

Prayers

Ecumenical Cycle: Liberia, Sierra Leone; for healing after years of violence.
Pray for the people of Southern Sudan.

Anglican Communion:

Kebbi - (Kaduna, Nigeria) The Most Revd Edmund Akanya

Diocesan Cycle: The Diocese of Adelaide: (Bp Geoff Driver)

Our Archdeacons: (Ian, Caroline, Karen, Bronwyn, Matt and John.)

Deans; Professional Standards Board and Committees.

Pray for: Victims of physical and sexual abuse; Diocesan Contact Officers for alleged sexual misconduct, abuse or harassment, Penny Lloyd and Christopher Plumb.

Those in need: Val Reeves, Hugh Legge, Betty Heaton, Pat Forbes, Jean Pound, Meg Colwell, Michael Sawyer. Hunger strikers in Nauru, especially Omid from Iran (evacuated to an Australian hospital.)

Give thanks with and for Margaret and Claude Woodbridge as they celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. (60 years 29th Nov)

We remember: Constance Morton (d.25/11/01)

Saints and celebrations: Francis Xavier, priest & missionary (d.1552); Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, man of prayer (d.1637) Nicholas of Myra, bishop & philanthropist (d.c.342); Ambrose of Milan, bishop & teacher (d.397); Richard Baxter, pastor & spiritual writer (d.1691)
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lord Jesus, master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.
We who are anxious over many things
 look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways
 long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

— Henri Nouwen

COLLECT

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for you kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may go out joyfully to greet him; and with your saints, may worship you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



St Philip's Come & See

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2012

8am Eucharist

10am Eucharist

1pm Dinka Service

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13;
Luke 21:35-28

Hymns 10am: 265, 688 (after Advent Candle), Prepare the Way, 279, 283

[Prepare the way of the Lord (x2)
and all people will see the salvation of God, Alleluia]

Today

flowers: Jeannette McHugh

10am Presiding & Preaching Rebecca Newland
Liturgical Assistant Brian McKinlay
Musician Fiona Fraser
Readers: *with thanks to the children*
Sidespeople: Vicki Luker & Roger Sharp
Welcomer: Denise Manley
Chalice Servers: Tim Gulliver & James Kim
Acolytes; Prayers; Bible bearer: *liturgy is the "work of the people"* Much of that work is being done by the younger members of the congregation today. Thank you!
Morning Tea: Sarah & Simon Barns

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near.
Luke 21:28

Visitors are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

at 10am Communion bread is administered first.

The two common cups for sipping follow,
then the small cup for intinction (dipping).

Psalm 25

- 1 In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope:
in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who wait for you be put to shame:
but let those that break faith be confounded and gain nothing.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord:
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me:
for you are the God of my salvation.
- 5 In you have I hoped all the day long:
because of your goodness, O Lord.
- 6 Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness:
for they are from of old.
- 7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions:
but according to your mercy think on me.
- 8 Good and upright is the Lord:
therefore will he direct sinners in the way.
- 9 The meek he will guide in the path of justice:
and teach the humble his ways.
- 10 All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true:
for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.

Next Sunday 9th December Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Malachi 3:1-14; Song of Zechariah; Philippians 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-6

Rosters:	flowers:	Colleen Rischbieth
10am	Celebrant	Rebecca Newland
	Preacher	Chris Cheah
	Liturgical Assistant:	Chris Cheah
	Musician	Colin Forbes
	Bible Readers:	1 st Fred Anchell 2 nd Linda Anchell
	Sidespeople:	Jan & Tim Gulliver
	Welcomer:	a Davidson family member
	Chalice Servers:	Denise Manley & Leighton Mann
	Children's Ministry Helpers	Vicki Luker
	Morning Tea:	Jan Gulliver & Ethel McInnes

Items for the Pew bulletin and names for the Prayer list (add or remove), please forward to Linda by Thursday. lindafrd@pcug.org.au 6236 3227
If you would like to receive the bulletin by email every week email Linda.

This Week @ St Philip's

Morning Prayer 8.00 am in the church Wed to Sat.

- Monday:** St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre
Tuesday: 10am-12 noon Play Group
Wednesday: 10am: Eucharist
Friday: 10am – 1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor – OPEN
7.00pm – 8.30pm Youth group
Saturday: 10.30am: Holy Communion @ Kankinya Aged Care
10am – 1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor – OPEN

CALENDAR *(see notices for details)*

Bishop's prayer for healing. Wednesday 5 December St John's Reid
Friday 7 and Saturday 8 December, 7.30pm

CHAOS IN THE CHOIR

a comedy cabaret supper

Wednesday 19 December, 7.30pm	St Philip's Carol Service
Sat 22 Dec - CAMRA presents	"The Raven" & "Freja's Rain"
Monday 24 December, 5pm	Children's Christmas Service
11pm	Carol Singing
11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist
Tuesday 25 December, 9am	Christmas Day Eucharist

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Rector: Rev'd Rebecca Newland
Dinka Language Congregation Leader: Peter Manyok Kuot
Hon. Deacons: Rev'd Linda Anchell & Rev'd Robin Moore (St Philip's Care)
Hon. Associate Priests: Rev'd Jeannette McHugh,
Rev'd Steve Clarke (Director of Mission & Justice, Anglicare)
Rector's Warden: Leighton Mann, **People's Wardens:** Helen Palethorpe & Roger Sharp
Parish Councillors: Ian Cousins, Shane Woodburn, Fred Anchell, Vicki Luker, Peter Wilson, Louise McKay

The Allium Quartet (Alison Knight, Gemma Dashwood, Louise Merrington and Catriona Bryce) presents the charity Christmas concert - 'Here We Come a-Carolling: Christmas Around the World'.
Saturday 15 December, 2pm, at St Philip's Anglican Church, O'Connor.
Tickets \$15/\$10 concession. All proceeds to Lifeline.

Dear Friends,

Advent greetings to you - "Come Lord Jesus". What a fitting way to begin the new liturgical year and the year ahead - asking Jesus Christ to come.

In Advent we pray for the coming of the Lord and we make ourselves ready to greet the divine on Christmas morning and each day of our lives. Advent is the time when we focus particularly on opening our hearts and our minds to receive the wholeness, healing and peace of Christ - God's salvation. God is a God of freedom so if we want this gift we must ask for it, invite the Lord into our lives. "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened" (Luke 11.9). And so our advent hymns are full of longing and invitation and Advent is a time of preparation for the arrival of the guest and gift. It is time to reflect on our faith journey and consider the place of God on our lives. You may like to use the following questions in this time of preparation.

- How is my connection with Christ being strengthened each day, especially as I try and share Christ's love with others?
- How is the work of my hands, as I go about my daily tasks and endeavours, becoming the word made flesh?
- What do I need to stop, let go of, offer up, change, put in place, to become ready and open for God's gift of Light and Love to work in and through me?

On another note this weekend marks the end of three years for me as rector of St Philip's. It has been a truly wonderful three years! I look forward with great joy to more years ahead. This is a great parish and community, I have an extraordinary team of lay leaders to work with, I am blessed by my colleagues help and support (Jeannette, Steve, Linda and Robin) and heartened by everyone's love, commitment and hospitality. You know we are surrounded by so many things that distress and concern us - wars, ecological disaster, 'rumours of war and the end', extreme poverty, cruelty, political scandal and corruption and the terrible failings of the church. Close to us is pain and suffering in family and friends. The challenge as the gathered community of those who follow Christ is to be light and love, be hopeful and patient, be compassionate and understanding, to be prayers and doers of the Word and to always stand for justice and peace. I have such confidence in St Philip's that we can do this great work if we support and care for each other and trust in God. I am delighted to be with you on this journey. "Come Lord Jesus"

Advent peace and blessings

Rebecca

A big thank you to all who made the Advent dinner such an enjoyable night.

Diamond Wedding Anniversary!

Congratulations to Margaret and Claude Woodbridge!

Wed 19 Dec - St Philip's Carol Service followed by supper in courtyard. Everyone to bring Christmas food for supper; Food@StPhilip's serving champagne & juice.

Sat 22 Dec - CAMRA presents "The Raven" & "Freja's Rain" (folk music). Pub style setting in the church (table & chairs) selling drinks & snacks. Jenny Sawyer and Caroline Forbes are performing here at the place where they started to learn their craft!



St Philip's Advent Calendar,
is on the Parish website. stphilipsoconnor.org.au
For each day there are Bible readings, poetry, an artwork, a prayer, a piece of music and an item on justice and peace.

Friday 7 and Saturday 8 December, 7.30pm

Chaos in the choir: a comedy cabaret supper.

**Usher in the silly season CAMRA style
with music, laughter and a delicious supper
prepared by Food@St Philip's.**

\$55 including supper.
Bookings are essential.
Friday 7 and Saturday 8 December, 7.30pm

Power News:

Empty rooms need no lights!

To stop using coal fired electricity: turn it off (in church, at work & at home!)

Our photovoltaic array (on the kindergarten roof) generates *some* of the electricity we use here. Statistics for last two years:

Kwh generated for 2010-2011 4810Kwh average 13.17Kwh per day

Kwh generated for 2011-2012 3781Kwh average 10.35Kwh per day

Rainy days make a difference. The panels are getting checked and cleaned.
The best way to save Kwh is to not use them!

An empty room needs no lights!

Bishop Stuart sent around the newsletter from the Egyptian diocese.

Bishop Mouneer H. Anis writes:

"The concern I have now is immigration of Christians because more and more young people and the best and brightest minds are immigrating. In Iraq, 85% of Christians have left. More than this in Palestine! I hope that Egypt will not end in the same way. It will be difficult as we have 8 million Christians in Egypt, but my concern is that the best minds are leaving the country."

Advent Credo

It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss—

This is true: *For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life;*

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction—

This is true: *I have come that they may have life, and that abundantly.*

It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction rule forever—

This is true: *Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, his name shall be called wonderful councillor, mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.*

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world—

This is true: *To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world.*

It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the church before we can be peacemakers—

This is true: *I will pour out my spirit on all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions and your old men shall have dreams.*

It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind, of justice, of human dignity of peace are not meant for this earth and for this history—

This is true: *The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.*

So let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope. Let us see visions of love and peace and justice.

Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage: Jesus Christ—the life of the world. (From Testimony: The Word Made Flesh, by Daniel Berrigan. Orbis Books, 2004.)