## St Philip's Lenten Calendar

Week Seven: 20 March - 26 March www.stphilipsoconnor.org. au Sonnets for Holy Week by Malcolm Guite, Paintings by Doug Blanchard, Choruses from Bach's St Matthew Passion

#### Prayer Points

For those in need: Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton; Roberta; Margaret

Woodbridge

<u>Those we remember:</u> John Victor Cousins, Mary MacDonnell, Jean Parke, Marjorie Wright, Noel Barratt, John Dimmick, Patrick Bannerman.

Transorie Wright, Weer Barratt, John Birminek, Fathek Barrie

## Next Sunday - Easter Day

7am Holy Communion with hymns

8am - 9.30am Easter Celebration Breakfast - all welcome

10am Sung Eucharist

Readings

Isaiah 65.17-25; Hymn to the Risen Christ; Acts 10.34-43; Luke 24.1-12

Rosters

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins & volunteers Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

**7am** Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson;

Bible Reader: Shane Woodburn

10am Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe; Sidespeople: Kerry-Anne Cousins & Fred Anchell; Crucifier: Leighton Mann; Liturgical assistant: Rev'd Linda Anchell; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible readers: David French (OT), Pat Forbes (NT); Communion Servers: James Kim & Denise Manley; Morning

Tea (breakfast leftovers!): Jan Gulliver & Manjuni Gregory

From Parish Council Thank you to those who are cleaning the

Church and facilities on a voluntary basis. Parish Council is seeking a permanent cleaning arrangement. If you, or you know someone or a company that would be interested, please talk to Roger Sharp.

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Sunday 10 April 12 – 2.30pm Sunday Home Group Wednesday 13 April 7pm Parish Council Meeting Friday 29 April 5 - 7pm St Philip's Happy Hour

Theme: Aussie / ANZAC day. Everyone welcome

Drinks for sale. If you are able, please bring some finger food to share

Sunday 1 May St Philip's Day

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



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Sunday 20 March 2016

Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

10am Music

Hymns: 244, 345(verses 1, 2, 4 & 5), 342 & 141

Sentence

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2.10-11

## Prayer of the day

Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross:

in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with your and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

# Today's Readings

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 22.14 - 23.56

### Today's Rosters

Flowers: Jeannette McHugh & Ethel McInnes Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

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

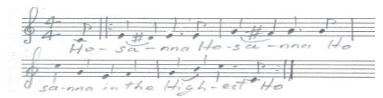
Reader: David French

10am Welcomer: Erica Langman; Sidespeople: Peter Andersson & volunteer; Crucifier: Leighton Mann; Liturgical assistant: Brian McKinlay; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible readers: Fiona Dyer (OT), Tim Gulliver (NT);

Communion Servers: Hardy Palethorpe & Tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Ann

Munro & Geetha Sekhon

#### Hosanna



Hosanna hosanna in the highest

### Psalm 39.9-18



#### Response: I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.

9 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:

my eye wastes away for grief, my throat also and my inward parts.

10 For my life wears out in sorrow, and my years with sighing:

my strength fails me in my affliction, and my bones are consumed. R

11 I am become the scorn of all my enemies:

and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

12 I am a thing of horror to my friends:

and those that see me in the street shrink from me.

13 I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:

I have become like a broken vessel. **R** 

14 For I hear the whispering of many:

and fear is on every side;

15 While they plot together against me:

and scheme to take away my life.

16 But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:

I have said 'You are my God.'  $\boldsymbol{R}$ 

17 All my days are in your hand:

O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.

18 Make your face to shine upon your servant:

and save me for your mercy's sake. R

### From the Locum Tenens Rector

Palm Sunday - Psalm 31.9-18 (31.9-16 NRSV, NIV)

This psalm is one in which expressions of trust alternate with cries of agony over the psalmist's severe plight. It is a psalm in which the psalmist's

chaotic life is played out in the shape of the psalm itself; trust, despair, crying out, trust and terror.

The portion of the psalm we read today reflects all of those sides to this prayer for help. The first five verses (9-13 NRSV, NIV) tell of the psalmist's troubled, chaotic life. The language seems to suggest simultaneously, grief, sickness, depression and persecution, or at least alienation from his or her contemporaries. The image of the broken vessel (12 NRSV) is especially poignant. He has become a complete outsider, like one whose life has ended; he might as well be in the grave.

It seems that because of his trust in God the psalmist is experiencing the pain and alienation that is supposed to be reserved for the wicked. This passage is very close to Jeremiah's suffering because of his prophetic ministry (Jeremiah 20). Like Jeremiah, Jesus' faithfulness to the proclamation of the reign of the God culminated in the cross.

The psalmist, Jeremiah and Jesus, however, all turn over their case to God and trust becomes the dominant motif of their lives. Trust believes the promise of God. It trusts God's steadfast love, it trust God's presence and it trust God's timing. Trust is quite realistic about pain and alienation but they cannot overcome trust. God's steadfast love remains the bedrock for living (14-16 NRSV, NIV)

<u>Question:</u> This psalmist knew the sort of opposition that Jesus and Jeremiah suffered. How can we entrust our lives to God in such situations? What does it mean to live by trust? Why does surrendering oneself to God in Christ cause so much opposition?

Colin

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## This week @ St Philip's - Holy Week

**Today** 1pm Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees,

Garema Place, City

**Monday** St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre

- including Lunch

Thursday 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service:

Footwashing, last supper & solemn stripping of the sanctuary

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

12noon – 3pm Good Friday Service:

12noon Music & Meditation

1pm Reflections

2pm Evening Prayer, hymns & reflection

You can quietly come and go as you need. Refreshments will be available in the Lamerton Centre

Saturday 10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion - CLOSED

7.30pm Easter Vigil:

Lighting of the New Fire & Renewal of Baptismal Vows