

Prayers

Ecumenical Cycle: Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo

Pray for the people of South Sudan.

Anglican Communion: Kisangani - (Congo) The Rt Revd Lambert Botolome
The people of Eastern Congo in these times of upheaval.

Diocesan Cycle: Diocese of Newcastle: Bishops Brian Farran, Assistant
Bishop Peter Stuart, Clergy and People

St George's Anglican Life Centre, Pearce: Stephen Pickard, David Piok; St
Stephen's, Kambah: Gary Mulquiney; St Matthew's, Wanniasa: Geoff
Deutscher, Romeo Dinale, Dave Abraham, Bernadette Mannion; Lanyon
Valley Anglican Church: Jonathan Holt, Glen McDonald; St Mary-in-the-Valley,
South Tuggeranong: Colin Dundon, Sue Hanna; Calwell Neighbourhood
Centre; Anglicare Children's Services: Centres at Calwell, Gordon and
Parliament House

Pray for: Anglicare activities in partnership with parishes and with government:
child care, foster care, young people and families; for staff and volunteers in
regional offices and in Goulburn; for clients, and for Anglicare Appeals.

Those in need: Pat Forbes, Val Reeves, Hugh Legge, Betty Heaton, Jean
Pound, Meg Colwell, Michael Sawyer.

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: Thomas, Apostle & Martyr (21st December)

COLLECT

Almighty God, you sent your son into a world
where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff
and evil clings even to what is good:
let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption,
so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER 2012

8am Eucharist

10am Eucharist

1pm Dinka Service

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Song of Isaiah; Philippians 4:4-7;
Luke 3:7-18

Hymns 10am: 279, 688, We Wait, 265, 276

Today

10am	Presiding	Rebecca Newland
	Preacher	Andrea de Vaal Horciu
	Liturgical Assistant	Andrea de Vaal Horciu
	Musicians	Fiona Fraser, Elly Palethorpe (trumpet) & Ross Mitchell (Violin)
	Readers:	1 st Chris Cheah 2 nd Kerry-Anne Cousins
	Sidespeople:	Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson
	Welcomer:	Helen Palethorpe
	Chalice Servers:	Grace Barnes & Tim Gowty
	Children's Ministry Helpers:	Rachel & David Tucharke, Tracy Barralet
	Morning Tea:	Ann Munro & Odom Family

Do not fear. The Lord, your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love.
Zephaniah 3:16-17

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).

Song of Isaiah (Isaiah 12:2-6)

Behold, God is my salvation:

I will trust, and will not be afraid,

For the Lord God is my strength and my song:

and has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water:

from the wells of salvation.

On that day you will say:

'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

'Make known his deeds among the nations:

proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously:

let this be known in all the world.

'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Next Sunday 23rd December Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: Micah 2:2-5a, Song of Mary or Psalm 80:1-7, Hebrews 10:5-10,
Luke 1.39-45 (46-55)

Rosters:	flowers:	Kerry-Anne Cousins & team
10am	Celebrant	Rebecca Newland
	Preacher	Brian McKinlay
	Liturgical Assistant:	Brian or Linda
	Musician	Colin Forbes
	Bible Readers:	1 st Pat Forbes
		2 nd Fiona Dyer
	Sidespeople:	Louise & Matthew McKay
	Welcomer:	
	Chalice Servers:	Doreen Sengati-Odom & Hardy Palethorpe
	Morning Tea:	Helen Palethorpe & Margaret Woodbridge

Monday 24 December, 5pm	Children's Christmas Service
11pm	Carol Singing
11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist
Tuesday 25 December, 9am	Christmas Day Eucharist

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' drop in time during school holidays

Wednesday: 10am: Eucharist

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

Saturday: 10.30am: Holy Communion @ Kankinya Aged Care
10am – 1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor – OPEN

CALENDAR (see notices for details)

Wednesday 19 December, 7.30pm	St Philip's Carol Service
Sat 22 Dec 8pm - CAMRA presents	"The Raven" & "Freja's Rain"
Monday 24 December, 5pm	Children's Christmas Service
11pm	Carol Singing
11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist
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Supper will be served after the Carol service, please bring a plate of Christmas food to share

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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 Rector Writes

Dear Friends,

I have heard this season described as the "Silly Season". Well, it is, when you are out there in the rush of Christmas preparations, the crowds of shoppers, the stressed traffic and the consumer good that make no sense now or indeed at any time. However this season is perhaps the least silly season there could ever be - that's if you look at the deep meaning behind Advent. We are preparing for the coming of God in and amongst us. Christmas is not just a celebration of the birth of the Christ. Each 25th of December is a reminder that God is coming to us over and over again in this moment and that Christ will come again. Advent then is a profoundly important and serious season. It also is the perfect season for the end of a year and the beginning of a new one with all our hopes and dreams, suffering and grief, doubts and fears. If we took it seriously and with the appropriate meaning we should probably be all on our collective knees, in penitence, in awe, in humility - and yes in hope and joy. This is why John the Baptist is the prophet par excellence for Advent. Just listen to his words, his call to repentance, to a transformed mind and ways of being, to honesty and justice. Let us take this silly season as seriously as we possibly can - Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.

In the key points from this month's parish council there is the excellent news about our Cross-cultural family program. This will begin in January and we are in the process of finalising contracts and paperwork. The two people employed will be Andrea de Vaal Horciu and Ruben Majok Aleer Aguer. As you know Andrea has had extensive experience in youth and children's ministry. Ruben has been a youth leader and Sunday school coordinator in his community both in refugee camps in Sudan and here in Australia. He is also studying a Bachelor of Commerce and is married with a baby son. There will be many opportunities to get to know Ruben as he will be attending the 10.00 am service and working closely with Andrea. This program will, I believe, greatly enhance and facilitate our ministry to families, youth and children. I am particularly looking forward to all our children learning the bible through Dinka dance and song!!

It is also with great joy that I can confirm that Andrea will be ordained deacon on the 23rd of February 2013 at St Saviours Cathedral, Goulburn and she will now be licensed to our parish. How blessed we are to have such fantastic deacons at St Philip's and what a team!

Finally, we have been asked to pair with a Bathurst parish, Oberon, to facilitate the building of the Tri-diocesan Covenant. This is an agreement between three diocese - Canberra and Goulburn, Bathurst and Riverina. The covenant seeks to build relationships and find ways to support each other. The pairing with Oberon is primarily for the purpose of prayer support. I will get back to you all with some specific prayer points once I have made contact with the rector.

With Advent peace and blessings
Rebecca

Donations of Clothing for St Philip's Care at Northbourne

The Rev Robin Moore receives donations of items of neat clothing with relatively minor faults from a snow-wear company for her ministry at Northbourne. These items need to be repaired before they are offered to people at the centre. If you have sewing skills, and would be willing to tackle these minor repairs, please contact Rev'd Rebecca

Average time of detention in Australia is 224 days - less than 21 days in US, Canada, France and Sweden. (some in our congregations know it all too well!) In 2011, Australia ranked 71st per capita for total number of asylum claims.

Words and Music of our 10am Gradual hymn are available on line from Hope Publishing Company at http://www.hopepublishing.com/media/pdf/hset/hs_2918.pdf

KEY POINTS FROM DECEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish has received a two year grant from the Pelican Foundation for a St. Philips Cross-Cultural Family Program to begin in 2013. The program will aim to:

- build relationships among families across the two congregations to enhance fellowship, shared worship and mutual support.
- address the particular needs of children and families who attend the weekly Dinka Language Service with the development of some type of Sunday School and Christian formation.
- help build the capacity of the Family Program leaders and volunteers in both congregations, and
- more generally, in conjunction with other Parish activities, provide support to the Dinka congregation as they build a new life in Australia and as they continue their growth in the church and the wider community.

Funding of \$30,000 will be provided in 2013 and \$27,000 in 2014. The Board of the Pelican Foundation will consider the progress of the initiative over years one and two before committing to providing funds for a third year.

The grant will not meet the full estimated cost of the program and the gap will need to be met by the Parish. In 2013 the gap will be \$3,341.

The grant will enable the employment of:

- an English speaking Family Worker with appropriate ministry and cross-cultural skills for 15 hours per week, and
- a Dinka and English speaking assistant with appropriate Christian leadership and cross-cultural skills for 5 hours per week.

The new program is an exciting and important new dimension for St. Philip's ministry and has the full support of the combined Leadership Group of the two congregations. Implementation issues are still being worked through and more information on program activities will be available shortly. It is expected that the program will begin in the second half of January 2013.

Some good progress has also been made on the new building project over the last month:

- The application to incur debt has been approved by the Diocesan Finance Committee and our Property Development Submission has been lodged with the Diocese.
- Discussions have begun with the Anglican Investment and Development Fund (AIDF) on a loan facility.
- this is not an actual loan but a framework agreement.
- The ACT development application was lodged with ACTPLA in late November.

The next big step is securing ACTPLA approval and we are not expecting to hear further from them until late January. This means the Parish meeting for final consideration of the building project is now likely to take place in February 2013.

It may coincide with our 2013 Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be held after the 10am service on Sunday 24 February. Papers for the AGM should be submitted to Rebecca no later than 3 February.

If any parishioners wish to pay their pledge for the new building in advance, this is possible. Such payments should be placed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Treasurer and clearly marked as new building pledge. The funds will be placed into the building account and a receipt issued. If for any reason the building project does not proceed, the payment would be fully re-funded.