

Welcome to St Philip's

The Anglican Church of St Philip's O'Connor, Canberra, ACT, Australia
We are delighted you are here (especially visitors on the web!)

Visitors are welcome to receive Holy Communion

At 10.00am Communion bread is administered first, then the small cup for intinction (dipping). The two common cups for sipping follow.

Services on Sunday: 8am and 10am Eucharist, Wednesday HC 10am

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Sunday 16th July 2006
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



8am Eucharist
10am Eucharist

The service begins on page 119 of the Green Prayer book

Readings:

- 2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19
- Psalm 24
- Ephesians 1: 1-14
- Mark 6: 14-29

Organist/Pianist: Colin Forbes
Hymns (Together in Song): 333, 158, 107, 161

Food for food parcels may be placed in the basket! With thanks!

Dear Everyone,

Our vision statement is a great summary of what we at St. Philips hold dear and what we would like to see happen in our little community. We see the statement each time we walk through the front door — or maybe it is hidden by our welcomers busy making the statement a reality! It says

The vision of St. Philip's is to be a caring, Christian community which honours and embraces difference, and offers a place to celebrate and grow spiritually in the Anglican tradition.

There are many parts to this vision and I thought I would spend a bit of space in the bulletin over the next few weeks pulling it apart and helping to keep it in our minds. What is a vision? What is the difference between an ideal and a vision? An ideal is defined as a concept that is regarded as a standard or model of perfection or excellence. An ideal sounds as if it is something unattainable, always out of our grasp. It is also something that we can begin to worship in and of itself. We can be tempted to worship our ideals and they can turn into ideologies.

A vision on the other hand is about seeing. It is about what comes into view when our eyes are turned in some direction. Vision can also incorporate the notion of imagination. In fact to truly see involves our memory, insight and imagination. A vision takes us beyond ourselves, beyond our ideals and beyond our limitations. Isaiah said that without a vision the people die. We need our vision to direct our gaze, keep our focus and stop us getting side tracked, to keep us alive, looking and listening!

Some people say that Jesus was an idealist. Perhaps he was, yet I see more of the visionary in Jesus. He was someone who saw a much bigger picture than anyone else. He could keep that picture in his mind and impart it to others. If he was an idealist, his ideals never became his God and never limited the possibilities of his vision. A vision should take us beyond ourselves and into the realm of God's Kingdom.

I wonder what part of the St. Philips vision calls to you? What would you need to help you understand it more? How can you help make the vision become more and more real? I'd love to know your

answers to any of those questions!

It is important to know what visions we are working with. It is important to know what ideals we are worshipping. I suspect if we are living out of a truly God centred vision we will not fall into the trap of coercing other people to follow our ideals. There always seems to be news of coercion of one type or another in front of us. I am sure all our hearts go out to the people of Mumbai and to the people of Israel, Palestine and Lebanon.

May a vision of compassion, peace and justice be in our leaders hearts and minds.

Have a great week everyone
Peace and Blessings
Rebecca Newland

Weekly Offering/Income needed to operate our Parish \$1455 per week

(excluding rental income)

Offerings received 9th July 2006: \$\$753 + EFT \$400 = \$1153 Shortfall of \$302

Notices

Twilight Fair 3pm - 7pm 11 November 2006
118 days to go! Please see the notice board today for current details.

St Philip's Young Families "Play and Chat". This Saturday 22nd July, 3pm - 6pm in St Philip's Kindergarten & playground. Please bring a small plate of finger food & drinks to share. Start at 3pm with afternoon tea and finish with a sausage sizzle by 6pm. A great opportunity for families with young children to catch up, however, everyone in the parish is welcome to come along.

Child Protection Workshop

St John's Reid, Tuesday the 18th and Tuesday the 25th of July, 6:30 to 9:30 pm each night. If you still need to do the Diocesan mandatory child protection workshop please consider putting the above workshop in your diary. The parish will cover the cost of the workshop and if you need a baby sitter please contact Rebecca to arrange some help.

St. Philip's Parish Day

Saturday the 29th of July 9.30am to 4pm

This year's parish day is to be held at Chris and Roger's property at Burra. There will be one structured session and the rest of the day will be devoted to enjoying the peace and quiet, the surrounding bushland, the view and great company. If there are enough children there will be

some children's activities. If you are intending to come could you please let Rebecca know.

Gospel Service

After the success of the last Gospel service that incorporated black American Gospel music, the liturgy team has decided to hold a similar service once a term.

The next one is to be held on the 20th of August. The theme is "Christ brings light." Invite all your friends! Tell your workmates! The music is wonderful and the energy fantastic.

Reading Reflections

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12.00pm a time has been set aside for a look at the day's readings. It is a time to reflect more deeply on the readings, to share with friends and to build faith and community.

Exploring Pilgrimage

At St Johns, Canberra 6.00pm In the Parish Hall

A combined service with Canberra Baptist, Basement Ministry and St Johns Canberra Sunday, 23rd July - Pilgrimage of Peace with Donna Mulhearn Donna Mulhearn was part of the human shield movement during the war in Iraq. She later returned as a humanitarian aid worker to set up a shelter for street kids in Baghdad and assist homeless families. She is a former journalist and political adviser who is now an independent writer and speaker on non-violence, spirituality and politics. Parish contact details: 6248 8399

Ministry teams at St Philip's

Team

Pastoral
Maintenance
Youth and Children
Liturgy
Social

Co-ordinator

Denise Manley
Roger Sharpe
Richard Wade
Rebecca Newland
Ann Munro



WE PRAY FOR:

The World: For peace and stability in Palestine and Israel, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Solomon Islands, East Timor and Nepal, and for justice in Myanmar. For all refugees. For unity between all Christians and Christian churches.

In Australia: For wisdom for Australian authorities dealing with Asylum Seekers. (See the [Refugee Action Committee](#) web site) For Aboriginal communities and for reconciliation.

Northbourne Community Centre: For Robin and her helpers, and those who attend the centre.

Those in need of healing: Michael Cockayne, Roy Ayrton, Tony Kildea, Beryl Collins (Denise's mother), Corey Jansen, June Axelsen, Jill Scott, Yoko and Jutaro Murase, Val Reeves, Ian Wright, Guy Lucas, Linda Kennedy, Ruth Horn, Sarena, Merv McInnes, Mira Barratt, Zana, Michael Ellis, Roger Sharp.

The Saints: Mary Magdalen

On the web: [Anglican Cycle of Prayer](#) and the [Diocesan Cycle of Prayer](#)

THIS WEEK

- **Monday to Wednesday** 8.30am Morning Prayer, 5pm Evening Prayer
- **Tuesday** 10.30am Kankinya Holy Communion
5:30 - 6:30pm: Christian Meditation
- **Wednesday** 10am Holy Communion
- **Friday** Rebecca's Day Off
- **Friday** 10am - 1pm Pandora's Open — Joan Kerridge & Meg Colwell
- **Saturday** 10am-1pm Pandora's Open — Fiona Dyer

SUNDAY 16th July 2006 8.00am & 10.00am Eucharist

Readings:

- 2 Samuel 7: 1-14a

- Psalm 89: 21-38
- Ephesians 2: 11-22
- Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Rosters:

Cleaning: volunteers needed!

Flowers: Jeanette McHugh

Readers:

8am: Shane Woodburn

10am: 1st Fred Anchell, 2nd Linda Anchell

Sidespersons:

8am: Ian Rischbieth

10am: Helen Palethorpe, Brian McKinlay, & James Kim

Morning Tea

10am Ann Munro

Children's Ministry

10am

Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a
love affair.
Gilbert K Chesterton.

Pandora's income: \$427.55 (Reserved for future development of the Parish & Pandora's)
Please take a pewsheet home and pass one on to someone else.

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