

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
Saturday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion
Saturday	10.30am Holy Communion @ Kankinya
Sunday	9am Holy Communion

Prayer Points

For those in need: Sam Mahony; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.

Those we remember: Jean Pound (26/1/14); Clare Baker (30/01/03); Jean Cousins (30/1/87); Stanley Morton (31/1/99); Doug Hobson (1/2/69); Gudrun Whalley (2/2/00); Syd Bovis (3/2/93); Harry Cousins (3/2/74); Nancy Ingle (9/2/61); Alison Done (10/2/53).

For Next Sunday -

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

8am	Holy Communion
Sidesperson Vicki Luker	Reader & Readings Rhonda Evans: Deuteronomy 10.12-22; 1 Corinthians 3.1-9
Liturgical Assistant	
10am	Holy Communion
Flowers Flower Roster Ladies	Welcomer Davidson Family
Presiding & Preaching Rev'd Martin Johnson	Liturgical Assistant Linda Anchell
Crucifer Alison Davidson	Sidespeople Louise & Matt McKay
Organist Doreen Odom & volunteer	Readers & Readings Fiona Dyer: Deuteronomy 10.12-22, David French: 1 Corinthians 3.1-9 Doreen Odom & Family
Chalice	
Morning tea:	



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Sunday 5 February 2017 *Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

10am Music

Hymns: 246, 465, 626 & 342

Sentence

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5.16

Prayer of the day

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be a light that shines in the world: let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 58.1-9a; Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2.1-13; Matthew 5.13-20

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster Ladies

8am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson

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

10am Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Jack Adams & Fred Anchell; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks; Music: Sally Adams; Bible Readers: Jack Adams (OT), Linda Anchell (NT); Chalices: Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Rebecca Palethorpe & Family

Psalm 112

- 1 O praise the Lord. Blessed are they that fear the Lord:
and greatly delight in his commandments.
- 2 Their children shall be mighty in the land:
an upright race who will be blessed.
- 3 Riches and plenty shall be in their house:
and their righteousness shall stand for ever.
- 4 Light arises in darkness for the upright:
gracious and merciful are the righteous.
- 5 It goes well with those who act generously and lend:
who guide their affairs with justice.
- 6 Surely they shall never be moved:
the righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not fear bad tidings:
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
- 8 Their hearts are confident and will not fear:
they will see the downfall of their enemies.
- 9 They give freely to the poor:
their righteousness stands for ever, their head is uplifted in glory.
- 10 The wicked shall see it and be angry:
they shall gnash their teeth and consume away; and the hope of the
wicked shall fail.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Last month Prof Hugh Mackay gave the Gandhi oration at the University of New South Wales. His topic: "The state of the nation starts in your street." It is worthwhile reading in its entirety for while it does not touch directly on matters of faith or religion, it resonates very deeply with the gospel that we proclaim. The oration begins by extolling the virtues of our nation, its natural beauty, its environment, its egalitarianism and successful multi-culturalism. It is, he says, remarkable!

But he goes to describe a darker side of our nation one in which there is rising under-employment, poverty, mental illness, mistrust in our institutions and leaders, he mentions the decline in respect for the institutional church and for our political establishment.

At one point he says: I believe Mahatma Gandhi might have had something to say about all this. I suspect he would have wanted to remind us that if we lose our capacity for unconditional compassion, if we lose sight of our true nature as members of a society – and if we focus too much on our own wants, our own entitlements and our own gratifications, with little regard for the needs and wellbeing of others, there will be an inevitable threat to our mental health.

MacKay does not offer a complicated answer to the problems of our communities, indeed he offers a very simple response: You don't know your

neighbours? Try knocking on the door and introducing yourself. Become the kind of person who is always alert to the possibility that someone needs your help or attention. Join a local book club or a community choir; participate in a community garden; play a team game with a local club; become a regular at your local café. In other words, engage. Be there. And don't worry about how you're feeling about any of this – whether being kind to people is making you happy. That's not why you're doing it. If you're looking for something to worry about ... worry about whether you gave someone your undivided attention when they needed it – whether you really listened, or just pretended to. Worry about whether you apologised quickly enough – and sincerely enough – when you wronged or offended someone; whether you forgave someone readily enough when they wronged or offended you; whether you were there when someone – perhaps even a total stranger – needed your encouragement and support. If enough of us start living as if this is the kind of society we want it to be, that's the kind of society it will become. He quotes Gandhi.... 'You may never know what results come of your actions but if you do nothing, there will be no results.' MacKay has perhaps unknowingly paraphrased some of the central teaching of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus never suggests grand plans he calls us to be the leaven in the lump in our community, to be the salt and light, he speaks of faith the size of a mustard seed. This is our calling, let us pray that our community can indeed be one of nurture and cohesiveness.

Martin

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.**

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*St Philip's Calendar* <http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

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| <b>Sunday</b> 5 Feb,<br><a href="mailto:rector@stphilipsoconnor.org.au">rector@stphilipsoconnor.org.au</a> .                                                                                     | <b>AGM Reports due electronically to</b> |
| <b>Sunday</b> 12 Feb, 12.30-3.00pm                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Home Group, Lamerton Centre</b>       |
| <b>Friday</b> 17 Feb, 7 – 8.30pm                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>           |
| <b>Sunday</b> 19 Feb, after 10am                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Liturgy Group Meeting</b>             |
| <b>Friday</b> 24 Feb, 5 – 7pm                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Happy Hour, Lamerton Centre</b>       |
| <b>Sunday</b> 26 Feb, after 10am                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>St Philip's AGM</b>                   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> 1 Mar,<br>• Details of Lenten Study times and resources next week.<br>• Pastoral Care Group and Children's and Young Folk's ministry meetings: details will be advised shortly. | <b>Ash Wednesday. Services tba</b>       |
| <b>Saturday</b> 1 Apr, 9am – 1pm                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>St Philip's Autumn Market!!</b>       |

**Lachlann Forbes Moncrieff (Lachie) was born on 28 January (both in England and here!) and weighed 9lb 2oz. All well!! Enormous thanks to everyone who attended the Baby Shower on 21 Jan.**

# Saturday 1 April, 9am – 1pm

## Stalls:

**Garage sale**

**Baked goods, preserves, produce & plants**

**Pandora's with extra specials**

**Breakfast BBQ/sausage sizzle**

**Morning tea**

## Donations needed

- Please sort out any items you may like to donate to the Garage Sale – household items, books, anything! Please bring them to St Philip's on either Sunday 19 or 26 March or on the day. Please remember we cannot sell electrical appliances.
- Contributions will be greatly appreciated for the produce stall: Baked goods, preserves, surplus produce & plants.

## Help required

- Lots of helpers needed on the day, from 7am setup through to 1pm for pack up. Even just one hour would be great. Tasks include: unpacking and displaying garage sale items, selling, packing & cleaning up.
- Looking for a person(s) to co-ordinate the Baked goods, preserves, produce & plant stall.

Spaces available if you would like to run your own stall or car boot stall.

Further details and info from:

Leighton, Autumn Market Co-ordinator

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*This is the first of our two annual events where we invite the wider community to "come & see" and also raise funds for the Parish.*

*You'd be a fool to miss it!*

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