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 **Saturday** 10.30am **Holy Communion** @ Kankinya

Sunday 8am Holy Communion Sunday 10am Holy Communion

Prayer Points

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

Those we remember: 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 - Eleventh Sunday after

Pentecost

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson Reader & Readings

Volunteer: Hosea 11.1-11; Colossians 3.1-11

Liturgical Assistant

10am Holy Communion

Flowers
The Flower Roster Ladies

Welcomer
Volunteer

Presiding & Preaching Liturgical Assistant

Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

Organist Sidespeople

Colin Forbes Fred Anchell & Volunteer
Chalice Readers & Readings

Hardy Palethorpe & Volunteer David Tscharke: Hosea 11.1-11 Rosemary Knight: Colossians 3.1-11

Morning tea: Rosemary Knight & Volunteer

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



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Sunday 24 July 2016

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 375, 465, 526 & 422

Sentence

Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

Luke 11.9

Prayer of the day

Provident Father, with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips, we ask, we seek, we knock at your door: help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, and so to knock that the door of mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Today's Readings

Hosea 1.2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2.6-19; Luke 11.1-13

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster Ladies – Kerry-Anne Cousins

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn; Liturgical Assistant:; Bible Reader:

Shane Woodburn;

10am Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe; Sidespeople: Brian McKinlay & Hardy Palethorpe; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible readers: Brian McKinlay (OT), Jarrah Palethorpe (NT); Chalices: Volunteers;

Morning Tea: Ann Munro & Helen Palethorpe.

Psalm 85

1 O Lord, you were gracious to your land: you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

2 You forgave the iniquity of your people:

and covered all their sin.

3 You put aside all your wrath:

and turned away from your fierce indignation.

4 Return to us again, O God our saviour:

and let your anger cease from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever:

will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another?

6 Will you not give us life again:

that your people may rejoice in you?

7 Show us your mercy, O Lord:

and grant us your salvation.

8 I will hear what the Lord God will speak:

for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.

9 Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:

and his glory shall dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together:

righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth:

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will also give us all that is good:

and our land shall yield its plenty.

13 For righteousness shall go before him: and tread the path before his feet.

From the Locum Tenens Rector Psalm 85

This is a beautiful liturgical response to Hosea with the themes of repentance and return, hope and forgiveness. The core of the psalm is the promise of peace and salvation promised in verses 8-13 but the song begins with a reminder of God's love and favour from the beginning along with the propensity of the people to fall into idolatry and its consequent injustices (1-3). The reference is to the Babylonian exile. God withdrew his response of judgment over their provocation and reversed everything; intimacy, forgiveness, renewal were theirs again. That was their experience in the past.

In the walk of faith there is always the need for the beautiful prayer of renewal and repentance (4-7) with its heartfelt cry that God return to his people in unfailing love. The writer longs for God's gifts of covenant love and faithfulness and salvation. In the midst of this expressed brokenness and despair the psalmist listens for God's word of renewal and peace, as well as God's protection against any further folly. Restoration, renewal and rejoicing are what the psalmist longs for.

The psalmist affirms that in the midst of brokenness and defeat we can experience we can experience salvation because God's character is love and faithfulness, righteousness and peace (8-13). The psalmist longs to hear the word of God's peace and salvation (8-9) in response to repentance (taking up God's agenda) and leaving foolishness behind.

So abundant is that salvation that it is like lovers meeting and kissing (10) or

like crops in the ground responding to rain (11). Only then will the land find its healing, in the healing of the human heart. Only in establishing what is right in relationships will the land flourish (12-13). The characteristics described in 10-13 are divine attributes that are personified and painted into a beautiful mosaic of how God wants the world and society to express his character. Ecology and character are inextricably linked. Hosea will pursue the same theme. Christians have appropriated this psalm to understand the coming of Christ and his embodiment of the love, salvation and peace the writer held out.

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**.

Notices Please see the website, <u>www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au</u> or the noticeboard in the foyer.

 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.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Diocese of The Murray: Bishop John Ford, Clergy and People

Tumut: Peter Blundell (Jeanette); Rae King, Liz Sloane & Harvey Sloane

Adelong: Ken Day (Janice) (Locum) **Tarcutta:** Ken Day (Janice) (Locum)

South-West Slopes Ministry District (the Parishes of Batlow and

Tumbarumba): Adam Mannion (Jessica)

Mannus Correctional Centre: Adam Mannion (Jessica)

Pray for: Ministry to prisoners and prison officers.

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The ANU Chaplaincy invites you to an evening of discussion Is Australia really a 'post-God nation'?

Was God ever here? When and how did we lose God?

Do these questions matter?

to be led by Roy Williams

Burgmann College chapel, Daley Road, ANU

8.00 p.m. Tuesday 2 August 2016

http://anuchaps.blogspot.com.au/

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.

St Philip's Calendar

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

ALL WELCOME TO THESE ACTIVITIES!

Friday 29 July 5–7pm Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre Theme: Christmas in July
Sunday 14 Aug 12-2.30 Home Group – Lamerton Centre
Saturday 17 Sep 10am-2pm St Philip's Spring Fling