

Next Sunday

Readings: Genesis 28.10-19a, Psalm 139.1-11, 23-24,
Romans 8.12-25, Matthew 13.24-30(31-33)36-43

Rosters: Flowers: Philida Sturgiss-Hoy
8am: Bible Reader: Volunteer
Sidespeople: Tim Woodburn
10am: Bible Readers: 1st Fred Anchell, 2nd Linda Anchell
Sidespeople: Peter Andersson & Grace Barnes
Chalice Servers: Grace B, James Kim & Linda A
Morning Tea: James K & Roger Sharp

St Philip's Diary

Study Group "Practise Resurrection" @ Rectory Wednesday 27 July, 7.30pm

Garage Sale Saturday 30 July, 8am – 12noon

Movie and discussion night Saturday 30 July, 6pm for food, 7pm movie

At Chris and Rogers, 139/15 Coranderrk St, Canberra City

All are welcome to share in a light meal, watch a movie and then reflect together on what we have seen. The movie is "The Mission". "Jeremy Irons plays a Spanish Jesuit who goes into the South American wilderness to build a mission in the hope of converting the Indians of the region. Robert DeNiro plays a slave hunter who is converted and joins Irons in his mission. When Spain sells the colony to Portugal, they are forced to defend all they have built against the Portuguese aggressors." A challenging story of redemption, forgiveness and courage. RSVP Wednesday 27 July to Rebecca 61617334, 0450960098 or rdland@mac.com

CAMRA's *A Month of Sunday's* concerts Sunday 7, 14, 21 & 28 August, 3pm

Parish Council @ the Rectory Wednesday 10 August, 7.30pm

Family Service/Eucharist Saturday 20 August, 5.30pm

Third Saturday of each month

Confirmation Service Sunday 21 August, 10am

Our National Mission Project for 2011 (Retiring offerings in September):
Nungalinya College, Darwin

Diocesan Synod Friday 2 – Sunday 4 September

Back to Church Sunday Sunday 11 September

Pandora's Spring Fashion Parade Saturday 17 September

CAMRA presents G F Handel's opera *Alcina*
Thursday 27 & Saturday 29 October, 7.30pm

All Saints & All Souls Sunday 6 November

St Philip's Twilight Community Fair Saturday 12 November, 3 - 7pm

Disability Awareness Sunday (& Christ the King) Sunday 20 November



St Philip's

Come & See

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday 10 July 2011

8am & 10am: Eucharist

11.30am: Soup Lunch

1pm: Dinka Congregation Service

Readings: Isaiah 55.10-13 Romans 8.1-11
Matthew 13.1-9 (10-17) 18-23

Psalm 65.8-13

- 8 You tend the earth and water it:
you make it rich and fertile.
- 9 The river of God is full of water:
and so providing for the earth, you provide
grain for us all.
- 10 You drench its furrows, you level the ridges
between:
you soften it with showers and bless its early
growth.
- 11 You crown the year with your goodness:
and the tracks where you have passed drip with
fatness.
- 12 The pastures of the wilderness run over:
and the hills are girded with joy.
- 13 The meadows are clothed with sheep:
and the valleys stand so thick with corn, they
shout for joy and sing.

10am Music:

Hymns – *TiS*: **52, 253, 382, 245**

Our Local Mission Project for 2011

Chaplaincy service @ The Alexander Maconochie
Centre – Rev'd Simon Wooldridge
Retiring offerings throughout July

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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

Today

Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Rebecca Newland

8am: Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth
Bible Reader: Rhonda Evans
Sidespeople: volunteer

10am: Lay Minister: Chris Cheah
Musicians: Katie Cole
Bible Readers: 1st Brian McKinlay, 2nd Jack Adams
Sidespeople: Leighton Mann & Hardy Palethorpe
Chalice Servers: Ruth McGorman-Mann & Hardy P
Morning Tea: *Please join us for our Soup Lunch instead!*

Our Prayers

Ecumenical Cycle: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama. Give thanks for people who send money back home so their families can live.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Panama - (Central America) The Rt Rev'd Julio Murray

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Bishop to the Defence Force: Bishop Len Eacott; St Philip's O'Connor: Rebecca Newland (David Grice), Jeannette McHugh (Terry), Linda Anchell (Fred), Robin Moore
Defence Force Chaplains: Eric Burton, Archdeacon, Navy (Lynda); Owen Davies, RAN Reserve (Hazel); Sarah Gibson, Army Chaplain; Wayne Hall, Chaplain Recruit Training Battalion Kapooka; Catie Inches-Ogden, Senior Chaplain, Army; Headquarters; Angus McDonald, Airforce Specialist Chaplain; Bishop's Chaplain TBA; David Ruthven, RAN Reserve; Andrew Taylor, Army Reserve, Royce Thompson; Geoff Webb, Archdeacon, Army Headquarters Canberra; Andrew Lewis; Richard Whereat.
Service Chaplains from this Diocese Serving Elsewhere: Andrew Knight, Andrew Constance.

Pray for: Churchwardens, members of Parish Councils and Lay Leaders.

Pray for: Southern Sudan and their neighbours as independence comes.

Those in need: Marcia McPherson, Nate Merry, Ethel McInnes, Mervyn McInnes, Margaret Woodbridge, Claude Woodbridge, Jean Pound, Meg Colwell, Michael Sawer, Shirley Barrett.

We remember and give thanks for: Benedict of Nursia, abbot (d.550); Sydney James Kirby, bishop, pioneer of outback ministry and the Bush Church Aid Society (d.1935).

Prayer from Ecumenical Cycle

Loving God, I offer myself to you.

May my mind think of you, and my eyes see the needs of others.

May my ears hear the cries of the world and my voice speak of you.

May my hands work for your reign and my feet walk on your path.

May my life be used in your service and my heart love you more than anything else.

May the joy of the Lord be my strength to serve him all the days of my life.

From our Rector

Dear Friends,

An Arabian proverb goes, "A friend is one to whom one may pour out all the contents of one's heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of kindness blow the rest away." ☐ A friend is truly one of the greatest gifts in life and a blessing beyond compare. I love that bit in the long conversation Jesus has with his followers at the end of John's Gospel where he says, "I have called you friends" (John 15:15). A friend here means those who are loved and this is of course the characteristic of friendship – love. We have all experienced the wonderful unconditional love of true friends. As Charles Dickens wrote, "Friendship? Yes please!"

Jesus calls us into a love relationship where he loves us, we love him and flowing from that we love others. At St Philip's we want to be a place where people feel that they belong. In a sense where friendship is central and we support and care for each other as we strive to live the love of Christ. The process of strangers becoming friends is a little mysterious. Just why we hit it off with some people and others does not make logical sense sometimes. Usually there is some common connection, an interest or a need between people that blossoms into friendship. However with Jesus as the rock and basis of our life being a friend to another means to move beyond our own needs and interests. In Jesus friendship means being prepared to make sacrifices – even to the point of losing one's life (John 15:13) and in Jesus teaching there is an imperative, that we do as Jesus asks us – that we love others as he loved us. The mission of Jesus is always outward focussed and asks us to move beyond our comfort zone, or at least beyond the idea that we make friends only with those we share interests with – like golf or music.

Jesus was never limited by such barriers and befriended the most unlikely characters! - in the friendships that followed love flowed and lives were transformed.

Have a wonderful week! Peace and blessings, Rebecca

This Week @ St Philip's

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

Wednesday: 10am: Holy Communion
7.30pm: Parish Council @ the Rectory

Friday: 10am – 1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor – OPEN

Saturday: 10am – 1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor – OPEN
10.30am: Holy Communion @ Kankinya Aged Care Facility, Lyneham

5.30pm: Family Service/Eucharist

*Items for the weekly notice sheet and names for the Prayer list (add or remove), please forward to Leighton by **WEDNESDAY 12 noon**.
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