NEXT SUNDAY 8am & 10am Eucharist

Readings: Exodus 17.1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5.1-11, John 4.5-42

Rosters:	**8am:**	Reader:	Shane Woodburn
		Sidespeople:	volunteer
	10am:	Bible Readers:	1st Kerry-Anne Cousins, 2nd Jack Adams
		Sidespeople:	Helen Palethorpe, James Kim, Brian McKinlay
		Chalice Servers:	Doreen Sengati-Odom & Leighton Mann
		Morning Tea:	Margaret Woodburn & Val Reeves

Garden visit / Afternoon tea

The visit to June and Geoff Mannall's garden, at 11 Yarrow Place, O'Connor (as discussed at the 10.00 am service recently) has been set for next Sunday 27 March at 3.30pm. Please bring some afternoon tea to share, together with a seat or blanket to sit on and marvel at the innovative use of materials and brilliant garden design, coupled with a magnificent view of Canberra from this large and well-loved garden. All are welcome to come, so please let others know. For further information, please contact Denise Manley on 6254 2838.

The Anam Cara Community

A Community of Prayer and Support for the Inner Journey into God.
Anam Cara* means *Soul Friend. *A soul friend walks with you, accepts you as you are, and helps you to deepen your relationship with God.* We meet again on Sunday 27 March from 2 - 4pm at 31/28 Hartley Street, Turner. Please contact me if you would like to 'come and see' what it is about, or just turn up. Jeannette McHugh 6161 9093

KEY POINTS FROM MARCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- The 2011 covenants between Rebecca and Robin and the Parish have now been signed and copies are available. The priorities for 2011 in Rebecca's covenant are:
  - *Nurture and consolidate the strengths of the Parish*
  - *Preparatory to developing a multi-year program to build and grow the Parish, address as a Parish the questions of who we are, how we see our mission and what our aims are in wanting to connect better with the community, with the objective of completing this process by mid 2011 and developing the multi-year program by the end of 2011.*
  - *Continue to explore ways to develop a better link between current outreach activities and St. Philip's mission*
  - *Strengthen the pastoral care within the parish.*
  - *Develop new ways to continue ministry to the ANU community*
- The Council elected Ian Cousins as Chair, Shane Woodburn as Treasurer and Helen Palethorpe as Secretary. Diocesan guidelines for the implementation of the ACT Work Safety Act require parishes to appoint a Parish Safety Officer. The Council appointed Fred Anchell to fulfil this role.
- The Council adopted the Parish budget for 2011 with an operating deficit of $6050.
- New liaison responsibilities have been allocated amongst the new Parish Council members and a revised note will be placed on the Noticeboard.
- The Council discussed the children's ministry and its challenges and will consider this important ministry again at its April meeting. Council would welcome any thoughts or suggestions from parishioners.
- The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 14 April.

Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor!

"Come and see," said Philip

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 20 March 2011

Readings:

Genesis 12.1-4 Romans 4.1-5 (6-12) 13-17 John 3.1-17

Psalm 121:

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills:
but where shall I find help?
2 My help comes from the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.
3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble:
and he who watches over you will not sleep.
4 Be sure he who has charge of Israel:
will neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The Lord himself is your keeper:
the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;
6 The sun shall not strike you by day:
nor shall the moon by night.
7 The Lord will defend you from all evil:
it is he who will guard your life.
8 The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:
from this time forward for evermore.

10am Music:

Hymns - *Together in Song*: **341** (verses 1,2,6,7), **76**, **739** (Spanish, English x2), **600**(tune ii), **407** (tune 409)

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Hon. Priest: Rev'd. Jeannette McHugh
Wardens: Helen Palethorpe, Ian Cousins & Roger Sharp.

*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*

TODAY

Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Rebecca Newland

8am: Reader: Eloise Wright
Sidespeople: Tim Woodburn

10am: Lay Minister: Brian McKinlay
Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
Bible Readers: 1st Brian McKinlay, 2nd Ashton Robinson
Sidespeople: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson
Chalice Servers: Grace B, James Kim & Linda Anchell
Morning Tea: James K & Roger Sharp

OUR PRAYERS

The World: Japan, Libya. Those who flee danger in small boats. (25 drowned fleeing Tunisia in rough seas.)
Archbishop of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan) The Most Rev'd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu, clergy and people.
The damaged Cathedral Church of Sendai, Japan (which is named Christ Church); parishes and people who cannot be contacted.

Ecumenical Cycle: China, Hong Kong, Macau. Pray for refugees from North Korea; Miners and all those who face hazardous working conditions.

Anglican Communion: Mombasa - (Kenya) The R't Rev'd Julius Robert Katio Kalu, The R't Rev'd Lawrence Dena

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Cycle of Prayer: Diocese of Riverina: Bishop Douglas Stevens, Clergy and People Cootamundra: Les Barley, Colleen Close, Lyn Forsyth; Temora: Father Bill Pryce John Jenner (from April); Junee: John Clewer; Junee Correctional Centre: Chaplain: Tim Narraway;
Pray for: Those who work in the justice system.

Those in need: Margaret Wicks, Doug Bannerman, Margaret Woodbridge, Jean Pound, Meg Colwell, Michael Sawer, Mervyn McInnes, Shirley Barrett, Claude Woodbridge.

We remember and give thanks for: Mary MacDonnell (d.14/3/99), John Victor Cousins (d.14/3/94), Jean Hamilton Gordon Parke (d.17/3/87), Marjorie Wright (d.19/3/02), Noel Lovett Barratt (d.20/3/99), John Robert Dimmick (d.22/3/71), Patrick Bannerman (d.23/3/94)
The Saints: Thomas Cranmer, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr and liturgist (d.1556); Thomas Ken, bishop of Bath and Wells, teacher (d.1711); Paul Couturier, ecumenist (d.1953); Oscar Romero, archbishop of San Salvador, martyr (d.1980)

From Archbishop Philip Aspinall (Primate) for Japan

Gracious God whose love for all creation even death cannot overcome,
hear our prayers for the people of Japan, overwhelmed by earthquake and tsunami:
give comfort to all who mourn, hope to those who search for loved ones lost,
wisdom to leaders charged with the task of recovery and peace to all who face the anguish of death.
When even the solid ground gives way and the seas break their allotted bounds,
help us to trust in you, our firm foundation, and in the promise of life eternal in your presence,
through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Greetings!

During the many natural disasters that have been confronting us over the last few months Bishop Stuart has been sending his clergy regular updates from the various Primates, Archbishops and Bishops of regions affected. It has been enlightening and moving to read about how our brothers and sisters in Christ have been responding to the needs of their communities. During the week Bishop Stuart sent the following message to his clergy that I would like to share with you (with some editing in the interest of brevity):

Peace & Blessings, Rebecca

"Beloved in Christ,

This morning I awoke feeling emotionally drained. After the Queensland Floods, Cyclone Yasi and the Christchurch earthquake, now Japan, I could do nothing but call out to my Heavenly Father – "Why Lord another disaster?" It is human nature to ask "why?" Our brains are wired to look for meaning, to seek patterns in the actions of the universe. So it is understandable that Christians will ask if the recent succession of disasters are a special sign from God. American theologian David Bentley Hart has written a number of brilliant essays reflecting upon the 2004 Asian tsunami. He wrote with an observation that is equally apt this week:

I do not believe we Christians are obliged — or even allowed — to look upon the devastation visited upon the coasts of the Indian Ocean and to console ourselves with vacuous cant about the mysterious course taken by God's goodness in this world, or to assure others that some ultimate meaning or purpose resides in so much misery. Ours is, after all, a religion of salvation; our faith is in a God who has come to rescue His creation from the absurdity of sin and the emptiness of death, and so we are permitted to hate these things with a perfect hatred. For while Christ takes the suffering of his creatures up into his own, it is not because he or they had need of suffering, but because he would not abandon his creatures to the grave. And while we know that the victory over evil and death has been won, we know also that it is a victory yet to come, and that creation therefore, as Paul says, groans in expectation of the glory that will one day be revealed. Until then, the world remains a place of struggle between light and darkness, truth and falsehood, life and death; and, in such a world, our portion is charity.

Let us call out to God, with the certain knowledge that He grieves with us, and that He is enacting a plan to redeem his creation. Let's ask for His unfailing strength, so we can continue to respond to a suffering world with compassion and charity.

+Stuart C & G.

THIS WEEK @ ST PHILIP'S

Sunday:	1.30pm:	Lenten Study (during Lent)
Monday:	10.30am:	St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre, - including lunch
Wednesday:	10am:	Holy Communion
	6pm:	Lenten Meditation (during Lent)
Thursday:	7.30pm:	Lenten Study (during Lent)
Friday:	10am – 1pm:	Pandora's @ O'Connor - OPEN
		volunteers: Barbara Dowley & Rhonda Evans
Saturday	10am – 1pm:	Pandora's @ O'Connor - OPEN
		volunteers: Jeannette McHugh, Karuna Honer & Betty Jennings
	7.30pm:	**CAMRA's *Damsels and Dragons:***

an evening with Gilbert's women (a cabaret supper show). Ticket $45/Concession $35, **bookings www.camra.asn.au or see Denise TODAY.** Catering by *Food @ St Philip's.* We are looking for some volunteers who would be able to wait on tables &/or help in the kitchen, please talk to Leighton.

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10am: Second (Sung) Eucharist

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