

Prayers

Ecumenical Cycle: Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal

Pray for the people of Southern Sudan. For Atem and Gabriel as they work to help the 50,000 amputees in South Sudan.

Anglican Communion: Kigezi - (Uganda) The Rt Revd George Katwesigye
Diocesan Cycle: Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn: Stuart Robinson (Jane), Trevor Edwards (Ruth), Genieve Blackwell (John Silversides), Ian Lambert (Jill), Stephen Pickard (Jenny), Clergy and People

Bishop-in-Council and the Ministry Executive, Diocesan Treasurer, the Anglican Church Property Trust and The Pelican Foundation.

The Chancellor, Richard Refshauge.

150th Anniversary of the Diocese in 2013 commencing on 14 March 2013.

For the celebrations & mission opportunities this anniversary will offer. The Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.

All Saints' Ainslie: Michael Faragher, Peter Cianchi, Scott Cowdell, Elaine Farmer; Holy Cross, Hackett: Erica Mathieson & Ray Williamson; Brindabella Court Self Care Units, Downer:

Pray for: Growth of the Pelican Foundation and the Anglican Investment Development Fund.

Pray for Archdeacon Ian Palmer and Liz, following Ian's election to be the bishop of Bathurst.

Those in need: Pat Forbes, Val Reeves, Hugh Legge, Betty Heaton, Jean Pound, Meg Colwell, Michael Sawyer and Chris Short. For families affected by motor vehicle crashes. Rev'd Peter Barnett & his family. For safety and care as summer holidays increase the danger.

We remember and give thanks for: Peter David Blaseotto (d.10/12/03);

Dorothy Moore (d.12/12/84); Joseph Horace Heaton (d.13/12/88);

Alice Isabel Saylor (d.20/12/88)

Saints and celebrations: Lucy, martyr & virgin (d.304); John of the Cross, mystic & teacher (d.1591)

COLLECT

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin:

keep our hearts watchful in holiness,

and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.

We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**



St Philip's Come & See

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 9th DECEMBER 2012

8am

Eucharist

10am

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1pm

Dinka Service

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

Hymns 10am: 272, 688, 692, 658, 275

Today

flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

10am

Presiding

Rebecca Newland

Preacher

Chris Cheah

Liturgical Assistant

Chris Cheah

Musician

Colin Forbes

Readers:

1st Fred Anchell

2nd 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

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1:78-79

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).

Benedictus. The Song of Zechariah Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:
who has come to his people and set them free.
The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:
born of the house of his servant David,
Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.
To show mercy to our forebears:
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear:
holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation:
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen

Next Sunday 16th December Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Song of Isaiah (APBA, p.391); Philippians 4:4-7;
Luke 3:7-18

Rosters:	flowers:	Philida Sturgiss-Hoy
10am	Celebrant	Rebecca Newland
	Preacher	Andrea de Vaal Horciu
	Liturgical Assistant:	Andrea de Vaal Horciu
	Musician	Colin Forbes
	Bible Readers:	1 st Chris Cheah
		2 nd Kerri-Anne Cousins
	Sidespeople:	Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson
	Welcomer:	Helen Palethorpe
	Chalice Servers:	Grace Barnes & Tim Gowty
	Children's Ministry Helpers	Rachel & David Tscharke
	Morning Tea:	Ann Munro & Odom family

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
11am PANDORA'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

CALENDAR (see notices for details)

15th December Pandora's Christmas Party!

Wednesday 19 December, 7.30pm

St Philip's Carol Service

Sat 22 Dec - CAMRA presents

"The Raven" & "Frejya'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.

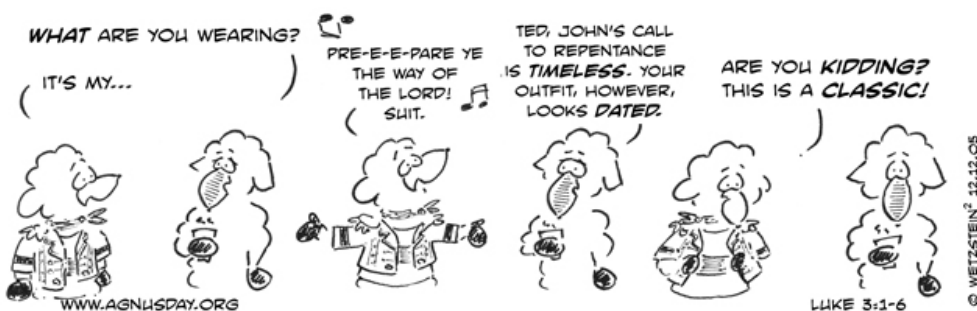
PANDORA'S CHRISTMAS PARTY at ST. PHILIPS CHURCH
SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER at 11am

We would love you to come- we are so appreciate of our volunteers that this event gives us a chance to get together and say a big thank you.
For catering purposes we would be grateful if you could let Kerry-Anne know if you can come.
Telephone 62474928 or email eyesea@optusnet.com.au

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" & "Frejya's Rain" (folk music).
Pub style setting in the church (table & chairs) Food@StPhilip's selling drinks & snacks.

Archdeacon Ian Palmer was elected tenth Bishop of Bathurst and is likely to be consecrated in Bathurst on Saturday February 9th at All Saints' College
Ian is currently rector of Queanbeyan and Liz works at St Mark's.



ABC Local Radio tonight: Sunday nights with John Cleary at 10pm will discuss amongst other things, the 20th anniversary of the priesting of women within the Australian Anglican Church, the recent rejection of women bishops in the UK, why does the church have a problem with women?



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.

Moonless darkness
Gerard Manley Hopkins

Moonless darkness stands between.
Past, the Past, no more be seen!
But the Bethlehem-star may lead me
To the sight of Him Who freed me
From the self that I have been.
Make me pure, Lord: Thou art holy;
Make me meek, Lord: Thou wert lowly;
Now beginning, and alway:
Now begin, on Christmas day.

from day 8 of the Advent Calendar

CAMRA Presents **RAVEN** 'Engaging and haunting folk from one of the finest duos on the folk circuit'
8pm December 22nd with support from Frejya's Rain
Tickets \$20/15 www.theraven.me

From England our own Carolyn Forbes &
from Canberra, our own Jenny Sawer!

From The Rector:

Dear Friends,

For some reason I have found the Christmas consumerism, tinsel and business more disturbing than usual this year. I identify with the 'Bah humbug!' sentiment very much! It either means I am getting old and crabby or I am seeing something else - and I couldn't tell you which it is! Certainly I am very aware that this time of the year is often full of sad memories for people and old disappointments. It is also a time when what we have lost stands out more starkly. Against the back drop of 'family time' and 'showing the people you love by giving them presents', many people feel saddened by memories of dear ones who have died. It is also a time when the fact that most of us do not have perfect families (does any one!?) intrudes more strongly. No wonder this time of the year can see an increase in depression, family violence and just plain disappointment. How good it is then to be able to focus on the story of Jesus coming, of God with us. The season of Advent gives us an opportunity to pull back and reflect on how much we need hope, peace, joy (real joy) and love in our world and how much our lives can be blessed and transformed by the love we share in and through Jesus Christ. This Advent my reflections have been greatly enhanced by the Advent Calendar in place on our St Philip's website (www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au). One of our preachers and lay ministers Brian McKinlay has put the calendar together and it is a rich collection of readings, art, poems, songs, social justice cues and prayers. I encourage you to have a look each day and be drawn into Advent waiting, reflecting and hope.

Having made an announcement that my son Michael Ellis would be joining us over this season to do a placement for his post-graduate studies I now have to let every one know that he will not be joining us. He asked me to convey this message to you all.. *to the St Philips community, for personal reasons I won't be able participate in the Advent and Christmas activities, as had been planned. I'm sorry about any inconvenience caused by the change in plans. Advent peace and Love. Michael.* I assured Michael there was no inconvenience. As we all know sometimes other circumstances intrude into our plans we have to change course. The wonderful thing about the church seasons, the lectionary and the prayer book is that when everything else goes pear shaped we always have them to fall back on!

Advent peace & Blessings
Rebecca



Ian Cousin's photo from Galleria Regionale della Sicilia, Palermo.jpg

If you enjoy the Christmas Lights why don't you take a trip out to see the lights at Beverly and Kevin Rogers place, in Burns Circuit McKellar? They have bedecked their house and garden with lights and decorations for Christmas. They have built a Nativity, 3 Wise Men with camels, Santa's Workshop, Angels, Christmas trees, stars and all sorts of other Christmasy delights. Better still Bev ensures that she has activities for young visitors on the Christmas light viewing circuit and to top it all off Ginninderra, Charnwood & Kaleen parishes will be serving tea & coffee on Friday & Saturday nights. Bev and Kevin have generously decided that all the funds they raise from contributions and refreshments will be given to Anglicare to support services offered in the region. Their lights are on now and the display is well worth a visit for seasonal cheer and you can support Anglicare services whilst you gaze.