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Hon. Priest: Rev'd Jeannette McHugh

Wardens: Helen Palethorpe, Ian Cousins & Roger Sharp

ST PHILIP'S DIARY

Family Service/Eucharist 18 June, 5.30pm

Third Saturday of each month

Study Group "Practise Resurrection" @ Rectory Wednesday 29 June, 7.30pm

Our Local Mission Project for 2011 (Retiring offerings in July):

Prison Chaplaincy (Rev'd Simon Wooldridge), Alexander Maconochie Correctional Centre

Parish Council @ the Rectory Wednesday 6 July, 7.30pm

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

Our National Mission Project for 2011 (Retiring offerings in September):

Nungalinga 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

First Sunday of Advent Sunday 27 November

CAMRA presents G F Handel's *Messiah*
Friday 16 & Saturday 18 December, 7.30pm

Prayer of an African Christian. (from Ecumenical Cycle)

God, enlarge my heart that it may be big enough to receive the greatness of your love.

Stretch my heart that it may take into it all those around the world who, with me, believe in Jesus Christ.

*Stretch it that it may take into it all those who are not lovely in my eyes,
and whose hands I do not want to touch; through Jesus Christ, my saviour.*

Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor

"Come & see," said Philip

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday 5 May 2011

8am & 10am: Eucharist

1pm: Dinka Congregation Service

40th Birthday morning tea to celebrate

Rebecca & Stephen Palethorpe 40th's!

Readings: Acts 1.6-14 1 Peter 5 John 17.1-11

10am Music:

Hymns – Together in Song: 237, 644, 521, 100 (verses 1, 2, 3, 4 & 7)

Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35:

- 1 God shall arise, and his enemies shall be scattered:
those that hate him shall flee before his face.
- 2 As smoke is dispersed, so shall they be dispersed:
as wax melts before a fire, so shall the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But the righteous shall be glad and exult before God:
they shall rejoice with gladness.
- 4 O sing to God, sing praises to his name:
glorify him that rode through the deserts, him whose name is the Lord, and
exult before him.
- 5 He is the father of the fatherless, he upholds the cause of the widow:
God in his holy dwelling place.
- 6 He gives the desolate a home to dwell in,
and brings the prisoners out into prosperity:
but rebels must dwell in a barren land.
- 7 O God, when you went out before your people:
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, the heavens poured down water:
before the God of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You showered down a generous rain, O God:
you prepared the land of your possession when it was weary.
- 10 And there your people settled:
in the place that your goodness, O God, had made ready for the poor.
- 32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth:
O sing praises to the Lord,
- 33 To him that rides upon the highest heavens, that were from the beginning:

who utters his voice, which is a mighty voice.
 34 Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel:
 and his might is in the clouds.
 35 Terrible is God who comes from his holy place:
 the God of Israel who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God.

TODAY **Presiding & Preaching:** Rev'd Rebecca Newland
 Flowers: ??
8am: Bible Reader: John Girdlestone
 Sidespeople: John Girdlestone
10am: Lay Minister: Sarah Gowty
 Musicians: *The Travelling Music Ministry:* Gemma Dashwood &
 Louise Merrington
 Bible Readers: 1st: Fred Anchell, 2nd: Ann Munro
 Sidespeople: Chris Cheah & Roger Sharp
 Chalice Servers: Tim Gowty & Denise Manley
 Morning Tea: Ann Munro & Helen Palethorpe
10am: St Philip's Team @ Calvary Hospital Chapel.

OUR PRAYERS:

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from Ascension Day
Ecumenical Cycle: Angola, Mozambique. Pray for an end to international debt
 bondage.
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Anglican Communion Environmental Network (ACEN)
 as it promotes local initiatives to protect the environment, and encourages the
 education of Anglicans, as individuals and as communities, to become better
 stewards of God's creation.
 Nsukka - (Province of the Niger, Nigeria) The Rt Rev'd Aloysius Agbo
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocese of Bathurst: Bishop Richard Hurford, Bishop
 John Stead, Clergy and People
 St Mark's National Theological Centre, Canberra; Friends of St Mark's Committee;
 Centre for Ageing and Pastoral Studies: Elizabeth MacKinlay, Director;
 All being prepared for ministries, both ordained and lay in the Diocese and beyond,
 and Trevor Edwards, Director of Ministry Training & Development.
 Pray for: Vocations to the sacred ministry (priesthood & diaconate), the process of
 selection of candidates. Ordination Advisors.
Those in need: Ethel McInnes, Mervyn McInnes, Margaret Woodbridge, Claude
 Woodbridge, Jean Pound, Meg Colwell, Michael Sawer, Shirley Barrett
We remember and give thanks for: Charles Parke (d.31/5/36); Josephine Bickford
 "Jo" Johnson (d.1/6/04); Marie Lewis (d.7/6/01); Gordon Arthur, priest
 (d.9/6/1992); Rosemary Joan Haseler (d.11/6/97)
The Saints: Martyrs of Uganda (d.1886); Columba of Iona, abbot & missionary
 (d.597); Barnabas, Apostle & Martyr

BRIDGE WALK FOR REAL ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE – TODAY
Walk begins at 1.30 pm at Regatta Point, near the bridge.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR A SAFE CLIMATE FUTURE
 Climate experts are telling us that we must act now to avoid extreme weather events
 and catastrophic climate change, but our federal parliament is treating the subject as
 simply another political contest.

WE MUST GET SERIOUS ABOUT RENEWABLE ENERGY
 A carbon price is essential but Australia must also embark urgently on creating base
 load power using renewable energy, new land management practices to draw down
 carbon and a phase out of fossil fuel as our source of energy. This will create
 thousands of new jobs.
 Come rain or shine on Sunday June 5 join a huge crowd walk across
 Commonwealth Bridge to Parliament House, to tell our parliamentarians to: Say
 'Yes' to Real Climate Action Now!
 Live music and Children's activities
 Hear from John Hewson, Richard Denniss, Bishop Pat Power, Linsey Cole, Gosta
 Lynga, Lin Hatfield Dodds and Phoebe Howe.
*Authorised by the CANBERRA SAFE CLIMATE ALLIANCE on behalf of Climate
 Action Canberra, Greenpeace, Australian Youth Climate Coalition, SEE-Change
 ACT, Conservation Council ACT Region, ACT Environment Centre, Canberra Loves
 40%, Climate Active Australia, ANU Environment Collective, Canberra Pedestrian
 Forum, Climate Whistleblowers, Healthy Soils Australia and GET-UP.*

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
volunteers: Rebecca Newland & Helen Palethorpe
Saturday: 10am – 1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor – OPEN
volunteers: Ann Munro & Rachel Tscharke
 10.30am: Holy Communion @ Kankinya Aged Care Facility,
 Lyneham.

NEXT SUNDAY

Day of Pentecost - 10am: *combined service with the Dinka congregation, please wear
 something red!*

Readings: Acts 2.1-21, Psalm 104.26-36, 1 Corinth 12.1-13, John 20.19-23

Rosters: Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth
8am: Bible Reader: Rhonda Evans
 Sidespeople: volunteer
10am: Bible Readers: 1st: Pat Forbes?, 2nd: Denise Manley
 Sidespeople: Hardy Palethorpe & Volunteers
 Chalice Servers: Hardy Palethorpe & 1 more server
 Morning Tea: St Philip's Children

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are almost at the end of the season of Easter and today we celebrate and reflect on the Ascension of Christ. Next Sunday is the celebration of Pentecost and it is also a long weekend. At our Pentecost celebration members of the Dinka congregation will be joining us. As you would be aware we have begun to work with these Dinka people to help them find a permanent place of worship, a spiritual home. At this stage they are keen to stay here at St Philip's and parish council will begin this month to have detailed discussions with them about this possibility. There are many, many things to be considered that need careful discussion and considered feedback from members of our community.

It is my strong sense that if we are going to be 'one people', as indeed we are called to be as followers of Christ, then it is important that we begin to get to know each other and to worship together. Our Pentecost service is a perfect occasion for bringing diversity into unity. However it will be 'messy'! We have to deal with translation difficulties, cultural and worship differences and the fact that we sing different hymns in different languages. Linda Anchell and I met with the leaders of the Dinka congregation to plan the service and we decided on lots of choruses and chants in multiple languages but with the same melody, plus some English only and Dinka only hymns. Our wonderful church musicians are away so we will be 'making do', with some other gifted musicians. It is all uncharted territory but I believe that in the power of the Spirit and with the intent to love as Christ loved us we can come together, gather around the Lord's Table and praise the God we love in common. We will need to embrace some chaos and difference but after all that is what real unity in diversity is all about. So I encourage you to attend the service as we seek to witness to God's Kingdom. It will also be a joyous occasion and time of enriching fellowship.

Also can I encourage you to spend some time this coming week to pray for unity among Christians everywhere? The period between Ascension and Pentecost is set-aside in our common lectionary as time of prayer for this deep longing that our Lord Christ felt and for which he prayed.

In necessary things, unity; in doubtful things, liberty; in all things, charity. Augustine
Peace & Blessings, Rebecca.

OUR INTERNATIONAL MISSION PROJECT FOR 2011:

Solomon Island's Christian Care Centre (the only refuge for women & children).
Parish Target \$1500. Total Collected via Retiring offerings in May \$905.48 + \$500
from Pandora's = **\$1405.45 Thank you.**

Prayer for Unity:

*Almighty and Merciful God, with great power you gathered together the first Christians in the city of Jerusalem, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, defying the earthly power of the Roman empire.
Grant that, like this first church in Jerusalem, we may come together to be bold in preaching and living the good news of reconciliation and peace,*

wherever there is inequality and injustice.

*We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
who liberates us from the bondage of sin and death. Amen.*

*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 or 61617133*