

OUR PRAYERS

Ecumenical Cycle: Italy, Malta, Portugal, and Spain.

Anglican Communion: The Most Rev'd Henry Luke Orombi Archbishop of Uganda and Bishop of Kampala
Suffragan Bishop of Kampala - (Uganda) The Rt Rev'd Zac Niringiye. For gay and lesbian people in Uganda following David Kato's murder. For the continuing witness of Anglicans in Uganda.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Ministry with Aboriginal People of Australia: Bishop James Leftwich, Aboriginal Clergy and People.
Combined Ministry District of St Paul's, Manuka, St David's Red Hill and St Luke's Deakin: Brian Douglas, Michael Armstrong, Bishop Neville Chynoweth, Jill Elliot, John Gibson, Peter Pocock, Robert Willson
St Luke's, Deakin: Kevin Stone, Philip Peters; St David's Close Self Care Units, Red Hill: Warden David Clark
Aged Care Chaplaincy: Jill Elliot, Gloria Dowling; Dean of Aged Care Chaplains: Anne Ranse
John James Memorial Hospital: Clem Watts; Parliamentary Christian Fellowship: Chaplain, Peter Rose

Pray for: The Prime Minister Julia Gillard, Leader of the Opposition Tony Abbott, all Members of Parliament.

Those in need: Margaret Woodbridge, Jean Pound, Meg Colwell, Michael Sawyer, Mervyn McInnes, Shirley Barrett, Claude Woodbridge.

We remember & give thanks for: Nancy Ingle (d.9/2/61); Alison Done (d.10/2/53)

The Saints: Cyril (d.869) & Methodius (d.885), missionaries to the Slavs.

NEXT SUNDAY

8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings: Leviticus 19.1-2, 9-18, Psalm 119.33-40,
1 Corinthians 3.10-17, Matthew 5.38-48

Rosters:	Flowers:	Philida Sturgiss-Hoy
8am:	Reader:	Shannon Tow
	Sidespeople:	Tim Woodburn
10am:	Bible Readers:	1 st Ashton Robinson, 2 nd Sarah Gowty
	Sidespeople:	Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson
	Chalice Servers:	Grace B, James Kim, & 1 more
	Morning Tea:	James K & Roger Sharp

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!

Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 13 February 2011

8am & 10 am Eucharist

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

Readings: Deuteronomy 10.12-22
Psalm 119.1-8 – page 349
1 Corinthians 3.1-9
Matthew 5.21-37

10am Music:

Hymns - *Together in Song:* 275, 657, 665, 125

Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Rebecca Newland
Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

8am:

Reader: Rhonda Evans
Sidespeople: volunteer

10am:

Lay Minister: Philippa Wicks
Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
Bible Readers: 1st Denise Manley, 2nd Rebecca Palethorpe
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

www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au blog: web.me.com/rdland/St_Philips_Corner/Welcome.html

Parish Office: P. 6161 7334 F. 6161 7322 M. 0450 960089
E. stphil@grapevine.com.au P.O. Box 6022 O'CONNOR, A.C.T. 2602

Rector: Rev'd Linda Anshell, Rev'd Robin Moore (St Philip's Care)

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.

Greetings!

Today we are continuing our preaching series on the Sermon on the Mount. I have enjoyed doing this very much but one of my dilemmas is not being able to preach on some of the other wonderful passages that are also set for this time. Today's First Testament reading from Deuteronomy just cries out for some in depth reflection and the reading from 1 Corinthians is perfect as we consider our collective mission and ministry in this place. As we read scripture and ponder it's meaning the words of Deuteronomy 10.12 seem very apt: "So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his decrees I am commanding you today, for your own well-being".

Sometimes we question why God requires of us certain actions and thoughts. Sometimes we can judge God and debate his motives and goodness. Sometimes people who do not even believe in God do this although this is more to disprove his existence than to express confusion or disappointment. However this verse says that all God asks us to do is for our own well-being and I would add therefore the well-being of all creation. One way to think of the requirements of God is as a set of universal spiritual laws. It is as if the universe is set up to reflect the nature and purposes of God and when we break that thread there are consequences, just like there are consequences if you jump out of a plane without a parachute! It is not that God doles out punishment. Rather, we and others in our ignorance or wilfulness, end up suffering because we have not done what was necessary for our well-being. The spiritual law is set up such that resentment creates inner turmoil and disease but reconciliation and forgiveness result in peace and healing. The law is set up such that greed and selfishness create injustice and poverty but generosity and humility result in equity and joy. At the heart of these spiritual laws is the God who is love and who has created all things for the fulfilment of love. For Christians, Jesus embodies this love and reveals the path. Let us walk in his ways for our own well-being and the highest good of all creation.

Peace and blessings, Rebecca

THIS WEEK @ ST PHILIP'S

Sunday:	after 10am service: Liturgy Team meeting
Monday:	10.30am: St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre, - including lunch
Wednesday:	10am: Holy Communion
Friday -	10am – 1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor - OPEN volunteers: Kerry-Anne Cousins & Ann Brown
Thursday	7.30pm: Christians for an Ethical Society: Bishop George Browning will explore the language of climate change from a Christian perspective, with a particular reference to the theology of Creation Sabbath. At ACCC, \$5, www.ces.org.au
Saturday	10am – 1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor - OPEN volunteers: Fiona Dyer & Hannah Ellis
	5.30pm Monthly Saturday Evening Service / Eucharist

KEY POINTS FROM FEBRUARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- At its meeting on 9 February, the Parish Council considered the agenda and papers for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held after the 10am service on Sunday 27 February. At the AGM there will be a presentation on the work of the Parish Planning Group.
- All regular reports to be considered at the AGM should be submitted to Rebecca by **today**. This is needed to allow time for the reports to be compiled and produced.
- Bishop Stuart will visit St. Philip's on 18 December. The St Philip's church building was dedicated by Bishop Clements 50 years ago on 16 December 1961.
- The hearing loop trial was successful and the Council has agreed to proceed with the permanent installation of the system.
- Pandora's new storage shed has been erected and concreting has been completed to provide a new and larger welcoming area under the pergola.

MORNING TEA

There are a couple of empty spots on the monthly 10am Morning Tea roster. If you would like to take part in this enjoyable ministry, please contact James Kim (6161 6352).

WHAT'S ON @ ST PHILIP'S

"Creating Safe Ministries Workshop – Awareness"	Saturday 26 February, 9.30am - 3.30pm
	see Fred for details & registrations forms. Food @ St Philip's providing Lunch.
St Philip's Annual General Meeting	Sunday 27 February, following 10am service
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 9 March
	Lenten studies begin
Saturday Evening Service/ Eucharist	20 March, 5.30pm
	Third Saturday of each month
CAMRA's Damsels and Dragons: an evening with Gilbert's women (G & S Supper Show)	Saturday 26 March, 7.30pm
	Ticket \$45/cession \$35, bookings www.camra.asn.au Catering by Food @ St Philip's.
Palm Sunday	Sunday 17 April
Maundy Thursday	Thursday 21 April
Good Friday	Friday 22 April
Easter Day	Sunday 24 April