

**Next Sunday 22nd of July
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Readings:
Jeremiah 23.1-6 Psalm 23, Ephesians 2.11-22, Mark 6.30-34,53-56

10.00 am Roster

Flowers	Kerry-Anne Cousins
Celebrant & Preacher	Rebecca Newland
Liturgical Assistant	Andrea de Vaal Horciu
Musician	Colin Forbes
Welcomer	Brian McKinlay
Sides people	Vicki Luker & Leighton Mann
1st Bible reader	Philippa Wicks
2nd Bible reader	Peter Wilson
Communion Servers	Hardy Palethorpe & Doreen Sengati-Odom
Morning Tea	Val Reeves & Margaret Woodbridge

Notes



St Philip's Come & See

SEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST SUNDAY 15th JULY 2012

8am Eucharist
10am Eucharist
1pm Dinka Service

Readings: Amos 7.7-14 and Psalm 85.8-13; 2 Ephesians 1.1-14
Mark 6. 14.29

10.00 am Hymns
333, 657, 511, 246

Today

Flowers: Philida Sturgiss-Hoy
10.00 am

Presiding & Preaching	Steve Clarke
Liturgical Assistant	Brian McKinlay
Welcomer	Helen Palethorpe
Sides people	Peter Anderson & Grace Barnes
Musician	Colin Forbes
Bible Readers	1st Ashton Robinson 2nd Helen Palethorpe
Communion servers	Grace Barnes & Denise Manley
Morning tea	Simon & Sarah Barnes

"Who shall stand in the Lord's holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their hands to what is false"
Psalm 24.3-4

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 too

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 85.8-13

8 I will hear what the Lord God will speak:
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.
9 Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:
and his glory shall dwell in our land.
10 Mercy and truth are met together:
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth:
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
12 The Lord will also give us all that is good:
and our land shall yield its plenty.
13 For righteousness shall go before him:
and tread the path before his feet.

Prayers

Prayer of the Day:

Eternal God,
open our eyes to see your hand at work
in the splendour of creation
and in the beauty of human life.
Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us,
to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers,
and to experience the joy of life in your presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Ecumenical Cycle: Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico

Anglican Communion: L'Eglise Episcopal au Rwanda The Most Revd Dr Onesphore Rwaje Archbishop of L'Eglise Episcopal au Rwanda and Bishop of Gasabo

Diocesan Cycle: Diocese of Sydney, the bishops and people Bishop Allan Ewing, clergy and people; St John's Wagga Wagga, Chaplaincy work in hospitals, prisons, defense forces and emergency services.

Pray for: Grace and strength for all those who hold public office, and a spirit of service, commitment to justice and an honouring of truth in public office.

Those in need: Hugh Legge, Betty Heaton, Jean Pound, Meg Colwell, Michael Sawyer, David Horton, Linda.

We remember and give thanks for: Sheila 'Dot' Mayo

Saints and celebrations: Mary Magdalene, James - Apostle & Martyr,

Diary

Coming events

Saturday 21st July

"High Tea & Harmony" -

2.30 pm

Music by students of CAMRA.

Entry by donation, as all proceeds are going to the building fund.
Hopefully of special interest to Seniors, but all welcome!

Twilight Fair Planning Meeting

4.30 pm

The Palethorpes
34 Hakea Crs, O'Connor

Celebration of South Sudanese Independence

12.00 pm to 7.00 pm

Official opening 2 pm

Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre
180 London Circuit

Saturday 28th of July

CAMRA'S Saturday Nights @ St Philip's
"Christmas in Winter Concert"

Sunday 29th July

From 3 pm "Fire, Wine and Chat" @ Leighton & Ruths

Wednesday 8th of August

"Five Uneasy Pieces: Essays on scripture and Sexuality"
Will be launched by Justice Michael Kirby at Holy Covenant, Jamison

This Week @ St Philip's

Monday	St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre
Wednesday	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Holy Communion
Thursday	8.00 am Morning Prayer
Friday	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am to 1.00 pm - Pandoras
Saturday	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.30am: Holy Communion @ Kankinya Aged Care 10.00 am to 1.00 pm - Pandoras

News of Interest

St Philip's Care @ Northbourne

(from the co-ordinator the Rev'd Robin Moore's, July report to Parish Council)

I am pleased to say that there are positive things to report. We have been blessed lately. My meeting at the Centre on Thursday 14th June with the ACT Chief Minister (Katy Gallagher) and the Housing Minister (Joy Burch) - and a very pleasant but unnamed staffer - went well. I enjoyed being driven around by the Chief Minister!! (My car was out of action) and it gave us some extra time together. The main focus was on St Philip's Care being able to continue our presence in the area following the massive redevelopment (which will take years to complete). I wanted to show people from the government the physical set-up in which we work. It may seem to be far from ideal, but it works! I was pleased to share with them the richness of this ministry, but certainly did not shy away from the harsh realities and difficult situations that we face. They were very receptive and liked the idea of us working in partnership with Housing through the difficult times ahead.

The Chief Minister is very aware of the contrasting nature of Northbourne Avenue (Canberra's busiest street) - the affluent and business sections contrasting with areas of violence, poverty and at times despair: the struggles with long term mental illness and the general powerlessness that so many face-on a daily basis.

We have given out all the Poverty and Justice Bibles that were given to us by Anglicare via Steve Clarke. I shall soon need the next lot that have been put away for us. They are great bibles, highlighting God's concern in matters of poverty and justice. We are among the recipients of the Anglicare Winter Appeal and I have received two deliveries of tinned and packet foods and personal care items. I have made up 45 emergency food packages and their arrival was timely, as supplies were getting low. It is such a joy to be able to share these things around. Apart from meeting needs, all these things help build relationships and lead to all kinds of conversations and interactions.

With thanks and love
Robin

From the Rector

Dear Friends

What a wonderful afternoon service last week with the Dinka congregation! Very different but very special. Thank you so much to all those who attended. We had a packed church, 117 people, 55 children (very noisy children!), a bishop, mountains of Sudanese food and lots of joy and celebration. It was a special service because the Rev'd Monica Adau Garang was presented with her bishop's Authority to Officiate. She is now licensed to St Philip's and will work closely with Peter Manyok Kuot and the rector. At the service the Dinka took the opportunity to say thank you to St Philip's for all we have done. I would like to give you just a taste of what they said:

They offered heartfelt thanks to all of us for our willingness to welcome and accommodate their worshipping community when they approached us in May 2011. They recognised it was a big ask and task and that they have felt welcomed and at home. One of their leaders, Peter Akoi, said that in churches many people come and go, the Dinka people come and go in churches for many reasons, but he stated that even if everyone else left St Philip's he would be the last one here! It is what he said afterwards explaining this commitment that touched me most deeply and opened my heart even more to the Gospel of Christ. He shared how in Sudan it has been north against south, Muslim against Christian, Arab against black, tribe against tribe and clan against clan for decades. Fighting and violence are a way of life for many Sudanese. He then spoke of St Philip's. When the Dinka came we could have simply rented the space to them. Instead we said that we wanted to be one people under one roof. We wanted to be brothers and sisters in Christ, sharing worship, leadership, ministry - one community not two. This has of course not been easy. It has been very challenging. However Peter affirmed how it was this goal and this work we are doing together that made him see how to be community, a people together even though there are major differences. By choosing to be one even though we are very different so much becomes possible. What becomes less possible is disagreement and conflict around ethnic and cultural differences. There is so much that could be said and written about Peter's insight. However, to put it in a nutshell Peter is talking about what I think is the heart of gospel. Paul writes in Galatians that in Christ there is no slave or free, male or female, Jew or Gentile. That is, through the reconciling life, death and resurrection of Jesus we are made one with God and each other. The work of Jesus also shows us how to be a people of peace, compassion and love. So I add my thanks to Peter for you all. Thank you for being gracious, open, hospitable, willing to change and so able to live out the gospel in a very real and transformative way.

And thank you to Rev'd Steve Clarke for taking the service today. I am at St James Kippax giving a talk about the work of ABM.

Have a great week!
Peace & love

Rebecca

Notices

FUNDING PLEDGE FOR THE NEW BUILDING

An essential element of the building project will be parishioner donations as noted by the Parish meeting on 27 May 2012. A pledging form will be in the foyer from 24 June so that parishioners who are in a position to contribute can indicate their intention. Forms should be placed in the box provided in the foyer. No funds would be called on until all approvals have been obtained and until a further Parish meeting has been held.

The minimum target for donations is \$20,000. The pledging process will be open until the end of July.

FROM PARISH COUNCIL

A parishioner has suggested that we establish a "Men's Group" within the parish. We would like to hear from other parishioners about the needs for such a group, what format it would take and what sort of activities might be envisaged. Any ideas? Please talk to Roger Sharp (6236 3444) or Peter Wilson (6241 4536)

KEY POINTS FROM JULY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The building project is being steadily progressed.

- An application for some funding from the ACT Government *Community Support and Infrastructure Grants* program has been lodged.
- The requirements for ACT Planning approval and Diocesan approvals continue to be clarified and worked on.

The Council encourages parishioners to respond to the pledging appeal by the end of July. Forms are obtainable from the Project Display board in the church and a box for lodging the forms is beside the Display Board. No funds would be called on until all approvals have been obtained and until a further Parish meeting has been held.

Unfortunately donations for building projects are only tax deductible if the predominant purpose of the building is for education.

Following last week's sermon from the Reverend Peta Thorpe, the appeal for funds for the Alexander Maconochie Centre will remain open until the end of July.

MARY SUMNER DAY CELEBRATIONS

To celebrate the life and vision of Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union, MU Australia in this Diocese will gather on Thursday 16 August at St George's Pearce. The day will begin with Morning Tea at 10am. At 10.30am Wendy Mayer, Education Officer for MU Australia will speak about Mary Sumner and the history of the Mother's Union from its beginnings in 1876 to the Worldwide organisation it is today. After a lunch a Service of Thanksgiving will end the day together.

All members and friends are welcome - especially anyone who would like to know more about MU. Please join us.

ST PIP'S YOUTH GROUP

We are really looking forward to our first St Pip's Youth Group night on 3 August! Please pray for the young people who will be a part of this group. We plan to put together a roster of people who could assist by being a 'present' adult and making supper. We will provide milk, hot chocolate ingredients and cups but would appreciate you bringing a packet of biscuits or similar. If you would be interested in coming along from 7:00 to 8:30pm one Friday night during Term 3 (3 August - 28 September) please email Alistair and Alison Davidson at macdhaj@internode.on.net with a preferred date.



"You'll be responsible for developing spiritual maturity among our young people, who are the future of this church. We also need you to drive the van."



SEMINAR FOR MUSLIM & CHRISTIAN FAITH LEADERS: HOW CHRISTIANITY & ISLAM CAN AUTHENTICALLY INTERACT THEOLOGICALLY

2 pm - 3.30 pm

Thursday 19th July 2012

The Chapel

Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture
15 Blackall Street,
Barton, ACT 2600

This seminar will assist leaders of the Christian and Muslim faiths in their interactions with each other. Sheelah Treflé Hidden, a Catholic, is part of the Inter-religious dialogue team of Heythrop College of London University. She is involved in a research project entitled 'Remus', concerned with violence and religion, focused on the Mimetic theory of René Girard. She spent four years in Bradford in Yorkshire, working in community relations with the Muslim community as well as time in Palestine/Israel in contact with both Israeli and Palestinian peace activists. She has conducted seminars and workshops on fundamentalism, contemplation and non-violence and related topics in Britain, Bosnia, the United States, Canada and Australia. Light Refreshments will be provided. Enquires: acc-c@csu.edu.au or Lyndon Mayfield on 6272 6201