## 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 – NEXT WEEK!

Saturday 10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion Saturday 10.30am Holy Communion @ Kankinya

Sunday8amHoly CommunionSunday10amHoly Communion

#### Prayer Points

For those in need: Jenny Sawer; Fay Pankhurst; Sam Mahony; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley. Those we remember: Ted Moore (31/10/03); Marjorie Dixon (2/11/75); Frances Trivett (3/11/88); Keith Sen (4/11/86); Joyce Webster (10/11/10).

## For Next Sunday -

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson Reader & Readings

Rhonda Evans: Isaiah 65.17-25; 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

**Liturgical Assistant** 

10am Holy Communion

Flowers Welcomer
Flower Roster Ladies Davidson Family
Presiding & Preaching Liturgical Assistant

Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

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Linda Anchell
Leighton Mann
Sidespeople

Colin Forbes Brian McKinlay & Manjuni Gregory

Chalice Readers & Readings
Denise Manley & Doreen Odom Ann Munro: Isaiah 65.17-25,

Brian McKinlay: 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

**Morning tea:** Doreen Odom & Family



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



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Sunday 6, November 2016
All Saints Day

10am Music

Hymns: 278, 416, 455 & 351

#### Sentence

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord. 'Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

John 11.25-26

## Prayer of the day

God of all the living, in the resurrection of Christ Jesus you have given us the promise of life which death itself cannot destroy: in the strength of this unshakeable promise, give us a new heart to live, even now, as your creation. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Today's Readings

Haggai 1.15b-2.9; Psalm 145.1-5, 17.21; 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17; Luke 20.27-40

# Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster Ladies – Jo Lloyd

**8am** Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible

Reader: John Girdlestone;

10am Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Roger Sharp; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Denise Manley (OT), Gail Langendorf (NT); Chalices: Denise Manley & Hardy Palethorpe; Morning Tea: Rebecca Palethorpe & Family

#### Psalm 145.1-5, 17-21

1 I will exalt you, O God my king:

I will bless your name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you:

and praise your name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord, and wonderfully worthy to be praised:

his greatness is past searching out.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another:

and declare your mighty acts.

5 As for me, I will be talking of the glorious splendour of your majesty:

I will tell the story of your marvellous works.

17 The Lord is just in all his ways:

and faithful in all his dealings.

18 The Lord is near to all who call upon him:

to all who call upon him in truth.

19 He will fulfil the desire of those that fear him:

he will hear their cry, and save them.

20 The Lord preserves all those that love him:

but the wicked he will utterly destroy.

21 My mouth shall speak the praises of the Lord:

and let all flesh bless his holy name, for ever and ever.

#### From the Locum Tenens Rector

### Psalm 145.1-5, 17-21

Reading this psalm today will bring us up short and may even cause offence in these troubled times. One reading of the psalm is that it calls the people of God to take up the sword in what appears to be a holy war (6-9).

Christians have shown their propensity to do just this down through the centuries sometimes using this psalm as justification, so it is little wonder that some might feel nervous singing this hymn.

We do not know its origins but its use in the exilic period when the Jews were under the yokes of various rulers from Persians to the Romans indicates that it was not a call to arms. The people were powerless and oppressed; serfs who paid taxes to rent their own land.

The psalm begins by asserting that God rules and deserves praise, a theme common to many psalms and one we constantly explore in the Psalter (1-5). God is both Creator and King. Furthermore he takes pleasure in his people. They give him great delight. The human response is song, music, and dancing declaring to the world the delight God's people take in Him.

But to praise God's rule in the present world is counter-intuitive for God does not seem to rule. The godless rule and seek to destroy God's people. Will they be allowed to continue to do so? Will God destroy the merciless, unjust, violent and

powerful who rule the world so that justice and peace can come and reign? Who cares for such things?

The cry of the psalm comes from someone who cares. It was an act of faith that God would judge righteously on behalf of the oppressed and weak. We, too, live in a world that has declared war on the gospel of peace and justice and Jesus has warned us that we should never take up the sword (Matthew 26:52) on behalf of the gospel. But we are still involved in a warfare with injustice and oppression, with the abuse of power and violence.

Perhaps now we can understand the central part the cross plays. That is where God's justice and peace are found and violence and injustice against the weak exhaust themselves in resurrection. If we praise the God of the cross and resurrection then we long for God's rule of justice and peace to come. Our weapon is that good news proclaimed in the Spirit. It is a proclamation of judgment on all corrupt rule in the world.

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.** 

St Philip's Calendar <a href="http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php">http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php</a>

Friday 11 Nov - 7.00pm - 8.30pm - St Pip's Youth Group
PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO HOME GROUP IN NOVEMBER AS
ANN AND DENISE ARE BOTH AWAY. NEXT MEETING IS 11 DECEMBER
Tuesday 15 Nov - 7.00pm - 1<sup>st</sup> Rehearsal for Carol Service
Saturday 19 Nov - 9.30am - 12.00pm - Working Bee - church & grounds
Friday 25 Nov - 7.00pm - 8.30pm- St Pip's Youth Group
Saturday 26 Nov - 10.00am - 1.00pm - Pandora's Festive Fashions -

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Saturday 26 Nov – 5 pm - Thank you Happy Hour - Complimentary drinks to say 'thank you' to everyone who has volunteered throughout the year with all the various tasks & ministries at St Philip's followed by:

Advent Dinner & Concert – 6.30pm – All food provided – for a small cost. BYO drinks. Please put your name on the list in the foyer to indicate how many are coming.

**Sunday 18 Dec** – 7.30pm – **St Philips Carol Service** Nine Lessons & Carols - Rehearsals for the Carol Service are as follows:

Tuesdays 15th, 22nd, 29th November and 6th and 13th December at 7pm in the church, and Saturdays 10th and 17th December at 2.30pm, also in the church. All welcome!!

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