

Prayers

Ecumenical Cycle: Ghana, Nigeria. Give thanks for Christians and Muslims who take risks to work for dialogue and reconciliation between the two faith communities. (For multifaith dialogue in Australia)

Pray for the people of Southern Sudan.

Anglican Communion: Koforidua (Ghana) The Rt Revd Francis Quashie

Diocesan Cycle: Diocese of Tasmania:

St Paul's, Turvey Park with Tarcutta: Genieve Blackwell, Kevin Farrelly, Lee Weissel, Ian Forsyth, Dick Goodman; St Alban's, Koorinal: Mal Dunnett, John Cohen; Lucas King. Community of the Redeemer, Ashmont:

The Forrest Centre, Wagga Wagga: Chaplains, Judy Begent, Daphne May; Sisters of the Little Company of Mary and the Sisters of Compassion

Pray for: The bereaved and those who care for them. (Nuha and family [Palestinian refugees] as they grieve family members lost at sea.)

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

We remember and give thanks for: Alice Isabel Saylor (d.20/12/88); Norma Florence Reynolds (d.28/12/2000)

Saints and celebrations: Stephen, deacon & martyr (26th); John, Apostle & Evangelist (27th); Holy Innocents (28th Dec).

COLLECT

Gracious God, you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son: as we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. 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**

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St Philip's Come & See

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER 2012

8am Eucharist

10am Eucharist

1pm Dinka Service

Readings: Micah 2:2-5a, Song of Mary, Hebrews 10:5-10,
Luke 1:39-56

Hymns 10am: 272, 688 (for candle lighting),
172 (for psalm), 287, 256, 687

Today

10am

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins & Team
Presiding: Rebecca Newland
Preacher: Brian McKinlay
Liturgical Assistant: Brian McKinlay
Musician: Colin Forbes
Bible Readers: 1st Pat Forbes
2nd Fiona Dyer
Sidespeople: Louise & Matthew McKay
Chalice Servers: Doreen Sengati-Odom &
Hardy Palethorpe
Morning Tea: Helen Palethorpe &
Margaret Woodbridge

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

Luke 1:45

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 Mary (Magnificat) Luke 1: -55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:
from this day all generations will call me blessed;
The Almighty has done great things for me:
and holy is his name.
God has mercy on those who fear him:
from generation to generation.
The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly.
God has filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,
The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever:
Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

Next Sunday 30th December First Sunday after Christmas

Readings: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

Rosters:	flowers:	Kerry-Anne Cousins & team
10am	Celebrant & Preacher	Rebecca Newland
	Liturgical Assistant:	
	Musician	Colin Forbes
	Bible Readers:	1 st Denise Manley
		2 nd Louise McKay
	Sidespeople:	Grace Barnes & volunteer
	Chalice Servers:	Grace Barnes & Tim Gulliver
	Morning Tea:	self serve in Foyer

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.

Monday 24 December, 5pm

11pm

11.30pm

Tuesday 25 December, 9am

Children's Christmas Service

Carol Singing

Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day Eucharist

at 11.30pm

Readings: Isaiah 9.2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14 (15-20)

(liturgical assistant Robin Moore, Readers: Tim & Jan Gulliver)

Carolyn & Mandy Forbes and Jenny Sawyer are singing:

Introit: "Wolcum Yole" (Britten-Ceremony of Carols)

during Communion: "Sing Lullaby" and "Quem Pastores",

Recessional: "This Little Babe" (Britten, from The Ceremony of Carols).

at 9am

Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 96; Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14

(Music Fiona Fraser; reader: Rhonda Evans)

Morning Prayer 8.00 am in the church Wed to Sat.

Monday:

St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre

[Christmas Lunch]

Saturday:

10.30am: Holy Communion @ Kankinya Aged Care

Pandora's @ O'Connor – Closed until 11th January 2013

The Bishop's Christmas letter is available in the foyer and on the noticeboard as is the Parish Council report for this month.

"Tracy Barralet will be graduating with a Diploma of Community Development from the Canberra Institute of Technology in May 2013. The survey that was conducted in September 2012 by Tracy about the needs of the Dinka congregation mothers and children, was the basis of the final project for her Diploma in Community Development." (for which Tracy was awarded a High Distinction. Thank you everyone!)

The Rector Writes

Dear Friends

Two sleeps to go!! At least that is what it was like when I was a child. The great countdown to Christmas morning, opening presents, gathering with family and friends for Mum's special food and water fights in the afternoon with the cousins on Grandma's lawn. In my family the spiritual side of Christmas and the story of Jesus birth was simply not part of our Christmas. It was a very strange thing when at about the age of 12 I asked if I could go to the midnight service at our local church. Yet in all the changes of my life, the many Christmas celebrations, the different places and families and friends it has been that central story of God coming to us, God with us, that has sustained me in these times. I hope we can all find a still point in these coming weeks when we can rest in God's enduring ever-present love.

One of the prayers from our St Philip's Advent calendar (on the web page www.stphilipoconnor.org.au) sums up this hope:

Intimate God,
we yearn for the light of your coming
and the warmth of your embrace;
focus our hearts on the truly important
and keep us centred on that still point, Jesus our Emmanuel,
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. Amen.
(— Bosco Peters).

*I wish you all the very best for this season.
Peace & love
Rebecca*

N.B. As I am away at a conference some days, visiting my mother others and have a few days at the coast with David there will be no regular morning prayer held in the church during January. Regular prayers will resume in February.

the Psalm for Christmas services

Psalm 96

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song:
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name:
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations:
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols:
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Majesty and glory are before him:
beauty and power are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Render to the Lord, you families of the nations:
render to the Lord glory and might.
- 8 Render to the Lord the honour due to his name:
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 10 Say among the nations that the Lord is king:
he has made the world so firm that it can never be moved; and he shall judge the peoples with equity.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:
let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
- 12 Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them:
then shall all the trees of the wood shout with joy before the Lord;
- 13 For he comes, he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

Jeanette Winterson's Christmas Story is now available:
<http://www.jeanettewinterson.com/pages/news/index.asp?NewsID=29>
well worth reading!