This coming week @ St Philip's

St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre Monday

including Lunch

Thursday Holy Communion 10am

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

> 7 - 8.30pm St Pip's Youth Group

Saturday 10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion Saturday 10.30am Holv Communion @ Kankinva

Sunday 8am **Holy Communion** Sunday 10am **Holy Communion**

Praver Points

For those in need: Sam Mahony; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton;

Roberta,: Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.

Those we remember: Rej Allinson (11/10/02); Rebecca Palmer (15/10/96);

Rob Lamerton (17/10/08): David Reid (22/10/94): Mariorie Sheehan

(23/10/01).

For Next Sunday -

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion 8am

Sidesperson Reader & Readings

Tim Woodburn Shane Woodburn: Joel 2.23-32;

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

Liturgical Assistant

10am **Holy Communion**

Flowers Welcomer

The Flower Roster Ladies Helen Palethorpe

Presiding & Preaching Liturgical Assistant Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

Elizabeth Allinson

Organist Sidespeople

Colin Forbes Brian McKinlay & Hardy Palethorpe

Chalice Readers & Readings

James Kim & Volunteer Fred Anchell: Joel 2.23-32,

Linda Anchell: 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

Morning tea: Manjuni Gregory & Ann Munro

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



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Sunday 16 October 2016

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 560(i), 497, [during prayers 741], 131, 245

Sentence

Will not God grant justice to those who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? Luke 18.7-8

Prayer of the day

Lord, tireless quardian of your people, teach us to rely, day and night, on your care. Drive us to seek your justice and your help, and support our prayer lest we grow weary, for in you alone is our strength. We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 31.27-34; Psalm 11-.97-104; 2 Timothy 3.10-4.5; Luke 18.1-14

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster Ladies

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

Sidesperson:; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: David

French:

10am Welcomer: Erika Langman: Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Peter Andersson; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical Assistant: Brian McKinlav: Music: Colin Forbes: Bible Readers: Geeta Sekhon (OT), David Tscharke (NT); Chalices: Leighton Mann & Hardy

Palethorpe; Morning Tea: Anne Mahony & Geeta Sekhon.

Psalm 119.97-104

97 Lord, how I love your law:

it is my meditation all the day long.

98 Your commandments have made me wiser than my enemies:

for they remain with me for ever.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers:

for I study your commands.

100 I am wiser than the aged:

because I have kept your precepts.

101 I have held back my feet from every evil path:

that I might keep your word;

102 I have not turned aside from your judgements:

for you yourself are my teacher.

103 How sweet are your words to my tongue:

sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your precepts I get understanding:

therefore I hate all lying ways.

From the Locum Tenens Rector Psalm 119.97-104

How will the covenant agreement be written on the human heart? "It (God's teaching, the law) is my meditation all day long." (97.1). Psalm 119 is a prayer for help and song of praise celebrating God's living word at work in the life of the community and the individual. Meditation on God's word has a long history in Judaism and Christianity but we have tended to lose the discipline in more recent times. Sound bites are more to our taste. And perhaps discipline is too austere a word for the expression of joy and even sensuality that permeate the part of the poem.

Loving God's word is like loving God. The love affair with God cherishes God's love letter to us. Why? Because it is a constant source of wisdom and understanding that even the aged and teachers have not acquired (read Jeremiah 9.23-24 as a commentary). It keeps the psalmist from evil and falsity.

God's word is like the most delicious sweet you have eaten and then more! The psalmist is led on a life of love, justice and truth. Could we want more? Scripture is about acquiring practical wisdom in relation to what it is that God requires. It is a life-time study and meditation not to boast of personal intellectual attainments but love God's way and avoid evil.

Question: How often do you meditate on scripture? Is your experience like the psalmist's? Read verses 99-100. There is an implied warning here. What is it? What might it say to us? The reading of scripture is to find practical wisdom. How do you do that in your life?

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

Sunday 16 Oct - St Philip's 2016 International Mission Project - Al -

Ahli Arab Hospital (an ABM project) – see separate sheet

This Sunday 12.30-3.00 **Home Group** – Lamerton Centre.

Friday 28 Oct 5.00 – 7.00pm Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre

Theme: Oktoberfest!

Friday 28 Oct - 7.00pm - 8.30pm- St Pip's Youth Group

Sunday 1 Nov - All Saints/All Souls rememberance/celebration.

Saturday 26 Nov – 10.00am – 1.00pm - **Pandoras Festive Fashions** – more info on website.

Saturday 26 Nov – 5 pm - Thank you Happy Hour followed by Advent Dinner. – more later.......

Sunday 18 Dec - 7.30pm - St Philips Carol Service Nine Lessons & Carols - Save the date!!

EGGS FOR SALE -

"Fresh, local, free range "Farmer Brown" eggs are now for sale at \$7/dozen from Palethorpe's front verandah at 34 Hakea Crescent in OÇonnor. You will find them in an esky on the verandah of Helen and Hardy's house with a money box attached to the adjacent plant stand. Just take your carton of eggs and leave \$7 in the money box. You will love them! Call 0402 840 834 if you have questions."

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Bob Slockee from **AUSTRALIANS TOGETHER** will be giving a presentation at St.Simon's Anglican Church, Georgina Crescent, Kaleen on Thursday 20 October @ 7.30pm. Bob is a Walbunja man who will share his story on how the loss of identity and culture has impacted his life.

Come and learn about the shared story of Indigenous and non-indigenous Australians and how we can take everyday actions to make a difference in our nation.

For more information please contact the Reverend Tracey Matthews on 0415804035

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Key Points from October Parish Council Meeting

- There is no further information at this stage on the likely arrival date
 of Rev. Martin Johnson and his wife Susan. He is going through the
 process of terminating his employment with the Army and they are
 both very much looking forward to making the move to St. Philips.
- The ACT Government has committed to provide funds to support Rev. Robin Moore's Northbourne Ministry over the next year. Funding is expected to be received very shortly. This is a great relief to Robin (and Parish Council) and represents significant community recognition of the value and impact of her ministry.
- Parish Council has decided to participate in the 2016 National Church life survey which the Parish has not done for a number of years. The survey will be held during November and more details will be provided in the pewsheet. The results should be useful for the Parish as it focusses on the future and especially for our new Rector.
- Work continues to proceed in the Rectory. Permission has been received to remove the large Chinese elm tree in the Rectory backyard as it presents a structural risk to the house.
- A big thank you from Parish Council for those who assisted at the Rectory Working Bee on Saturday 8 October. The last Working Bee on the Rectory garden and Church garden and interior will be held before Advent from 0930 to 12 noon on Saturday 19 November.
- At its December meeting, Parish Council will consider the next two year cycle of mission projects – local, national and international – for recommendation to the 2017 AGM. Any suggestions for projects for 2017 and 2018 should be passed to one of the Wardens.

AL-AHLI ARAB HOSPITAL

The Al-Ahli Arab hospital is run by the Anglican/Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and provides a tangible witness to the love of Christ in action. As part of the many services it delivers to the residents of the Gaza strip, Al-Ahli provides a Child Nutrition program for vulnerable families.

According to a recent cross sectional study conducted by UNICEF and Vienna University, 29% of children in the Gaza strip suffer from stunting, as a result of malnutrition. Around 31% also suffer from anaemia, with levels of iron and zinc reportedly at critically low levels in these children.

Many more children are underweight, and suffer deficiencies in vitamin A, E and D. These problems were made more acute by the war in July 2014, which necessitated the closing of borders, restricting access to food and basic goods, and the loss of many livelihoods in the economic collapse that followed.

During her visit in 2013, ABM's Programs Director, Julianne Stewart, was able to visit the hospital and speak with the hospital staff. They spoke of the children, the families and the challenges of the context in which they all live. They displayed incredible faith despite these difficulties, citing that they wished to be "living stones" for God's service, demonstrating His compassion and love to all who come.

The Child Nutrition program seeks to alleviate the suffering of these children, and provide support to families struggling to cope. Throughout the course of three months, children are given a complete medical assessment by an expert Pediatrician and a program for nutritional support is developed. The hospital provides the necessary supplements and monitors the children for signs of improvement.

Your support of this project will make an enormous difference in the lives of the most vulnerable members of the Gaza strip.