third Saturday of each month

Prayer for Christian Unity - combined worship service @ St Philip's

Sunday 5 June, 2pm

Day of Pentecost Sunday 12 June

Mission Project for July – Prison Chaplaincy (Rev'd Simon Wooldridge), Alexander Maconochie Correctional Centre (our local project)

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

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Rector: Rev'd Rebecca Newland

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

Hon. Priest: Rev'd. Jeannette McHugh

Wardens: Helen Palethorpe, Ian Cousins & Roger Sharp.

Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor!

"Come and see," said Philip

Palm Sunday Sunday 17 April 2011

Readings:

Isaiah 50.4-9 Philippians 2.5-11 Matthew 26.14-27.66

Psalm 31.9-18:

9 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:

my eye wastes away for grief, my throat also and my inward parts.

10 For my life wears out in sorrow, and my years with sighing:

my strength fails me in my affliction, and my bones are consumed.

11 I am become the scorn of all my enemies:

and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

12 I am a thing of horror to my friends:

and those that see me in the street shrink from me.

13 I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:

I have become like a broken vessel.

14 For I hear the whispering of many:

and fear is on every side;

15 While they plot together against me:

and scheme to take away my life.

16 But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:

I have said 'You are my God.'

17 All my days are in your hand:

O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.

18 Make your face to shine upon your servant:

and save me for your mercy's sake.

10am Music:

Hymns - 244, Stay with us, Lord Jesus Christ (next page), 341, 141

During communion: Travelling the Road to Freedom (John Bell)

Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Rebecca Newland

8am: Shane Woodburn

Sidespeople: Tim Woodburn

10am: Lay Minister: Chris Cheah

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes

Singers: Alison Knight, Jenny Sawyer, Pat Forbes

Bible Readers: 1st Linda Anchell, 2nd Fred Anchell

Sidespeople: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson

Chalice Servers: Grace b & James Kim

Morning Tea: James K & Roger Sharp

Taizé chant: Stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, night will soon fall.
Then, stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, light in our darkness.

OUR PRAYERS

Ecumenical Cycle: Djibouti, Somalia

Anglican Communion: Bishop of Jerusalem - (Middle East) The Rt Rev'd Suheil Dawani

(pray for people who are losing their right to reside in Jerusalem. Bishop Suheil is challenging a ruling, which withdraws permission to live in Israel.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocese of North Queensland: Bishop Bill Ray, Assistant Bishop Saibo Mabo, Clergy and People.

Queanbeyan and District Anglican Church: Ian Palmer, James Wood, Gayl Mills, Mary Thorn; Community of Celebration and Mary's Place: Michael Cockayne, Stephen Conway; The Bargain Hunter: Kaye Pritchard and Hazel Wheatley; other Anglicare recycling outlets; Alexander Maconochie Correctional Centre: Chaplain Simon Wooldridge, Peta Thorpe.

Pray for: Work amongst needy, unemployed and homeless people of all ages.

Those in need: Anne Ranse, Margaret Wicks, Doug Bannerman, Margaret Woodbridge,

Jean Pound, Meg Colwell, Michael Sawyer, Mervyn McInnes, Shirley Barrett, Claude Woodbridge.

We remember and give thanks for: Garry Bassett, Kenneth Johnson (d.14/4/01), Irene Doris Keast (d.17/4/04), Noel Collins (d.18/4/70), Jeffrey Avery (d.23/04/07)

A huge **thank you** for everyone who came and contributed to the working bee. It was great to see people from all the different services there, working together making Gods house that much nicer. With everyone so busy it was fantastic to see so many contribute and feel free to come for whatever time they could spare. The results speak for themselves. In addition to the usual clean up the windows on the west side of the church have been cleaned, all the timber in the sanctuary has been polished, and the spider webs re gone from many places, in particular the main glass windows in the sanctuary and the Window of Creation. Cheers, Ben

NEXT SUNDAY EASTER DAY:

Readings: Acts 10.34-43, Psalm 118.1-2,14-2, Colossians 3.1-4, Matthew 28.1-10

Rosters: Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins & Helpers!

7am: Reader: Eloise Wright

Sidespeople: volunteers

10am: Bible Readers: 1st Denise Manley, 2nd Ann Munro

Sidespeople: Helen Palethorpe, James Kim & Brian McKinlay

Chalice Servers: Leighton Mann & Doreen Sengati-Odom

Greetings,

There is no story more important to Christians than the Passion. There are no more central Messianic prophecies than the "suffering servant" songs of Isaiah. And there is no better summary of Christ's role than the Christ-hymn of Philippians. The Passion, the suffering servant, the Philippians' hymn, all describe one who is an outcast. There are so many ways to be out, not in - insults, bullying, gossip, illness, divorce, aging, scandal, rejection. Everyone I know has been in this position. Yet this Sunday, this Holy Week, in fact every Sunday and every week, God directs us again and again to attend to the one who is suffering. In looking to Jesus, perhaps we may also attend to our own experience of suffering. "Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble.... (Psalm 31:9a). Like broken dishes, the pieces of our lives are scattered, as are the fractured parts of our families, churches, towns and nations.

This week we will hear how Jesus is broken. His Passion is not only the violence wrought upon his body. He suffered also in the way his friends turned and ran; the way even God seemed to abandon him to his fate. Yet, in his Passion and the days that follow we'll hear again and again, how God, in Christ, gathers up the broken pieces. Jesus has been gathering broken people into a community of hope. His life creates a new community, bringing outcasts together, repaired by love. This week takes us into darkness and the recognition of our brokenness but it also takes us into the light and the joy and hope of new life. May this Holy Week draw you closer to the Lord of all.

Peace and Blessings, Rebecca

(with thanks to Paul Bellan-Boyer, Lutheran deacon, for his words and insights)

THIS WEEK @ ST PHILIP'S

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

Wednesday: 10am: Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday: 7pm: Passover Dinner; including Foot washing & Eucharist
Please put your name on the list in the foyer if you will be attending the Passover Dinner.

Cost will be approx. \$6.00 p.p. plus a salad or dessert, recipes are available in the Foyer. Contact Pat or Kerry-Anne for further info.

Good Friday: 3pm (1st hour): Hearing the Word

4pm (2nd hour): Reflecting on the Word

5pm (3rd Hour): Responding to the Word

Saturday: 10am – 1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor – OPEN
volunteers: Jeannette, Karuna, & Betty Jennings

NEXT SUNDAY Easter Day

6am: Service of the New Light **7am:** First Eucharist

8am: Celebration Breakfast - *Please see the list in the foyer as to what you can contribute to the breakfast. All welcome, no RSVP required*

10am: Second Eucharist (Sung) & Baptisms