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"Money has been our only currency and our core value, which is insane, as it doesn't really exist. You exist – the person I love. My body exists – my one true home. The planet exists – beautiful, blue, long-suffering, fragile, and irreplaceable. Friendship exists, and our kids, and books and pictures and music, and the feeling we get, when just for a second, life in all its un-lived possibility stands in front of us."

Jeanette Winterson

<http://www.jeanettewinterson.com/pages/content/index.asp?PageID=606>

On issues of sexuality and babies, Jesus and the Bible can be a bit murky. Yet Christians consistently speak on these issues with certainty and passion. In contrast, Jesus was crystal clear on the question of whether violence is an acceptable response to violence, on whether arming ourselves with fists or swords or guns is the way to protect ourselves from fists and swords and guns. Nonviolence—turning the other cheek, keeping your sword in its scabbard even under threat, loving your enemy—is a centerpiece of Jesus's gospel.

Ellen Painter Dollar

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/ellenpainterdollar/2012/07/christians-and-gun-control-aurora/>

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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



St Philip's Come & See

NINTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST
SUNDAY 29th JULY 2012

8am Eucharist

10am Eucharist

1pm Dinka Service

Readings: 2 Kings 4:42-44; (2 Samuel 11:1-15) Psalm 145:10-18;
Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

10am Hymns: 433, 472, 544, 569

Today

10am	flowers:	Leighton, Ruth & Zara Mann
	Presiding & Preaching	Steve Clarke
	Liturgical Assistant	Brian McKinlay
	Musician	Colin Forbes
	Bible Readers:	1st Fred Anchell 2nd Linda Anchell
	Sidespeople:	Vicki Luke & Leighton Mann
	Welcomer:	Helen Palethorpe
	Chalice Servers:	Grace Barnes & Leighton Mann
	Morning Tea:	Vicki Luker & Ann Munro

'I am the living bread that came down from heaven', says the Lord.
'Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give
for the life of the world is my flesh.'
John 10:27,28

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 145:10-18

- 10 All creation praises you, O Lord:
and your faithful servants bless your name.
- 11 They speak of the glory of your kingdom:
and tell of your great might,
- 12 That the whole earth may know your mighty acts:
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:
and your dominion endures through all generations.
- 14 The Lord upholds all those who stumble:
and raises up those that are bowed down.
- 15 The eyes of all look to you in hope:
and you give them their food in due season;
- 16 You open wide your hand:
and fill all things living with your bounteous gift.
- 17 The Lord is just in all his ways:
and faithful in all his dealings.
- 18 The Lord is near to all who call upon him:
to all who call upon him in truth.

Prayers

Ecumenical Cycle: The Caribbean; pray for Political stability and ethical, honest leadership from those in power.

Anglican Communion: The Scottish Episcopal Church The Most Revd David Chillingworth Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church & Bishop of St Andrews Dunkeld & Dunblane

Diocesan Cycle: Province of Papua New Guinea: Archbishop Joe Kopapa
Theological Colleges and Church Schools of the Anglican Church of Australia: staff and students

Special Ministries: Military Christian Fellowship: Russell Bielenberg; NSW/ ACT State Chaplain Order of St Luke (OSL) Healing Ministries: Gill Varcoe

Religious education in schools and parishes: Schools Ministry Consultant and Convenor of RE Unit of ACT Churches' Council

Education for Ministry Diocesan Coordinator: Michael Richards

Pray for: Confirmation Preparation: Confirmation candidates, the Catechumenate and Alpha programs

Those in need: Archdeacon Chris Short, Hugh Legge, Betty Heaton, Jean Pound, Meg Colwell, Michael Sawer

We remember and give thanks for: Carola Parke, Sheila "Dot" Mayo (d.22/7/02); Michael Gamble (d.24/7/97); Portia Vincent (d.26/7/90); Ellen Elizabeth Mahony (d.29/7/2000); June Norton McKinlay (d.2/8/04); Dhruva Jyoti (Jyo) Sen (d.2/8/94)

Saints and celebrations: William Wilberforce, social reformer (d.1833); Joseph of Arimathea; Ignatius Loyola, priest and founder of the Society of Jesus (d.1556); Holy men and women of the Old Testament; Stephen; John Baptist Vianney, parish priest of Ars, France, (d,1895)

Reverend Malcolm Richards, Head of CMS in NSW & ACT has requested prayers for: the new CMS mission destination of Fiji; and Muslims as they commence the Fast of Ramadan on 20 July until 18 August.

This Week @ St Philip's

- Monday:** St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre
- Wednesday:** 8am Morning Prayer
10am: Eucharist
- Thursday** 8am Morning Prayer
- Friday:** 8am Morning Prayer
10am – 1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor – OPEN
7.00pm – 8.30pm St Pip's Youth Group
- Saturday:** 8am Morning Prayer
10.30am: Holy Communion @ Kankinya Aged Care
10am – 1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor – OPEN

Next Sunday 5th July Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 and Psalm 78:22-28; Ephesians 4:1-16;
John 6:24-35

Rosters: flowers: Ethel McInnes
10am Celebrant: & Preacher: Rebecca Newland
Liturgical Assistant: Ruth McGorman-Mann
Musician: Fiona Fraser
Bible Readers: 1st Elise Palethorpe
2nd Jarrah Palethorpe
Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Roger Sharpe
Welcomer: Denise Manley
Chalice Servers: Tim Gowty & James Kim
Morning Tea: Leighton, Ruth and Zara Mann

from the Rector Dear Friends,

I have often pondered why Jesus does all this feeding of people in the Gospel stories! All of the gospels have an account of the feeding of five thousand people, more than once, and as has been said before it was probably more than 5,000 since that was the count of only the men present. All of the gospels have a version of the last supper when Jesus blessed and broke bread and drank wine with his friends. The gospels also have stories of Jesus eating with all types of people, giving and receiving hospitality. The giving and sharing of food is obviously very important in Jesus ministry. Food is never just a meal, sustenance. Food and the sharing of it means a whole range of things - hospitality, refreshment, community, sharing, giving, sacrifice, care, love, pain, blood and suffering. Some animal, some life, somewhere, has usually shed some blood and suffered to provide us with nutrition and all these good things. People have toiled and worked to make food available. Creation has given forth its fruits and paid a price. In the preparing and sharing of food is a great depth of meaning.

When Jesus performs the miracle of feeding 5,000 and more people with just five loaves and two fishes he takes the meaning of food to a new height and depth. These stories are about abundance and overwhelming blessing. They are about God's goodness, love and care and hospitality that is beyond the call of duty. The closest parable I can think of to the feeding of the 5,000 is the story of the prodigal son who on his return to his father's home was given a huge banquet, not just a welcoming cup of tea and a biscuit, but all the father could give. Every Sunday when we gather around the altar we are remembering not only Jesus last meal with his followers and his subsequent death and resurrection, but the extraordinary generosity, hospitality, love and forgiveness of God. For that we raise our hands in praise and thanksgiving and fall on our knees in prayer and awe.

The picture, the logo, we have on bulletins and websites and indeed on the altar frontal at the Cathedral in Goulburn, is of a basket with 5 loaves and 2 fish. It symbolises what we are, a eucharistic community. That is, we are a community that tries to live out God's life-giving hospitality, love and care. I think we are a community that values the sacrament of the Lord's last supper, not just because we are deeply grateful for God's redeeming love shown to us through Christ but because in the sharing of the bread and wine we declare our oneness with God and all creation in a unity of peace and love and in the hope that all people will be blessed by God's abundance, surely something we are called to help bring to fruition as we leave church. As the saying goes, 'the mass is ended, the service begins'.

We are indeed privileged to be able to share this mystery and goodness with each other and occupy this sacred space. I have told you my take on food and hospitality in God's 'economy'. What are your thoughts I wonder?

Have a blessed week - and thanks again to the Rev'd Steve Clarke for taking the service while I am in Brisbane

Peace & blessings

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 near the building noticeboard in the church. 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.



TWILIGHT FAIR 2012 □



Hamper Raffle Donations are now being accepted (Basket at rear of Church).

Christmas cakes we need lots of, so if you are looking at making, baking we need your help, as the cake stall is very popular. Start thinking of planting/potting plants for the garden stall. We will be running a skills auction again this year, so if you have a skill to donate, contributions are now being accepted. And not least on the help front, the committee is calling for coordinators for the stalls. See Fred Anchell for the list of stalls. An information board will be at the rear of the Church.

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)

SEARCHING FOR MUFFIN RECIPE!

One of the people who attended the fair last year has asked: "Who is the super cook who made the DELICIOUS muffins I bought at your wonderful church fete? They have got to be the absolute best muffins I have eaten, also a sentiment expressed by the people privileged enough to have shared them with me!!! They were WHITE CHOCOLATE & RASPBERRY and were in little muffin cases with red ladybirds on them." If you know who the cook is please let Rebecca know so she can help this lady!

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 it's 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 macdhai@internode.on.net with a preferred date.

Prayer of the Day:

Gracious God,
you have placed within the hearts of all your children
a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth:
grant that, believing in the one whom you have sent,
we may know him to be the true bread of heaven
and the food of eternal life,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be glory and honour
for ever and ever. **Amen**

ANDREA DE VAAL HORCIU -

THE NEW COORDINATOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

Andrea is an ordination candidate for the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn and is placed at St Philip's. She is in her last year of training. Her particular area of ministry is families and children and she comes to us with a wealth of experience and a deep love for children. Now that Andrea and her family have had time to settle in she will coordinate children's ministry at St Philip's.

The types of things she will be doing include:

1. Developing our hospitality, connecting and welcoming work amongst the families with children.
 2. Coordinate Sunday School/Children's Church and be the person who primarily goes out with the children each Sunday. However, she will continue to have help from rostered volunteers amongst parents and the wider parish.
 3. Coordinate children's involvement in the First Sunday Service.
 4. Gather a small team of people who will support Andrea's work offering experience and ideas.
 5. Begin a Mum's and Bub's group to be run on a Tuesday morning.
- It is a great blessing having Andrea with us.
Please keep Andrea and the parish in your prayers as she takes up this role.

Diary

Today (Sunday 29th 'Fire Wine and Chat' @ Leighton & Ruth's...

Wednesday 1st August

Prayer for Healing Service
St John's Canberra at 7pm

Wednesday 8 August at 5pm

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

Sunday 12 August,

6pm Taizé Service Holy Covenant Jamison