

## Prayers

**Ecumenical Cycle:** Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

**Anglican Communion:** The Church of the Province of Uganda The Most Revd Henry Orombi Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala

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

St George's Anglican Life Centre, Pearce: Stephen Pickard, Intentional Interim Priest (in Episcopal Orders), 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 (Locum), 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. (Ann Munro and her work at Anglicare)

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

**We remember and give thanks for:** Athol Horace Barratt (d.9/9/04)

**Saints and celebrations:** Hildegard of Bingen, abbess, spiritual writer (d.1179); John Ramsden Wollaston, priest & missionary of Western Australia (d.1856); John Coleridge Patteson, first bishop of Melanesia, martyr (d.1871); Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist & Martyr (21<sup>st</sup> Sept)

*from Linda*

Did you see the closing ceremony of the (para) Olympics? We were told by the President of the international para olympic committee... A four year old was being read a story "Treasure *somethingorother*"... shown a picture of one of the characters, In a big hat, a parrot on his shoulder, an eye patch *and* a wooden leg." Mum asks: "what is this man?" (expecting to hear 'pirate') Young boy looks intently, points to the wooden leg and says: "He's an ATHLETE!".

I like to use the prayer "Give us new eyes for seeing"... seems to me this second lot of Olympics in London did just that!



# St Philip's Come & See

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2012

**8am** Eucharist

**10am** Eucharist

**1pm** Dinka Service

**Readings:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 2:18-26; Mark 8:27-38

**10am Hymns:** 111, 349, 599(ii), 351

### Today

<b>10am</b>	flowers:	Kerry-Anne Cousins
	Presiding & Preaching	Rebecca Newland
	Liturgical Assistant	
	Musician	Colin Forbes
	Readers:	1 <sup>st</sup> Louise McKay
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Fred Anchell
	Sidespeople:	Grace Barnes & Peter Andersson
	Welcomer:	
	Chalice Servers:	Grace Barnes & Tim Gowty
	Children's Ministry Helpers	
	Morning Tea:	Rebecca & Stephen Palethorpe & Family

"Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it." *Mark 8:35*

Mission focus for September – Christian Care Centre, Solomon Islands  
(women's & children's refuge)

**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 116:1-9

- 1 I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:  
the voice of my supplication;
- 2 Because he inclined his ear to me:  
in the day that I called to him.
- 3 The cords of death encompassed me,  
the snares of the grave took hold on me:  
I was in anguish and sorrow.
- 4 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
'O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me !'
- 5 Gracious and righteous is the Lord:  
full of compassion is our God.
- 6 The Lord preserves the simple:  
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- 7 Return, O my soul, to your rest:  
for the Lord has rewarded you.
- 8 For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death:  
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.
- 9 I will walk before the Lord:  
in the land of the living.

## Next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Jeremiah 11:18-20 and Psalm 54; James 3:1-12; Mark 9:30-37

Rosters:	flowers:	Jeannette McHugh
10am	Celebrant: & Preacher:	Rebecca Newland
	Liturgical Assistant:	Ruth McGorman Mann
	Musician	Colin Forbes
	Bible Readers:	1 <sup>st</sup> Linda Anchell 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ashton Robinson
	Sidespeople:	Louise & Matthew McKay
	Welcomer:	
	Chalice Servers:	Grace Barnes & Tim Gowty
	Children's Ministry Helpers	Rachael & David Tscharke
	Morning Tea:	Sarah Barnes & Margaret Woodbridge

## Diary

Saturday 22 September at 7.30pm CAMRA's *Saturday nights @ St Philip's Schubertiade* (further details & bookings [www.camra.asn.au](http://www.camra.asn.au))

Sunday 30 September Creation Sunday  
in October High Tea & Harmony (6<sup>th</sup>) and a Garage Sale (20<sup>th</sup>)!

## This Week @ St Philip's

- Monday:** St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre
- Tuesday:** 10am-12 noon Play Group
- Wednesday:** 8am Morning Prayer  
10am: Eucharist  
Parish Council
- 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

Items for the Pew bulletin and names for the Prayer list (add or remove), please forward to Linda by Thursday. [lindafrd@pcug.org.au](mailto:lindafrd@pcug.org.au) 6236 3227  
If you would like to receive the bulletin by email every week email Linda too.

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Rector: Rev'd Rebecca Newland  
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

## **Accommodation needed.**

A Dinka parishioner, Ruben Aleer, is in need of accommodation for his wife and baby son. He studies full time at Canberra University and works part-time. His wife and child live with family in Sydney and they very much want to be together. He is on the waiting list for ACT housing accommodation but has been told this will take years to be finalised. Ruben is also the pastoral care and youth coordinator for the Dinka congregation. If you have any ideas as to how we may assist Ruben please contact Rebecca on 0450 960 089.

## JOIN THE TEAM THAT CHANGES LIVES

There are many within our parishes who have the capacity and commitment necessary to provide care for our Canberra community's most vulnerable children. The Anglicare Foster Care Program in partnership with the Australian Childhood Foundation is looking for people who are interested to *change lives and transform our community*. Please join us at one of the following (no RSVP needed):

Tuesday <b>18 September 2012</b>	Anglicare Club 12/25 Cnr Cooyong St & Scotts Crossing, City ACT 2601	6.30pm
Wednesday <b>19 September 2012</b>	Belconnen Community Centre, 26 Chandler St ACT 2616	7.00pm
Thursday <b>27 September 2012</b>	Gungahlin Community Centre, 47 Ernest Cavanagh Street ACT 2912	6.00pm
Thursday <b>19 October 2012</b>	Tuggeranong Community Centre, 245 Cowlshaw St Greenway ACT 2900	6.00

### **SU (Scripture Union) ACT's Zone 40 Adventure Camp**

If you're in years 3-6 and want to spend four days camping, doing adventurous activities and learning more about God and Jesus, then Zone 40 is for you!

When: October 2-5, 2012

Where: Wee Jasper (we travel by bus from Canberra)

Cost: \$250 (early bird & family discounts apply) If the fees make it difficult for you to attend, please call the office to discuss what you can afford and we'll do our best to help you to come to camp. We can provide a Registered Child Care receipt if requested.

Register online at [www.suact.org.au](http://www.suact.org.au)

Adventurous activities may include abseiling, caving, bush walking, night wide games, rafting, canoeing and archery. If you have questions about the camp, you can contact the camp director, Hannah Looby, on 0409-225-612 or at [zone40@sucamps.org.au](mailto:zone40@sucamps.org.au)

## **RECTOR'S LETTER:**

Dear Friends,

I thought I would take this opportunity to fill you in on some of the things that have been happening in the parish recently. Very importantly at youth group the week before last my team won the straw tower building competition. Against the clock, not knowing each other very well, with the barest minimum of physics knowledge, the all girl team built the highest tower. It fell over almost immediately after the judging. Youth group went on to discuss the wonderful topic of love. The insight and honesty of the young folk was inspiring. If you know of any young people who you think may like to come along Friday 7.00 pm during school term please invite them along. I am very grateful to the team who run the youth group - Alistair, Alison and Ross Davidson. I just turn up, play games, sing songs and be inspired! The Tuesday morning mum's and bub's group is up and running. I am continuously surprised by how our church can be used so creatively for fellowship and care. It is also comfortable. The last time I was at the group I found laying on the floor and watching toddlers play to be very restful! Andrea de Vaal Horciu runs the group and is a very experienced youth and children's minister. Again if you know any mum, dad or carer who you think would like the opportunity for some friendship and care then please invite them.

Last Saturday the Rev'd Robin Moore and I ran a liturgy workshop for the worship leaders of the Dinka congregation. The Rev'd Cath Holt helped me prepare in the weeks leading up to the event. We spent the afternoon going through the very practical aspects of leading worship. It was a very enjoyable afternoon. Everyone threw themselves into the spirit of the day and we learnt a great deal from each other. Some hilarious moments were had as we practised reading and voice projection. I learnt more about what church life is like in Sudan. One piece of information was that because of the long civil war, the poverty and the lack of resources communion is only celebrated when there are 20 or more people. This is to save bread and wine. How different their worship is from ours when it is the lack of the very basics in life that prevent the celebration of the Eucharist. How much do we have to be grateful for in this place when we can break out the bread and wine for any occasion - church or otherwise. Working with the Dinka people is a joy and a privilege and I thank everyone from both congregations for their graciousness, commitment and willingness to change as we build relationships and learn from each other.

Our building project is moving along. The enthusiasm and support parish council have had from the whole parish and beyond is simply fantastic. Support in encouragement. Support financially. Support in prayer. We are now going through the complex and slow task of obtaining approval to build, the DA from the ACT government. We have engaged an architectural firm to lead us through all the complexities. They work with government to hopefully get us over the line. Then we need to get diocesan approval! Please continue to pray for the team and the project.

There are people away from the parish travelling overseas. I think I can speak for everyone by saying we miss them and look forward to their return! Also some folk

are absent due to illness. For privacy and confidentiality reasons we do not announce who is sick and what is happening in people's lives and the prayer list is only a small indication of who is in need. There are folk in the parish who are sick or challenged in some ways or dealing with life changes and family issues. Life is both beautiful and messy as we all know. Please keep the people of St Philip's in your prayers and hearts even if you do not know a name! On the issue of pastoral care we are almost ready to 'launch' the new pastoral care team. Watch this space!

And an invitation - for many many months I have been meaning to gather a group of people to consider our planning framework. A lot has happened since we developed the frame but it has been bubbling away in the background helping inform decisions and directions. However before I go on leave in October and before the end of the year I would like to revisit the plan and makes sure we are on track. With all the changes, building, new initiatives it is important that we have a sense of common purpose and direction. There were many good things and ideas that came out of the process and I do not want to loose momentum or the ideas! Next Saturday, the 22nd of September, I am holding a lunch meeting to discuss the next steps. Members of parish council, the original planning team and parish clergy will be there. Anyone else from the parish is very welcome. The more breadth and depth of experience and insight the better! Please let me know by this coming Wednesday if you are coming for catering purposes. Once I know numbers I can confirm the venue!

Finally, many people ask me 'how the house is going'. It is still going - slowly. The plan is that we have the house to lock up by the end of the year or early next. David then pulls down the construction site fence, locks the door and moves back to Canberra. We will finish the house over the next - oh? 20 years or so! It will be wonderful to have David back in O'Connor permanently.

There is so much to be grateful for as we 'live the love of Christ' in this place - the wonderful music at special services, like Taizé, the opportunity to worship in safety and abundance, the commitment and dedication of people, the courage and graciousness of brothers and sisters on the journey and of course the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Have a blessed week  
Peace and love  
*Rebecca*

#### **a note from Bishop Stuart: Marriage Services.**

"As you know, in the diocese of Canberra and Goulburn we use the authorised forms of service found in the BCP (where the words "obey" and "serve" are used [though not in the '28 option]) *and* principally the two services in APBA. In these services the word "submit" does not appear.

We are not promoting or using the Sydney service in any of our parishes. As media coverage of Dr Jensen's comments have been broadcast across our regions you may like to advise parishioners that whilst we recognise the role of the Metropolitan, we are a sovereign diocese within the Province of NSW and will not be using the Sydney material."

## **KEY POINTS FROM SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The mission project for September is the ABM Solomon Islands Christian Care Centre which provides emergency care for women in crisis and their children.

On the building project:

- Surveyors have been working on the building project paperwork and initial discussions with ACTPLA will take place next week.
- An application to incur debt will soon be lodged with the Diocesan Finance Committee.
- The Pledging Appeal well exceeded its minimum target - thanks to the wonderful generosity of parishioners. Pandora's has also made a significant pledge towards the project costs.
- We have now received written advice from Anglicare of its \$25,000 grant for the building project subject to the necessary approvals being obtained.
- We have also been successful in our bid for an ACT Community Support and Infrastructure Grant and will receive \$30,000 on a dollar for dollar basis.
- However, estimated costs for the project have increased and are still being clarified.
- The current estimate on timing is that it will take until the end of November at least to secure all the necessary approvals.
- If this timeline holds, it should be possible to hold a Parish meeting for a final decision on the building project in December.

The Parish Roll is being updated with the aim of a new publication in November. It will be the first Parish Roll to include the Dinka congregation.

A pre-Twilight Fair Garage Sale will be held on Saturday 20 October from 8am - 12 noon and a pre-Fair Working Bee will be held on Saturday 27 October from 9am - 12 noon.

If you do not have a job at the Twilight Fair yet, please put your name down on the board in the church or speak to a Parish Council member. The Fair is an important annual stewardship event for the Parish and a major occasion for outreach to the local community.



## Twilight Fair

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2012 3pm-7pm

*55 days to go! Are you getting ready???*

Things you might like to do this week:

1. Spring has sprung, so enjoy some time in the garden potting, propagating, dividing and sowing for our **Garden Stall**.
2. Pop a couple of good quality, non-perishable treats into your shopping trolley for the **Gourmet Food Hamper Raffle**. Leave in the big picnic basket at the back of the church. Raffle tickets will be on sale soon.
3. Remember the board at the back of the church... We need lots more names to fill the vacancies on each stall.

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*"A Schubertiade is an event held to celebrate the music of Franz Schubert"*

Come and experience a varied collection of chamber works, including the "Fantasy in F minor" for piano four hands and "The Shepherd on the Rock" for Soprano, Clarinet and Piano.

at St Philip's Anglican Church, cnr Macpherson and Moorehouse Streets, O'Connor

**Saturday, 22 September 2012 at  
7.30 pm**

**Tickets: \$35 / \$30**

*Refreshments available from Food@St. Philips*

**Book online at [camra.asn.au](http://camra.asn.au) or phone 0406 375 051**

In the latest Anglican News (3-D) there is an article on Palestine written by our very own Patricia Abbott. (again, see the Diocesan Home Page, <http://www.anglicancg.org.au> on the right hand column (at the top) and on that pdf document go to page 23.)

I add some paragraphs below; do read the whole article.

Anglican News (3-D) September 2012 Page 23

### **Can Christians speak Hope into an unholy situation?**

Hebrew scriptures and particularly the Prophetic texts hold together a loving God's often angry demands for compassion and justice.

by Patricia Abbot

"...When dealing with Palestine and Israel, Christians are especially challenged to move beyond mere words or prayers alone, and grapple with the question of how to be a real and productive part of justice, peace and human flourishing for all people in the Holy Land. Faced with the challenge to understand why there is an on-going conflict, it can be easier to fall back into political rhetoric, than to struggle to understand life for Palestinian people living in the 46th year of Israeli military occupation.

...  
The Wall, which Israel claims to be for security, actually doubles the length of Israel's border with Palestine, annulling any rationale of security.

Seven hundred and eight kilometers long, 85% of the Wall is built on Palestinian land reaching up to 22 kilometres into the West Bank. The Wall has gouged nearly 10% of the West Bank and the land taken is the best and most productive Palestinian farmland. Up to 351,000 Palestinians live in limbo on the Israeli side of the Wall.

...  
In the holy city of Jerusalem alone, over 160,000 Palestinians living under Israeli occupation and administration, have no reliable or legal access to a water network. Yet within view, Israelis living in settlements built on stolen Palestinian land, fill their swimming pools and water their lawns.

UN documentation shows that Israel enjoys an average of 240 litres of water per person per day, while Palestinians access an average of only 40 litres per day. The WHO minimum for health and wellbeing is 100 litres per day."

Patricia finishes the article saying:

"To speak hope and to act with courage, wisdom and ongoing responsibility is the least that Christians can do for the most vulnerable of people living in the land we call Holy."

## **ABM Solomon Islands Christian Care Centre**

This project needs \$24,000 in 2012.

42% of women in the Solomon Islands reported experiencing physical and/or sexual partner violence in the last 12 months (Solomon Islands Family Health and Safety Study, 2009).

This project aims to support the large number of women who are regularly effected by violence.

The Christian Care Centre is run by the Sisters of the Church and the Sisters of Melanesia and provides the only women's refuge in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

The work of the Christian Care Centre is well known internationally, and the sisters have developed a reputation for good quality emergency care for women in crisis and their children.

The Centre provides support and accommodation for women and children who are victims of domestic violence and is open to families of all races and religions.

Sometimes the Centre is overcrowded with families, some with up to eight children, who sleep in the twenty rooms there. The Sisters provide counselling and activities for victims, and give them a safe haven with beds and food.

Currently there is a need for sewing machines and materials for teaching the women sewing skills for themselves and their families. This will help build their confidence after the trauma of family violence as well as give them some economic power.

There is also a broader need for the development of training modules in gender-based violence counselling, of both victims and perpetrators.

Once training modules have been developed, the sisters and community workers will be able to ensure that counselling skills can be taught not just to workers at the Centre itself, but to community workers in more remote parts of the country. This will enable the centre to spread its work around the islands and help even more women.

Please support this project and help the women in the Solomon Islands who are threatened by violence so regularly.

Donations to this program are tax deductible.