



St Philip's *Come & See*

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY SUNDAY 29 January 2012

8am & 10am: English language Eucharist
1pm: Dinka language Service

Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111,
1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28

Psalm 111:

- 1 O praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart:
in the company of the upright and among the congregation.
- 2 The works of the Lord are great:
and studied by all who take delight in them.
- 3 His deeds are majestic and glorious:
and his righteousness stands for ever.
- 4 His marvellous acts have won him a name to be remembered:
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
- 5 He gives food to those that fear him:
he remembers his covenant for ever.
- 6 He showed his people the power of his acts:
in giving them the heritage of the heathen.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just:
and all his commandments are sure;
- 8 They stand firm for ever and ever:
they are done in faithfulness and in truth.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people,
he ordained his covenant for ever:
holy is his name and worthy to be feared.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and of good
understanding are those that keep his commandments:
his praise shall endure for ever.

10am Music:

Hymns: 188, 253, 61, 210

Today

Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Rebecca Newland
Rosters: Flowers: Leighton, Ruth and Zara Mann
8am: Bible Reader:
Sides people:
10am: Liturgical Assistant: Tracy Barralet
 Musician: Fiona Fraser
 Bible Readers: 1st Helen Palethorpe, 2nd Erika
Langman
 Sidespeople: Hardy Palethorpe, Grace Barnes
 Chalice Servers:
 Morning Tea:

Our Prayers

Ecumenical Cycle: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden; give thanks for a witness for justice and peace that may become a strong example to the rest of the world.

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Burundi. The Most Rev'd Bernard Ntahoturi Archbishop of the Province of Burundi & Bishop of Matana

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: 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;

Order of St Luke: Pastor Ken Perrin & Gillian Varcoe; Religious education in schools and parishes; Education for Ministry Diocesan Coordinator: Michael Richards; Confirmation Preparation: Confirmation candidates, the Catechumenate and Alpha programs

Pray for: Outreach and ministry amongst youth.

Those in need: Jean Pound, Meg Colwell, Michael Sawyer, Claude Woodbridge, Pat Forbes.

We remember and give thanks for: Stanley R. Morton (d.31/1/99); Jean Olivette Cousins (d.31/1/87); Clara Madge "Clare" Baker (d.30/1/03); Douglas Benjamin Hobson priest (d.1/2/69 second rector of St Philip's); Gudrun Else Whalley (d.2/2/2000); Sydney Henry Bovis (d.3/2/93); Harry Victor Cousins (d.3/2/1974)

Saints and celebrations: Charles, King of England (d.1649); The Presentation of Christ in the Temple; First Anglican Service at Sydney Cove, conducted by Richard Johnson, 3rd Feb 1788; Anskar, missionary bishop in Sweden (d.865)

From the Rector

Dear friends,

I came across a quote this week for which I don't have the original source but it goes like this: "Jesus did not take something out of us to make us good. He made us aware of something inside.....truth, love, forgiveness". I think this is how growing in our Christian journey works. Yes, we need to identify those things that we would identify as 'sins', that is those things in us that we perceive separate us from God. Another quote says that "bad habits and compulsions cannot be conquered by determined resolutions or by promising ourselves that we won't go on doing this or that. They cannot be rooted out.. they must be replaced with their opposites". What Jesus does is make us aware of the goodness and possibilities inside of us. He draws them out with his love, compassion and forgiveness. As we practise these same qualities we do the same for those near to us. In this way the light of Christ shines in the world.

Have a blessed week,
Peace and love,
Rebecca

Next Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23,
Mark 1:29-39

Rosters:	Flowers:	Kerry-Anne Cousins
8am:	Bible Reader:	Volunteer
	Sides people:	Volunteer
10am:	Liturgical Assistant:	Ruth McGorman-Mann
	Bible Readers:	1 st David Tucharke, 2 nd Jack Adams
	Sidespeople:	Roger Sharp, Sally Adams
	Chalice Servers:	Tim Gulliver & Denise Manley

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Dinka Language Congregation Leader: Daniel Duot Deng
Hon. Deacons: Rev'd Linda Anshell & Rev'd Robin Moore (St Philip's Care)
Hon. Associate Priests: Rev'd Jeannette McHugh, Rev'd Steve Clarke (Director of Mission & Justice, Anglicare)
Wardens: Helen Palethorpe, Ian Cousins & Roger Sharp

20th Anniversary of Delay in Women's Ordination to Priesthood

2 February 2012 is the 20th anniversary of a significant day in the life of this diocese and the National Church. On that day 11 women deacons were not ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Owen Dowling, following a Supreme Court of NSW injunction preventing him from doing so. As a consequence, by the end of 1992, women had been ordained to the priesthood in most dioceses across Australia. All are warmly invited to an evening of recognition of the courage and perseverance which made this possible, and a celebration of the ordained ministry of women across the country since that day. The evening will consist of a celebratory Eucharist and 'bring-and-share' dinner at St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn, commencing at 6.00pm. A plaque commemorating the ministry of Bishop Owen will be placed in the Cathedral at this time. Everyone most warmly welcome. For more information please contact: Archdeacon Susanna Pain (0418 637 469) or the Reverend Canon Gill Varcoe (0400 757 991).

New Parliamentary year — 7 February 2012

Invitation from the Parliamentary Christian Fellowship
We extend a warm invitation for you to attend the 2012 Ecumenical Service to commemorate the commencement of the Parliamentary sittings for the New Year.

The service will be held on Tuesday, 7 February 2012 at St Paul's Anglican Church, corner of Captain Cook Crescent and Canberra Avenue, Manuka. The event will commence at 7.30am and conclude at approximately 8.20am.

Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (President),
Mr Paul Neville MP (Secretary)

Women in Black

The Women in Black will be standing in vigil at this time (7th Feb 7.30am) at the Melbourne Ave (rear) entrance to Parliament House (until about 8.30)

**Gambling Reform: comments by the Right Revd Stuart Robinson,
Anglican Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn, 25 January 2012.**

On this scale of analysis, there are some bright spots in what the Gillard Government announced this week.

I do believe the Government should be congratulated for their commitment to introduce "a \$250 daily withdrawal limit from ATMs in gaming venues (excluding casinos) by 1 February 2013" and "Electronic warnings and cost of play displays on poker machines by 2016".

Over the past year one criticism of the Government is that their focus on poker machines ignored the growing problems around online betting. So another welcome aspect of the package is that Government will extend pre-commitment to online betting services.

Nevertheless, what the public debate often ignores or misses is that the old "one armed bandit" is dead. I am advised that the modern poker machine is a sophisticated piece of computer technology designed to maximize revenue by nurturing addiction. This scenario does demand a counter-technology that will help protect the most vulnerable.

Many Anglicans are rightly disheartened that both sides of politics have stepped away from this level of comprehensive reform of the gambling industry in Australia. The Gillard Government rejected the \$1 bet limit proposal from the beginning. Yet the Commission has pointed out that there are so-called high intensity poker machines which encourage people to lose scandalously high amounts of money in a short period of time as they chase their losses. As a result, the Commission recommends that all machines have a \$1 bet limit, with \$20 restrictions on the amount a player could feed into the machine. This would bring average losses per machine to \$120 for an hour.

With the Liberals appearing to be less than enthused by both of the Commission's key recommendations, Anglicans and other people of faith who believe that gambling reform is long overdue must make this a matter of prayer *and* correspondence with their elected representatives in Government.

+Stuart C & G.

see the bishop's full letter on the notice board or the parish web site:



New Rosters out now

If you didn't receive an email last week, please pickup a copy of the new Roster from the Foyer &/or advise Leighton of your email address.

We are still looking for more volunteers to be **Welcomers**, please advise Leighton. 61617133 or Leighton.ruth@grapevine.com.au

Prominent Sydney neurosurgeon, Charlie Teo, delivered this year's prestigious Australia Day address at the NSW Conservatorium of Music. In it he denounced racism in Australia, and called on politicians to be more compassionate towards asylum seekers.

'I believe Australia has a moral and social obligation to demonstrate a higher level of kindness to and acceptance of refugees,' he said. 'I don't know how this may be achieved but I certainly know both sides of the political fence are floundering.'

Items for the Pew bulletin and names for the Prayer list (add or remove), please forward to Tracy & Linda by Thursday 12 noon.
stphil@grapevine.com.au or 6161 7334 & lindafrd@pcug.org.au 6236 3227

Notices

Lenten Studies “For Love of the World”

This 5-session study uses the Gospel readings set for 2012 Lent. The pressing environmental and humanitarian issues brought about by climate change and the need for a Christ honouring response is the motivation behind these studies. These studies are focused primarily on our hearts connection to the earth, other creatures, each other and our Lord. Each study begins with considering a destructive pattern that we either engage in communally or individually followed by a suggested spiritual practice that we can put in its place. There is a picture to reflect upon and a number of questions to prompt discussion.

Tuesday's 7:30pm and Friday's 1pm in Lent
Sign up sheet at the back of the church
For more information please see Rev'd Rebecca.

Spiritual Formation Group

Our first meeting will be on 1st February, 7:30pm in the rectory. At the meeting we will discuss the plan for the group for the year, a short introduction to the bible as a whole and choose which book to study. For more information contact Rev Rebecca.



This Week @ St Philip's

Monday: St Philip's Care @ Northbourne
Community Centre – including lunch

Wednesday: 10am: English Language Holy Communion
7:30pm: Spiritual Formation Group at Rectory

Friday: 10am – 1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor – OPEN

Saturday: 10am – 1pm: Pandora's @ O'Connor – OPEN
10.30am: Holy Communion @ Kankinya Aged Care

Nominations for Parish Councillors and People's Wardens. Forms are at the back of the church. Please put completed forms in the NOMINATIONS AGM box.

St Philip's Diary

Annual reports deadline Sunday 5 February to Rebecca or stphil@grapevine.com.au

Liturgy meeting Sunday 5 February after 10am service.

Ash Wednesday 22 February

2nd February 20th Anniversary of the non ordination of Women Priests. St Philip's was an important centre for the Movement for Women's ordination *more details previous pages.*

Ordination of Deacons, St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn
11am, Saturday 25 February

St Philip's Annual General Meeting
Sunday 26 February after 10am service