

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

For those in need: Ruth Durie; Sam Mahony; Chris Hudlass; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.
Those we remember: Thelma Morton (15/8/93); Donald Brown (17/8/88); John Gamble (22/8/93).

For Next Sunday – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

8am	Holy Communion
Sidesperson Tim Woodburn	Reader & Readings Shane Woodburn: Exodus 1.8-2.10 Romans 12.1-8
Liturgical Assistant	Elizabeth Allinson
10am	Holy Communion
Flowers The Flower Team	Welcomer Volunteer
Presiding & Preaching Rev'd Martin Johnson	Liturgical Assistant Brian McKinlay
Organist Colin Forbes	Sidespeople Louise & Matt McKay
Chalice Denise Manley & Volunteer	Readers & Readings Denise Manley: Exodus 1.8-2.10 Pat Forbes: Romans 12.1-8
Morning tea:	Candace & Kenny Sheppard



St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 20 August 2017

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music :

Hymns: 207 (t 84), 448, 473 & 469

Sentence

Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.'

Isaiah 56.1

Prayer of the day

God of freedom, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Genesis 45.1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11.13-32;
Matthew 15.21-28

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

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

10am Welcomer: Erika Langman; Sidespeople: Peter Andersson & Kerry-Anne Cousins; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Rosemary Knight (OT), Kerry-Anne Cousins (NT); Chalices: James Kim & Volunteer; Morning Tea: Rosemary Knight & Ann Munro.

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

Psalm: 133

- 1 Behold how good and how lovely it is:
when families live together in unity.
- 2 It is fragrant as oil upon the head, that runs down over the beard:
fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron, that ran down over the collar
of his robe.
- 3 It is like a dew of Hermon:
like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.
- 4 For there the Lord has commanded his blessing:
which is life for evermore.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

The issue of the Holy Land remains in our time a seemingly intractable problem. It is an issue that I approach with reticence because of the incredible depth of feeling that it generates but I believe that an approach from the Christian tradition is the only way forward. The parties are still engaging in tit for tat retribution and there is no ending to such a way. What is occurring in the Holy Land is sinful because sin damages others but it also damages the sinner; that is what sin is!

We as Christians are intimately linked in the issue of peace in the Holy Land and must be engaged in the search for reconciliation. Jesus was Jewish and his mission was initially to the people of Israel, we saw that writ large today in the gospel reading in which he encounters the Canaanite woman. What a wonderful encounter it is as Jesus is reminded that his ministry is extending far beyond the bounds of the chosen people. His renown is spreading and even those outside are beginning to feed from him, even if the food is falling from the table of the chosen ones. It is reminiscent of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman - another outsider. He tells her the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. There is no doubt that our heritage is a Jewish one.

But it has been fascinating to take the journey of the Patriarchs over these past weeks. Last Sunday, Joseph, after being dumped in a ditch by his brothers is taken away by a bunch of Ishmaelite's. These are the Arab folk from whom the Islamic people find their connection with the patriarch Abraham. In a strange way Joseph finds his way to Egypt through these folk and it will be from there that the great story of our salvation begins.

The lesson is that we cannot separate out these factions or endeavor to take sides. Through our heritage we are intimately linked to the parties who lay claim to the Holy Land and we must be the peacemakers; that is our calling. So much of the peace that we yearn for is caught up in this dispute, we

must continue to pray for peace in Israel and work towards being the leaven in the lump and the light that shines in darkness.

Blessings, **Martin**

St Philip's Calendar

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

Today 12.30pm – 3pm Home Group – Lamerton Centre
Friday 25 5pm- 7pm Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre

Significant birthdays & Anniversaries

ST PHILIP'S HAPPY HOUR – last Friday of each month, 5 - 7pm
Happy Hour is an informal gathering to catch up with and get to know your fellow parishioners. Come along any time between 5 & 7pm. Drinks for sale (EFTPOS available). If you are able, please bring some finger food to match the theme. If you can't bring food, come anyway!

Everyone welcome - Come and See!

This month – Friday 25 August, we'll be celebrating major birthdays & anniversaries, so if you are having a ?0 birthday or major anniversary in 2017, please let Leighton or Denise know so we can include you.

Friday 1 7pm – 8.30pm St Pip's Youth Group
Sunday 3 10am Family Service
Sunday 10 12.30pm – 3pm Home Group – Lamerton Centre
Wed'day 13 7pm Parish Council – Lamerton Centre
Friday 15 7pm – 8.30pm St Pip's Youth Group

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

For the next few weeks we are collecting items for our Gourmet Hamper Basket, which is raffled at the Spring Fling. Non-perishable food items gratefully received.

We are still looking for people to co-ordinate either the BBQ (sausage sizzle) or the Bar & Tapas. Thank you to those who have already volunteered their services. Please see Leighton with any further questions and offers of help (Leighton 0418 686033).

Treasurer's Report to the Parish

At the end of July income (\$83,000) is slightly up on budget (\$80,000). Thank you to everyone for their generosity in giving and participation in church fundraising activities. Expenses (\$90,000) are down on budget (\$93,700) however we have some big bills coming in for winter electricity, repairs and renewal of the fascia boards of the church and church hall.

The rectory is almost complete – we have some final touches to the garage roof to complete - so the Parke bequest is able to be maintained at the level agreed to at the AGM.

Pandora's continues to contribute to special Parish needs as well as many outreach missions.

Shane Woodburn

Treasurer