

Key Points for November Parish Council Meeting

- A submission has now been prepared for the employment of a Family/Children's worker for the two congregations at St. Philip's for three days a week. It will shortly be submitted to Synergy, the Diocesan youth and children's arm, who will help explore sources of some external funding. It is likely St. Philip's would also have to contribute some funds.
- An application will be submitted to Anglicare for forward funding for Rev'd Robin Moore's work at St. Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre.
- The Council is grateful for the feedback on the proposed Welcome Cards to be placed in the pews and they will be introduced by December.
- If you have not noticed it, there is an article in the November issue of Anglican News on the 50th anniversary of the St. Philip's church building and the 30th anniversary of its consecration. The anniversaries will be celebrated in a joint service with the Dinka congregation on Sunday 18 December.

St Philip's Diary

Special Eucharist & Lunch Sunday 18 December, 10am
To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Dedication & 30th anniversary of the Consecration of St Philip's Church building. Bishop Stuart Preaching & Presiding.
This will be a combined Dinka & English service

St Philip's Carol Service Wednesday 21 December, 7.30pm
The Christmas story celebrated with Bible readings, choir pieces and carols sung by everyone. *Please bring a plate of Christmas food for supper.*

Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December
Children's service 6.00pm
Bring a plate to share afterwards

Holy Communion (Midnight Mass) 11.30pm

Christmas Day Sunday 25 December
Holy Communion 9.00am

ABM REFLECTIONS

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING/THE REIGN OF CHRIST – 20 NOVEMBER 2011

THERE IS A WAY IN WHICH CHRISTIANS LIKE TO SEE GOD AS LOVE, COMPASSION, FORGIVENESS, RECONCILIATION AND SO FORTH SUCH THAT THEY ARE AVERSE TO CHRIST THE KING WHO WILL JUDGE THEM. IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, GOD TAKES HUMAN ACTIONS AND NON-ACTIONS SERIOUSLY. THE WORLD IS AWASH WITH THE HUNGRY, DESTITUTE, AND IMPRISONED. IF EACH ONE OF US DID JUST ONE THING A WEEK FOR EACH OF THESE PEOPLE, WE WILL BE ABLE TO INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD WITH CHRIST THE KING ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT.

- PRAY THAT EVERY CHRISTIAN MAY TAKE SERIOUSLY HIS OR HER MINISTRY TO THE AFFLICTED.
- GIVE THANKS FOR THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE PHILIPPINES, FOR ITS PRIME BISHOP, EDWARD MALECDAN, AND FOR HIS CLERGY AND PEOPLE.
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St Philip's Come & See

ABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY & CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2011

8am & 10am: English language Eucharist
1pm: Dinka language Service

Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16 Ephesians 1.15-23 Matthew 25.31-46

Psalm 100

- 1 O shout to the Lord in triumph, all the earth:
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his face with songs of joy.
- 2 Know that the Lord he is God:
it is he who has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Come into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:
give thanks to him, and bless his holy name.
- 4 For the Lord is good, his loving mercy is for ever:
his faithfulness throughout all generations.

10am Music:

HYMNS; *Together in Song*: **133, 272, 599**(tune ii), **569**

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev'd Rebecca Newland

Guest Speaker: Melinda Mitchell

Rosters: Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins
8am: Bible Reader: volunteer
Sidespeople: volunteer
10am: Liturgical Assistant: Tracy Barralet
Musicians: Colin Forbes
Bible Readers: 1st Linda Anchell, 2nd Fred Anchell
Sidespeople: Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson
Chalice Servers: Grace B
Morning Tea: James K & Roger Sharp

Following 10am service: Twilight Fair Review meeting

What was good, what worked, what didn't? Let us know

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Rector: Rev'd Rebecca Newland

Dinka Language Congregation Leader: Daniel Duot Deng

Our Prayers

Ecumenical Cycle: Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger. Give thanks for those who depend on semi-nomadic and nomadic ways of life and who continue to survive and retain their ethnic heritage.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Virginia - The Rt Rev'd Shannon Johnston, The Rt Rev'd David Jones; West Virginia - The Rt Rev'd Willam Klusmeyer

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocese of Riverina: Bishop Douglas Stevens, Clergy and People

Cootamundra: Rob Donald, Colleen Close, Lyn Forsyth; Temora: John Jenner; Junee: John Clewer; Junee Correctional Centre: Chaplain: Tim Narraway, Rob Barrett

Pray for: Those who work in the justice system.

Those in need: Pat Forbes, Baden Williams, Margaret Saylor, Margaret Woodbridge, Claude Woodbridge, Meg Colwell, and Michael Sawyer.

We remember and give thanks for: William Keal Trivett (d.15/11/90); Stanley Roy Vincent (d.16/11/02); Constance Morton (d.25/11/01)

The Saints: Clement of Rome, bishop & martyr (d.c.100); James Noble, pioneer Aboriginal deacon (d.1941)

Prayer of the week before Advent:

Stir up, we pray you, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people,
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

["Stir Up" Sunday was the time to finally stir the Christmas Pudding!]

This Week @ St Philip's

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

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

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

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

6 for 6.30pm: **St Philip's Advent Dinner**

celebrating Rev'd Linda Anchell's 20th Ordination anniversary

Rev'd Linda will be sharing her story of her journey to ordination.

Please bring a Salad or Dessert to share + \$10 per head, families \$20, BYO wine (juice/soft drinks provided). RSVP on the list in the Foyer or to leighton.ruth@grapevine.com.au

Christian Care Refuge, Solomon Islands – Special appeal

Following Beryl Gowty's visit & report (previously published) the Parish Council would like to support the supply of a Gas stove/cooker & gas bottles

If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in the offering plate, in a marked envelope. Thank you.

Final Sunday to donate to this appeal is next Sunday, 27 November

*Items for the Pew bulletin and names for the Prayer list (add or remove), please forward to Leighton by **Thursday 12 noon**. leighton.ruth@grapevine.com.au or 61617133*

From our Rector

Dear Friends,

Today is many celebrations in one.

It is the last Sunday of the liturgical church year. The Anglican Church always begins a new year on the first Sunday of Advent, which is next weekend. We enter they season where we await the celebration of the birth Christ our Lord. The gospel set for the coming year is Mark so we will be reading our way through Mark the rest of 2011 and through 2012.

Today is also the Feast of Christ the King. This is a celebration to remind us that even though there are many competing demands on our attention, many philosophies, ideologies and distractions, our one true Lord is Jesus Christ. This Lord and King we follow is no ordinary human King. He is the Word co-existing, co-eternal, one with God and the Spirit. He is also the Word who became one with us, fully human with human gifts, traits, abilities, doubts and fears. So it seems most appropriate that today is also Ability Sunday. This Sunday is sometimes called Disability Sunday. Here at St Philip's we have called it Ability Sunday because wanted to emphasise what people can do, not what they can't. In the Episcopal Church in America calls it Access Sunday. So often in our culture we are put into a box and limited because of what people think is a disability. What is a disability after all? I would suggest it comes down to perception.

We all have different abilities and disabilities. In fact most of us have some type of 'disability' - eyes that don't work properly, ears that only pick a small part of the sounds in the world, arthritic hands and feet, twisted backs, depression, legs that don't move, arms we cannot lift over our heads. Show me someone with a 'perfect' body and mind and I will show you a mythic being. It is often said that Jesus was without sin. This may be so but I would bet my house on the coast that he was not always fully able and healthy. But here's the thing even *if* he was he gave it all up for us when he allowed his body to be broken on a cross.

The message of the Gospel is that our salvation, our wholeness, is never about what we can do or not do. It is only ever about what God's grace and love can do in Christ and in us. Whatever our abilities or disabilities our task is to bring the same grace and love into our lives. God can gift the world around with what is any man, woman or child, with whatever they have, with whatever seems to hold them back. The task of the Christian Community, the church, is to be a place of inclusion where each and every one of us can be encouraged and supported to bring out the best in us for the good of all.

My thanks today to Tracey Barralet and Melinda Mitchell for bringing their gifts to us.
Peace & Blessings, Rebecca.

Next Sunday - Advent 1

10am: The Household of Deacons will be joining us for Linda's 20th Ordination anniversary. *Please bring something to share for Morning Tea.*

Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9 Psalm 80.1-7,17-19 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 Mark 13.24-37

Rosters: Flowers: Jeannette McHugh

8am: Bible Reader: volunteer

Sidespeople: volunteer

10am: Liturgical Assistant: Rev's Linda Anchell
Bible Readers: 1st Erika Langman, 2nd David Tscharke

Sidespeople: Brian McKinlay & James Kim

Chalice Servers: Leighton Mann & Doreen Sengati-Odom

Morning Tea: Margaret Woodbridge & Val Reeves