

This Week @ St Philip's

Monday:	St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre – including lunch
Tuesday	7.30pm Lenten Study
Wednesday:	10am: Eucharist (in English)
Friday:	1pm Lenten Study 10am – 1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor – OPEN
Saturday:	10am – 1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor – OPEN 10.30am: Holy Communion @ Kankinya Aged Care

Diary

Wednesday 7th March 7pm Bishop's prayer for healing service St John's
Thursday 8th March Spiritual Formation Group
International Women's Day Pamela Denoon Lecture
Sunday 11th March, 6pm Taizé Service – Holy Cross, Hackett
Wednesday 14th March Parish Council (with the new council)
Saturday 31st March 11am, Consecration of Assistant Bishops
(Genieve Blackwell & Ian Lambert, St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn)
Thursday 5th April Maundy Thursday, Passover Dinner
Good Friday 6th April
Easter 8th April

*Items for the Pew bulletin and names for the Prayer list (add or remove), please forward to Linda by Thursday 12 noon. lindafrd@pcug.org.au 6236 3227
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Response for the psalm

My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?

Christopher Tambling

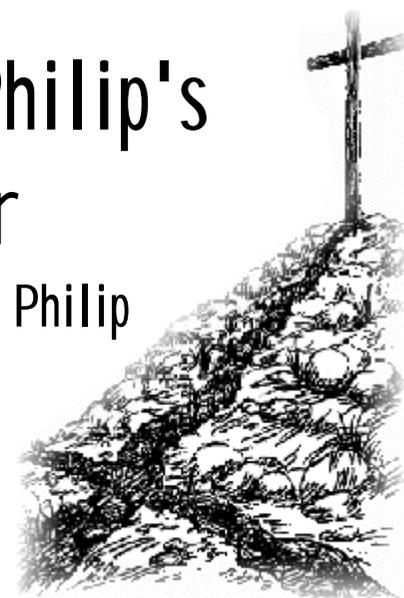
Response

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Welcome to St Philip's O'Connor

"Come and See" said Philip



LENT TWO

SUNDAY 4th March 2012

8am & 10am: English language Eucharist

1pm: Dinka Bor language Service

Readings: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16,
Psalm 22:24-32, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38

Psalm 22:24-32

- 24 O praise the Lord, all you that fear him: hold him in honour,
O seed of Jacob, and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.
25 For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery:
nor did he hide his face from him, but heard him when he cried.
26 From you springs my praise in the great congregation:
I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;
27 The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him - may their hearts
rejoice for ever!
28 Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord:
and let all the families of the nations worship before him.
29 For the kingdom is the Lord's:
and he shall be ruler over the nations.
30 How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:
or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?
31 But he has saved my life for himself:
and my posterity shall serve him.
32 This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:
and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

10am Hymns: 73, 575, 692, 125

Today

Presiding: Rev'd Rebecca Newland

Preaching: Chris Cheah

10am: with special help from the children
Welcomer: Denise Manley
Liturgical Assistant: Chris Cheah
Musician: Colin Forbes
Bible Readers: 1st Kerry-Anne Cousins, 2nd Fiona Dyer
Sidespeople: Roger Sharp & Vicki Luker
Chalice Servers: James Kim & Tim Gowty
Morning Tea: Leighton, Ruth & Zara Mann

Music 10am: singers: Alison Knight, Gemma Dashwood and
Catriona Bryce

Introit "Drop, drop slow tears" by Orlando Gibbons

Psalms 22 (sung response by the congregation)

Communion "Lift thine eyes" from Mendelssohn's Elijah

Prayers

Ecumenical Cycle: Andorra, Austria, Liechtenstein,
Monaco, San Marino, Switzerland

Anglican Communion: The Church of England
The Most Revd Dr Rowan Douglas Williams
Archbishop of Canterbury

Diocesan Cycle Diocese of Ballarat: Bishop Garry
Weatherill, Clergy and People
North Goulburn: David Cohen, Wollondilly Gardens

Self Care Units; NSW Police Chaplains: David Hilliard; David Ruthven;
Harvey Sloane; John Thomas; West Goulburn: Vanessa Bennett &
Sallyann Hart; Goulburn Base Hospital Chaplaincy; Goulburn Correctional
Centre: Theresa Angert-Quilter

Pray for: Spouses and families of clergy and lay ministers.

Those in need: Jim Tregoe, Jean Pound, Meg Colwell, Michael Sawer,
Claude Woodbridge

We remember and give thanks for: Deanne Reynolds, (teacher at
CGGS), Daphne Lois Hall (d.5/3/95); Merryn Kathleen Bannerman
(d.5/3/85)

Saints and celebrations: Perpetua & her companions, martyrs at
Carthage (d.203); John of God, worker among the sick & poor, Spain
(d.1550); Sister Emma SSA, superior of the Sacred Advent, Queensland,
(d.1939).

Lenten Studies "For Love of the World"

Tuesdays 7:30pm and Fridays 1pm in Lent
For more information please see Rev'd Rebecca.
<http://www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au/flotw.php>

Next Sunday Lent Three, 11th March

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

Rosters: (*no flowers in Lent*)

10am: Liturgical Assistant: Ruth McGorman-Mann
Bible Readers: 1st David French,
2nd Pat Forbes
Sidespeople: Louise & Matthew McKay
Welcomer: Denise Manley
Chalice Servers: Tim Gulliver & Denise Manley
Morning Tea: Rebecca, Stephen, Elise, Jarrah &
Noah Palethorpe

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Rector: Rev'd Rebecca Newland
Dinka Language Congregation Leader:
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

Sentence

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your
cross, and follow him. Mk8:34

Prayer of the week

Remember O Lord,
what you have wrought in us
and not what we deserve,
and, as you have called us to your service,
make us worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



From The Rector:

Dear Friends

I often do not get around to reading the Anglican News, our local Anglican newspaper, and this month has been no exception.

However, a parishioner from my former parish brought to my attention the letters to the editor section. This former parishioner was 'appalled by the attacks on me', so I thought I better have a look!

It turns out that a couple of people have written in about the "For Love of the World" lenten studies co-written by myself and the Rev'd Linda Chapman from Moruya. One letter called the whole area of climate change, science and efforts to do something about it "Christ-denying anthropogenic climate change piffle". Rather than try and explain what the writer meant I encourage you to read the letter. I would like to say a couple of things to you who are my care and love:

Firstly as your rector and priest I refute that I am Christ-denying and assure you, as I assured everyone at my induction, that I would always point to Jesus Christ in all things. You probably all realise this but I felt I needed to state it publicly particularly for our newer community members. For me it is Christ first - all else follows from that connection. As Christ Jesus says in John's gospel, "I am the way". When we follow our Lord then all other steps become clear.

Secondly, the Lenten studies were written after I had prayerfully considered what I believed God was asking me to do as a follower of Christ and as a priest in the church. As I told the Bishop, my husband and my friends, and anyone who stood still long enough, I actually didn't want to write the studies and publicly begin to preach repentance, prayer and changed behaviour. Seriously, I wanted to do anything else but that! Partly because I knew it was potentially controversial and I am very conflict averse. Yet, as I have considered the whole issue of climate change over a number of years the 'precautionary principle' at the very least led me to commit to doing what I could in my limited power to make a difference. The fact that it is the most vulnerable and poor in our world who are and will suffer the most from climate change was also a major motivation.

Thirdly, whatever we may think about climate change and the politics that now surround our efforts to address it, anything I have said in the Lenten studies and at any other times is informed by a theology

of connection, care and stewardship of creation. I understand all of creation is included in God's Kingdom.

Lastly, the Anglican church with its diversity of opinion strongly held, its 'many-coloured' worship traditions and its worthy struggle to hold together in creative tension reason, scripture, tradition and competing claims of orthodoxy is a thing of beauty and joy to me. I bear no grudges for anyone who disagrees with me. My only concern is that your relationship with God through Christ and the power of the Spirit is not affected by such disagreements. You are the community I have promised to serve and your spiritual journey is a priority that is my privilege and duty to support.

At my last parish I occasionally ran a labyrinth day. We would build a labyrinth in the hexagonal shaped church and open it for prayer and reflection. A few months after that I received an anonymous A4 letter basically accusing me of being a pagan and a witch and trying to set me on the straight and narrow path of some undefined orthodox position. And so it seems when one steps up and does something there is always the potential for criticism and misunderstanding. It would seem that this sort of thing is likely to happen again but that is OK. As one theologian said (and I am so sorry I cannot remember the name) the church's identity is constructed on the margins in the face of conflict and controversy.

For a much more erudite and authoritative look at a Christian Response to Climate Change, I draw your attention to Operation Noah, a faith based response supported by Archbishop Rowan Williams, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Metropolitan Kallistos amongst many others.

Go to www.operationnoah.org.

If you have any concerns and questions please come and see me.

Finally, next weekend I will be away attending my mother's 80th birthday celebrations. The Rev'd Steve Clarke will preside and Brian McKinlay will preach at the services. What a blessing to have such gifted help!

Peace & love

Rebecca

Ecumenical Service for the Feast of St Patrick

12 noon Saturday 17 March 2012

The Chapel Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture

15 Blackall Street, Barton (cnr. Kings Avenue)

Homily: Father Frank Brennan AO ALL WELCOME

Pastoral Care Skills courses coming up in Deakin Parish. The Bishop's Certificate

in Pastoral Care Skills. Saturday 10th March – Listening;

Saturday 17th March – Visiting the Sick and Visiting the Bereaved.

The venue: St. Luke's Deakin; Time 9.30am for 10.00am start.

Cost \$40 for each day. telephone Margaret Wheelwright on 0425 231 477.

Prayer of the Day (Collect)

God of all times and places,

in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross,

you opened for us the path to eternal life:

grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit,

may joyfully serve you in newness of life

and faithfully walk in your holy ways;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

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

one God, now and for ever. Amen

International Women's Day:

PAMELA DENOON LECTURE: DAME CAROL KIDU MP, PAPUA NEW

GUINEA NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

Thursday March 8th at {7.30 for} 8pm

Venue: Theatre 2, Manning Clark Centre, Union Court, ANU

Dame Carol Kidu "Sex, women and the 21st Century in Papua New uinea"

Pregnancy is the greatest killer of teenage girls in the world. Girls in PNG

are particularly vulnerable as hospital births are rare.

If you are using EFT giving. Fred has books of giving slips which can be used to put in the collection.

Bibles are wanted for St Philip's Care and Robin's ministry. Preferably hard cover large print, but any can be used.

CAMRA program for this year is on the web site.

from Project Noah and The Ash Wednesday Declaration: "Professor Mary

Grey puts it: "For Christians, the themes of this statement — joy,

repentance, hope, justice, and so on — are not optional: they are at the

heart of our identity as Church. We will encounter them in the form of a

question when we face God's judgement: 'What did you do to cherish my

creation in its hour of danger?'"

A Stove for the Solomon Islands



Last year St Philip's raised money for a stove for a women and children's refuge in the Solomon Islands. Beryl Gowty organised this with Lilian Sauni the Grant Coordinator of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community in Honiara.

Lilian writes:

The sisters "put the stove in the new leaf house next to the custom kitchen and really thank you and your church for donating it to them. As you know it has been wet over the last couple of weeks and in their area it becomes swampy and hard to find firewood. The stove has really

helped them ... the sisters also are teaching the mothers how to bake and often bake sweet bread for the kids. They can't say thank you enough.

Lilian bought a stove and two medium sized gas cylinders (light enough for the sisters to lift). ... she might buy them baking trays with the remaining money as she saw they did not have any there. (and use it for gas refills as well).

Thank you Beryl and Lilian for organising all of this! More photos on the notice board.



Sister Doreen and Sally in front of the new gas stove.