

This coming week @ St Philip's

Monday	St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre - including Lunch
Tue – Fri	8am Morning Prayer
Tue – Fri	5.30pm Evening Prayer
Thursday	10am Holy Communion
Friday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion
Saturday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion
Saturday	10.30am Holy Communion @ Kankinya

Prayer Points – by Elise Palethorpe

For those in need: Barbara Dowley; Linda Anchell; Sam Mahony; Chris Hudlass; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge.

Those we remember: Jyo Sen (2/8/94); June McKinlay (2/8/04); Mary Reid (6/8/94); Toby Grahame (6/8/12); Michael Sawer (8/8/14).

For Next Sunday – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

Volunteer

Reader & Readings

Rhonda Evans Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28;

Romans 10.4-15

Liturgical Assistant

Elizabeth Allinson

10am Holy Communion

Flowers

The Flower Team

Presiding & Preaching

Rev'd Martin Johnson

Crucifer

Organist

Colin Forbes

Chalice

Doreen Odom & Hardy Palethorpe

Morning tea:

Welcomer

Davidson Family

Liturgical Assistant

Linda Anchell

Leighton Mann

Sidespeople

Jan & Tim Gulliver

Readers & Readings

Fred Anchell: Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28

Fiona Dyer: Romans 10.4-15

Doreen Odom & Beryl Blaseotto



St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 6 August 2017

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Family Service

10am Music :

Hymns: 183, 429, 675 & 665

Prayer Responses : Dominic Lloyd

Recessional: Joseph Lloyd

Sentence

The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all that fear him, hears their cry, and saves them. Psalm 145.18-19

Prayer of the day

O God, giver of life and health, whose Son Jesus Christ has called us to hunger and thirst for justice: refresh us with your grace, that we may not be weary in well-doing, for the sake of him who meets all our needs, Jesus Christ our Saviour: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Genesis 32.22-31; Psalm 17.1-7, 16; Romans 9.1-8; Matthew 14.13-21

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team. **The flowers today are in loving memory of Mary Reid, Linda Anchell's mother and a member of St.Philip's parish.**

8am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: John Girdlestone.

10am Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Roger Sharp;

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

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty; Servers: Zara Mann & Beth Adams; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Jack Adams (OT), Noah Palethorpe(NT); Offertory: Ingrid Lloyd & Volunteers; Chalice: Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Rebecca Palethorpe & Family.

Psalm: 17.1-7, 16

- 1 Hear my just cause, O Lord, give heed to my cry:
listen to my prayer, that comes from no lying lips.
 - 2 Let judgement for me come forth from your presence:
and let your eyes discern the right.
 - 3 Though you search my heart, and visit me in the night-time:
though you try me by fire, you will find no wickedness in me.
 - 4 My mouth does not transgress, like the mouth of others:
for I have kept the word of your lips.
 - 5 My steps have held firm in the way of your commands:
and my feet have not stumbled from your paths.
 - 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will surely answer:
incline your ear to me, and hear my words.
 - 7 Show me the wonders of your steadfast love, O saviour of those who come
to you for refuge:
who by your right hand deliver them from those that rise up against
them.
- 16 And I also shall see your face, because my cause is just:
when I awake and see you as you are, I shall be satisfied.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

I mentioned recently that we seem rather shy to talk about heaven. We live in very secular minded communities and I guess for many of us going to church is not something that we share freely with our colleagues at work, with those whom we socialise, even our families. What this tends to do is to create an environment whereby there is a move to extremes in talking about heaven or miracles or other matters of faith. I see movements in two directions: the Literalist or the Reductionist approaches. Neither are completely satisfactory.

Today's gospel is one of Matthew's accounts of the feeding of the multitude; it appears in all the gospels - twice in Mark and Matthew. It was clearly an important story in the life of the early church. What I see with the way these accounts are dealt with is movement in one of those two directions. Some folk hold to a completely literal reading of the story, this is what happened ...believe it or not! Others want to take away any sense of the supernatural and say things like - well of course the miracle is that someone was prepared to share what little they had and others then shared and bingo all

were fed - reductionism. I think we need to find a better way between these two approaches.

Clearly Jesus did not want to be thought of as a miracle worker, that is clear in Mark's gospel (Mark 5:43). Jesus is reticent to perform miracles - when he forgives the sin of an individual, and the Pharisees complain that only God can forgive sins, Jesus says, well in that case take up your bed and walk! (Mark 2) It is also significant that when there is indifference towards Jesus' message there are no 'miracles.' (Mark 6:5-6) This is not some kind of magic.

The feeding of the multitude was initially read by communities that were beginning to develop around the act of the Eucharist. By the time that John's gospel was penned this Eucharistic connection has become explicit. In all the accounts Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives the bread, the words used in Eucharistic rites since the earliest days. The bread is his sacramental presence for all - there are baskets left over; it can never be exhausted.

Our debates on how or what happened miss the point. Jesus is for everyone - there is a sense in the feedings we have ethics, politics, economics, theology etc at play, in Jesus there is always enough....of everything. I hope that our families enjoy today's Eucharistic sharing!

Blessings, **Martin**

St Philip's Calendar

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

Today See separate sheet **National Mission Project**

ABM Youth Engagement Across the Top End

Wed 9 7pm **Parish Council** - Lamerton Centre

Sunday 13 12.30pm - 3pm **Home Group** - Lamerton Centre

Friday 18 7pm - 8.30pm **St Pip's Youth Group**

Friday 29 5pm- 7pm **Happy Hour** - Lamerton Centre

Significant birthdays & Anniversaries

ST PHILIP'S SPRING FLING - Sat 14 Oct, 10am - 2pm

As we start to plan the Spring Fling, we are needing people to co-ordinate following stalls: the Bar, BBQ (sausage sizzle) & Books. Please see Leighton with any further questions and offers of help (Leighton 0418 686033). Thank you.

Pandoras Christmas In July Vintage Fashion Event was very successful and a fun event. We raised \$1,400, which will go to our special projects including Karinya House, Home for Mothers and children in crisis. All our thanks to those who donated time, refreshments, items to sell and came on the day. We couldn't do it without you! Pandoras.



AUSTRALIA: YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ACROSS THE TOP END REMOTE COMMUNITIES

This is part of the

Reconciliation Program:

Youth Engagement Program: in 2017 the program needs \$44,000.

Saint Philip's O'Connor parish has pledged \$1,500 (approx. 3.4%)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people account for less than three percent of Australia's population but they make up more than half of all children in juvenile detention in this country.

In 2016, the mistreatment of youth detainees at Darwin's Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre was revealed by Four Corners and led to a Royal Commission. The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC) has called for more to be done to care for and support our nation's children, to prevent them from ever getting into the prison system in the first place.

In the Northern Territory, churches are praying and struggling for answers as they desire to build a deep engagement with young people in their local communities.

The Diocesan Ministry Development Team is committed to working alongside current and emerging leaders in remote communities to equip the Church for ministering with children and youth. Gatherings, like workshops, allow participants to learn from one another and share their successes across the isolated communities of Arnhem Land and the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Throughout Australia, ABM provides grants to help the Church with initiatives which engage young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Your gift to this project will support the Church in loving, listening to and working together with young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people