

THIS WEEK @ ST PHILIP'S

- 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: Rebecca Newland & Helen Palethorpe
- Saturday:** 10am – 1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor – OPEN
volunteers: Ann Munro & ?

NEXT SUNDAY 8am & 10am Eucharist

Preaching: Rev'd Linda Anchell

10am: First Communion Service: Beth Adams & Sarah Macri

Readings: Acts 2.42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2.1-10, John 10.1-10

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| Flowers: | Philida Sturgiss-Hoy |
| 8am: Reader: | Eloise Wright |
| Sidespeople: | Tim Woodburn |
| 10am: Bible Readers: | 1 st Kerry-Anne Cousins, 2 nd Denise Manley |
| Sidespeople: | Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson |
| Chalice Servers: | Grace B & James Kim & 1 more |
| Morning Tea: | James K & Roger Sharp |

ST PHILIP'S DIARY

- Saturday Evening Service/Eucharist 21 May, 5.30pm
Third Saturday of each month
- Parish Council @ the Rectory Wednesday 8 June, 7.30pm
- Day of Pentecost Sunday 12 June
- Our Local Mission Project for July – Prison Chaplaincy (Rev'd Simon Wooldridge),
Alexander Maconochie Correctional Centre
- CAMRA's *A Month of Sunday's* concerts Sunday 7, 14, 21 & 28 August, 3pm
- Our National Mission Project for 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
- Disability Awareness Sunday (& Christ the King) Sunday 20 November

Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor!

"Come and see," said Philip

Philip & James, Apostles & Martyrs

(Third Sunday of Easter)

Sunday 8 May 2011

8am Eucharist

10am: Sung Eucharist, followed by morning tea.

12.30pm: Dinka Congregation Service

Readings: Isaiah 30.18-21

1 Corinthians 15.1-8 John 14.6-14

Psalm 19.1-6:

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
- 2 One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the
world:
and their words to the ends of the earth.
- 5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his
chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run
his course.
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its
circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

10am Music:

Hymns - Together in Song: 392, 552, 547, 380

Our International Mission Project for May:

Solomon Island's Christian Care Centre (a refuge for women & children). Retiring offering at all Services throughout May.

Parish target is \$1500. Collected \$183.95

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

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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

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth
8am: Reader: Rhonda Evans
Sidespeople: volunteer
10am: Lay Minister: Chris Cheah
Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
Bible Readers: 1st Ashton Robinson, 2nd Helen Palethorpe
Sidespeople: Leighton Mann & Hardy Palethorpe
Chalice Servers: Ruth McGorman-Mann & Hardy P
Morning Tea: St Philip's Children

OUR PRAYERS

Ecumenical Cycle: Kenya, Tanzania.

Pray for: Relief for the people of Africa from the burden of international debt.

Anglican Communion: Newcastle (NSW, Australia) The Rt Rev'd Brian George Farran & Suffragan Bishop of Newcastle The Rt Rev'd Peter Stuart

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocese of Bunbury: Bishop Allan Ewing, Clergy and People

St John's Canberra: Paul Black, Margaret Campbell, Susan Bridge, Ken Batterham, Peter Brown, Vicky Cullen, David Hill, Geoff Sibly; St John's Care: Sue Jordan, Coordinator and volunteers; ANU Chaplaincy Team and Board, Kevin Connor; University of Canberra, Bill Percy; Radford College: Phillip Heath, staff & students; chaplain: Richard Browning.

Pray for ministry to post-secondary students.

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

We remember and give thanks for: Violet Pocknall (d. 8/5/84)

The Saints: Philip & James, apostles & martyrs.

Prayer from Kenya and Tanzania:

God of Hope,

whose Spirit gives light and power to your people,
empower us to witness to your name in all nations,

to struggle for your own justice
against all principalities and powers
and to persevere with faith and humour
in the tasks that you have given to us.

Without you we are powerless.

Therefore we cry together:

Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus.

And grant that we may with one voice and one heart
glorify and sing praise to the majesty of your holy Name,
of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ ST PHILIP'S (Term 2)

1st Sunday of month 10am - Children's Church

2nd Sunday of month 10am - Children serving Morning Tea

3rd Saturday of month 5.30pm - Family Eucharist

FROM OUR RECTOR

Greetings!

Welcome to church and a celebration of St. Philip & James. James gets a little forgotten on this day because St. Philip is our special saint. St Philip's O'Connor is named after him and today we give thanks for his witness and his wholehearted proclamation of the good news. Philip and James, like all the early Christians who lived the gospel message from their hearts, witnessed powerfully to the good news Jesus life, death and resurrection. In Philip we see simplicity and strength, courage and dedication, questioning and yearning and an invitation to all who wonder.

Next week I will be doing my annual retreat. This year I will be attending a retreat run by Open Sanctuary called "Being Still: The Roots of Christian Mysticism". This is a particular interest of mine and I am looking forward to the chance to spend some solid days in prayer and reflection. The week after that I will be at the annual diocesan clergy conference. The theme this year is "Keeping fit for a life of ministry" and the key note speaker is the Right Rev'd Peter Brain, Bishop of Armidale whose doctoral studies became the book *Going the Distance*. Although I will be away for two weeks I will be at St Philip's for the weekend.

Next weekend two of our children, Beth Adams and Sarah Macri, will be doing their first communion. Our preacher for that occasion is the Rev'd Linda Anchell. The following weekend our preacher is Chris Cheah. I am looking forward to hearing both Linda and Chris preach. We are so fortunate to have such gifted people in our midst.

As I wrote last week a Sudanese Dinka congregation has begun worshipping at Philip's on a week-by-week basis until they have found a permanent place of worship, which may be with us. This group are Anglican Christians from Sudan, many of whom are refugees from that country. This is an opportunity to continue to do what St Philip's does so well – welcome, care and service. I attended their first service last Sunday and would like to pass on to you their heartfelt gratitude. Parish council are working through all the significant issues that have arisen with this opportunity. For now I ask for your prayers, support and care as the diocese and we work these things out carefully.

Finally, I'd like to draw your attention to our mission focus for May, the Christian Care Centre in the Solomon Islands. This is the only women and children's refuge in the Islands. There is a notice board at the back of the church with information about the centre that I invite you to read. There is also retiring collection bowl. Sometimes we wonder whether the donations we give really do make a difference. From someone who has seen close hand the types of projects ABM supports I can say that it makes a profound difference and that the people it assists are deeply grateful for our support. Not just grateful for the monetary help but grateful and touched that they are remembered and cared for. As we celebrate St. Philip we can give thanks that the way of Jesus Christ, who St. Philip so faithfully followed, is a way that brings life and hope to all people in all situations.

Praise God!

Rebecca Newland