

St Philip's Diary

New Years Eve Party

Saturday 31 December, from 8pm
You are welcome to the party of the year! Chris, Roger, Leighton, Ruth & Zara's New Years Eve Party. At Chris & Roger's home 139/15 Coranderrk St, Canberra City. VIP guest – Sarah Gowty! *Please bring a plate of food to share, your swimmers/bathers if you want a dip.* Come and have some fun with a cocktail or two!! RSVP to leighton.ruth@grapevine.com.au

Parish Council @ the Rectory

Wednesday 11 January, 7.30pm

Anglican Provincial Mission Convention

Thursday 26 – Saturday 29 January
Canberra Girls Grammar School

Annual Reports Deadline

Sunday 5 February
to Rebecca or stphil@grapevine.com.au

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 22 February

Deacon's Ordination

Saturday 25 February, 11am
St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn

St Philip's Annual General Meeting Sunday 26 February, following 10am service

Consecration of Assistant Bishops

Saturday 31 March, 11am
St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn

Palm/Passion Sunday

Sunday 1 April

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 5 April

Good Friday

Friday 6 April

Easter Day

Sunday 8 April

St Philip's Day

Sunday 29 April

ABM REFLECTIONS

THE HISTORY OF SALVATION IS A HISTORY OF GOD WORKING WITH HUMANS. SALVATION IS TEAMWORK BETWEEN GOD AND HUMANITY; AND IN THE GOSPEL TODAY, MARY IS THE ONE WHO SIGNIFIES HUMANITY. MARY TRUSTS GOD, AND ACCEPTS TO PLAY HER PART NOT BECAUSE SHE IS A STAR, BUT SIMPLY BECAUSE SHE TRUSTS GOD, SHE IS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE THE MOTHER OF GOD. SERVING GOD OPENS UP OPPORTUNITIES, FOR THOSE WHOM GOD ENTRUSTS WITH GOD'S WORK BECAUSE THEY TRUST GOD.

- PRAY FOR THE CHURCH TO PUT ITS TRUST IN GOD SO THAT THE WORK ENTRUSTED TO HER BY GOD WILL CONTINUE GOD'S WORK OF SALVATION.
- GIVE THANKS FOR THE CHURCH OF PAKISTAN, FOR ITS ARCHBISHOP, SAMUEL AZARIAH, AND FOR HIS CLERGY AND PEOPLE.

TEXT: THE REVD VONGAI MKARONDA, GENDER CO-ORDINATOR FOR THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA © ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION, 2011

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



St Philip's Come & See

SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER 2011

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

50th Anniversary of the Dedication & 30th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Philip's Church building.

8am: English language Eucharist

10am: English & Dinka Combined Eucharist, followed by Brunch

Readings: 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16 Romans 16.25-27 Luke 1.26-38

8am:	Flowers:	Philida Sturgiss-Hoy
	Celebrant & Preacher:	Rev'd Rebecca Newland
	Bible Reader:	Volunteer
	Sidespeople:	Tim Woodburn
10am:	Celebrant & Preacher:	Rt. Rev'd Stuart Robinson (Bishop)
	Rector:	Rev'd Rebecca Newland
	Archdeacon (North Canberra):	Rev'd Susanna Pain
	Honorary Associate Priests:	Rev'd Steve Clarke, Rev'd Kath Holt & Rev'd Jeannette McHugh,
	Honorary Deacons:	Rev'd Linda Anshell & Rev'd Robin Moore
	Liturgical Assistants:	Peter Manyok & Brian McKinlay
	Musicians:	Colin Forbes
	Choir:	St Philip's Singers
	Soprano:	Katie Cole
	Bible Readers:	1 st Louise McKay, 2 nd Ashton Robinson
	Sidespeople:	Peter Andersson & Grace Barnes

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Rector: Rev'd Rebecca Newland

Dinka Language Congregation Leader: Peter Manyok (acting)

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

Hon. Associate Priests: Rev'd Steve Clarke (Director of Mission & Justice, Anglicare) & Rev'd Jeannette McHugh

Wardens: Helen Palethorpe, Ian Cousins & Roger Sharp

Our Prayers

Ecumenical Cycle: Ghana, Nigeria. Give thanks for Christians and Muslims who take risks to work for dialogue and reconciliation between the two faith communities.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocese of North West Australia: Bishop David Mulready, Clergy and People
Parishes of Yass: Genieve Blackwell, Chris Elliott, Judy Heggart, Helena Painting; Boorowa: Pauline Dare; Murrumburrah-Harden: Beth Dimmick.
Pray for: Christian unity at local, national and world levels, National Council of Churches in Australia, Churches Together NSW.ACT, ACT Churches Council.

Those in need: Rev'd Michael Faragher, Meg Colwell, Pat Forbes, Michael Sawyer, Baden Williams, Claude Woodbridge.

We remember and give thanks for: Dorothy Moore (d.12/12/84), Joseph Horace Heaton (d.13/12/88); Alice Isabel Saylor (d.20/12/88)

The Saints: Thomas, Apostle & Martyr (21st December)

from the Advent Calendar on our web site (thank you Brian)

O Lord,
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and forever.

This Week & Christmas @ St Philip's

Monday: St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre – including lunch

Wednesday: 10am: English Language Holy Communion
7.30pm: **St Philip's Carol Service**

The Christmas story celebrated with Bible readings, choir pieces and carols sung by everyone. *Please bring a plate of Christmas food to share for supper.*

Saturday: (Christmas Eve)

6pm: Children's service

It will be a short service with some carol singing and the telling of the nativity story. The service has an emphasis on story telling in a focused and peaceful way. It invites the listeners to use their imagination.

Bring a plate to share afterwards.

11pm: Carol Singing

11.30pm: Holy Communion (Midnight Mass)

Sunday: (Christmas Day)

9am: Holy Communion

Pewsheets

The weekly pewsheets will resume on Sunday 22 January 2012

Morning Tea

Throughout the holiday period Morning tea will be in the Foyer - self serve

Key Points from December Parish Council Meeting

- The Parish Council wishes to join the many others who have warmly welcomed Robin Moore's receipt of a 2011 National Volunteer Award, in the Individual Volunteer Award category. It is very fitting recognition of the many, many years of service and ministry Robin has devoted to the Northbourne Community Centre and its attendees.
- The Twilight Fair was a great success. It is estimated that it was attended by more than 500 people. The Council welcomed the participation of the Dinka congregation for the first time. The Council extended its thanks to Ben and Fiona for again taking on the responsibility of Fair Coordinators.
- After a long wait, the driveway entrance has been fixed by TAMs and TAMs have also remodelled the footpath entrance to the Church from Moorhouse Street so that it now complies with wheelchair specifications. However further work on the corner is required. Many thanks to Vinza Beer at the Kindergarten and Helen Palethorpe for their persistence in pursuing TAMs.
- The 2012 AGM will take place after the 10am service on Sunday 26 February. Reports are due to Rebecca by 5 February.
- The additional appeal for a gas stove and gas bottles for the sisters at the Solomon Islands Christian Care Refuge for women and children was successful in meeting its target and the funds have been transferred.

St Philip's Advent Calendar 2011

Visit the St Philips website (www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au) to explore the St Philip's Advent Calendar, with a page of Bible readings, poetry, music and prayer for every day in Advent.

New Sunday Roster in 2012

In 2012 we are introducing a new combined roster for all Sunday morning tasks. In the new year you will have the opportunity to put your name down for whatever task/s you would like to participate in. The new Roster will include Liturgical Assistant, Sidespeople, Welcomer, Bible Readers, Communion servers and Morning Tea. (Please note: Liturgical Assistants & Communion servers need to be licensed, if you are interested in either of these tasks please talk to Rebecca).

New Pewsheets editor 2012

We are looking for someone to take on this task in the new year. It is a big commitment (up to 2 hours per week), if you would like to find out more please talk to Rebecca or Leighton.

Bishop Stuart's Christmas Youtube message

The video is a brief Christmas message and the announcement of the new Bishops.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-cWMuWbIZQ&feature=player_profilepage