This coming week @ St Philip's

Monday St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre

- including Lunch

Thursday 10am Holy Communion

Friday 10am - 1pm **Pandora's** Pre-loved Fashion

7 – 8.30pm **St Pip's Youth Group**

Saturday 10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion Holy Communion @ Kankinya

Sunday 8am Holy Communion Sunday 10am Holy Communion

Prayer Points

<u>For those in need</u>: Barbara Dowley; Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge.

<u>Those we remember</u>: Carola Parke (19/7/2012); Dot Mayo (22/7/02); Merv McInnes (22/7/2011); Michael Gamble (24/7/97); Portia Vincent (26/7/1990); Ellen Mahony (29/7/00).

For Next Sunday - Tenth Sunday after

Pentecost

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson Reader & Readings

Tim Woodburn Shane Woodburn: Hosea 1.2-10; Colossians 2.6-19

Liturgical Assistant

10am Holy Communion

Flowers Welcomer

The Flower Roster Ladies
Presiding & Preaching
Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon
Helen Palethorpe
Liturgical Assistant
Elizabeth Allinson

Organist Elizabeth Allinso Sidespeople

Colin Forbes Brian McKinlay & Hardy Palethorpe

Chalice Readers & Readings

Denise Manley & Volunteer Brian McKinlay: Hosea 1.2-10

Jarrah Palethorpe: Colossians 2.6-19

Morning tea: Ann Munro & Helen Palethorpe

Pewsheet deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to pewsheet@stphilipsoconnor.org.au or 0414 309 469



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Sunday 17 July 2016

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 409, 691, 626 & 596

Ladies Mantle will sing Introit: *If the Lord Buildeth Not Thy House* – JS Bach Communion: *When Jesus Wept* – William Billings & *Dona Nobis pacem* – Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Recessional: Celtic Alleluia - O'Carroll & Walker, arr. Harrison

Sentence

In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength.

Isaiah 30.16

Prayer of the day

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest: amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Today's Readings

Amos 8.1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1.15-29; Luke 10.38-42

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster Ladies

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Sidesperson:; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader:

David French;

10am Welcomer: Erika Langman; Sidespeople: Peter Andersson & Kerry-Anne Cousins; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical Assistant: Brian McKinlay Music: Colin Forbes; Bible readers: Ann Munro (OT), Kerry-Anne Cousins (NT); Chalices: Tim Gulliver & James Kim; Morning Tea: Jan Gulliver & Volunteer.

Psalm 52

1 Why, you that are powerful, do you boast all the day long: of mischief done to those that are faithful to God?

2 You contrive destroying slanders:

your tongue is like a sharpened razor, it cuts deceitfully.

3 You have loved evil, and not good:

to tell lies, rather than to speak the truth.

4 You love all words that may do hurt:

and every deceit of the tongue.

5 But God will destroy you utterly:

he will snatch you away and pluck you out of your dwelling, he will uproot you from the land of the living.

6 The righteous shall see it, and fear:

they shall laugh you to scorn, and say,

7 `Here is one who did not take God for strength:

but trusted to the abundance of riches, and found strength in slander.'

8 As for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God:

I will trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.

9 I will always give you thanks, for this was your doing:

I will glorify your name before the faithful, for it is good to praise you.

From the Locum Tenens Rector Psalm 52

What is our enduring security, wealth and power?

The first part of the Psalm (1-4) addresses the "mighty one" (1), who is mocked as a wicked liar, peddling abuse and perversion. The idea of 'mighty one' might be best rendered in modern English as "big shot", big man", or "big operator". "Why do you boast about evil, O man of ruthless evil? Don't you see that the covenant love of God lasts forever (1)?" In other words, security can be sought in evil or in God's everlasting love. Evil means plotting destruction, ruin, literally creating a yawning abyss for others to fall into. This is done with a razor sharp tongue (Proverbs 18.12), creating deceit and treachery (Psalm 101.7). Speaking truth or literally righteousness has no part in his language; the big shot takes great pleasure words that will devour others i.e. words of aggressive and destructive accusation.

Verse 5 tells in three word pictures of the end of the mighty one. He will be demolished like an unwanted building, he will be snatched from all his comforts and securities and he will be uprooted like an unwanted tree.

His end will provoke awe and laughter which is not malicious joy (forbidden in Proverbs 24.17) but relief that God still rules and evil does not (6-7). The end of the mighty one warns the faithful about not walking in his footsteps and trusting in material wealth; God's steadfast love alone lasts.

The person who lives life trusting the steadfast love of God grows into a precious fruitful olive tree (one of the most valuable trees in Canaan) producing abundance and joy for others (8-9). In the psalmist's life this comes to expression in thanksgiving, worship and proclamation of the everlasting love of the LORD.

The enemy of Israel is not external but lies in a society where evil is lauded as good, where conspiracy and destruction rule, where speech is used like razors, where falsehoods become truth, evil becomes good and harmful words become healing. And all this long before George Orwell! It is a society where wealth is lauded, praised as security and power, and where destroying others is seen as strength. By contrast the flourishing life is one lived in the presence of the unfailing love of God. This is true security, wealth and power.

Colin

PRAYERS

We pray for our children and young families. We pray we find someone to minister to them and we give thanks for the opportunities we have in this Parish. **Amen.**

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will love and care for us all, who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen**.

God of mercy, we know that you remember the homeless, the destitute, the disadvantaged and those who have no-one to care for them. In our efforts to minister to their needs we thank you for the ministry of Revd. Robin Moore at Northbourne Community Centre and we pray that you will guide us to secure funding in this time of great financial stress. For Jesus' sake. **Amen**.

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 Please do not put wet wipes or anything other than toilet paper into the toilets as the sewerage system is fragile with tree roots causing frustratingly frequent and expensive blockages for both the kindergarten and us. Thank you.

St Philip's Calendar

http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php

Friday 29 July 5–7pm **Happy Hour** – Lamerton Centre

Theme: Christmas in July
Sunday 14 Aug 12-2.30

Home Group – Lamerton Centre

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Diocese of North Queensland:Bishop Bill Ray, Clergy & People **Queanbeyan & District Anglican Church:** Elizabeth Dyke (Peter), James Wood (Gayl Mills (Greg), Mary Thorn, Craig Roberts (Julie-Ann), Ruth Walton (Lee), Marilyn Waind

Community of Celebration & Mary's Place: Michael Cockayne

The Bargain Hunter: Kaye Pritchard and Hazel Wheatley; other Anglican

recycling outlets including our **Pandoras**

Alexander Maconochie Correctional Centre: Chaplain Peta Thorpe

(Garry), Hon Anglican Chaplain Simon Wooldridge (Tessa)

The Anglican School Googong: Ian Hewitt, Principal; Andrea de Vaal Horciu, Chaplain

Pray for: Work amongst needy, unemployed and homeless people of all ages including **Northbourne Community Centre**

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Pandoras *Christmas in July* 23 July. Add some sparkle to your winter and join us for festive-themed refreshments while you browse our special fashion treats in the warm and friendly setting of Pandora's. All Welcome!!!

KEY POINTS FROM JULY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- The Parish has been unsuccessful in its application from Hands Across Canberra for funding for the Northbourne Community Centre program. We are awaiting advice from three local clubs as to whether any funding will be forthcoming and advice of possible funding from ACT Housing. In the meantime Parish Council has decided to provide emergency funding for the program until the end of August.
- Parish Council would value your prayers for a sustainable future for Robin Moore's Northbourne Community Centre ministry.
- Parish Council would value your continued prayers for the appointment of a new Rector and for children's ministry.
- After a month's trial, Parish Council has finalised arrangements with Thu Zar Cleaning Services for weekly cleaning of the church.
- The five year inspection of the Solar Inverter has been completed. Issues that arose with the drains after recent heavy rain are being attended to. There is also work required on the eaves at the two main entrances to the church.
- In addition, there is a blockage of tree roots in the sewer from the church hall and Parish Council and the Kindergarten are addressing the issue.
- The Parish members of the Clergy Appointment Board are continuing to work on behalf of the Parish to find a new rector but the process is unfortunately lengthy.