

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
Sunday	11.15am St Philip's AGM Lamerton Centre

Prayer Points

For those in need: Sam Mahony; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.
Those we remember: Howard Done (25/2/87).

For Next Sunday –

Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

Tim Woodburn

Reader & Readings

Shane Woodburn: Isaiah 49.8-16a
1 Corinthians 3.18-4.5

Liturgical Assistant

10am

Holy Communion

Flowers

Flower Roster Ladies

Presiding & Preaching

Rev'd Martin Johnson

Organist

Colin Forbes

Chalice

Volunteers

Morning tea:

Welcomer

Helen Palethorpe

Liturgical Assistant

Elizabeth Allinson

Sidespeople

Jan & Tim Gulliver

Readers & Readings

Tim Gulliver: Isaiah 49.8-16a
Denise Manley: 1 Corinthians 3.18-4.5
Anne Mahony & Geetha Sekhon



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Sunday 19 February 2017

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

10am Music

Hymns: 432, 136, 674 and 433

Sentence

Your Father in heaven makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Matthew 5.45, Luke 6.36

Prayer of the day

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart, and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's Readings

Leviticus 19.1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119.33-40; 1 Corinthians 3.10-17;
Matthew 5.38-48

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster Ladies

8am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson

Sidesperson:; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: David French
10am Welcomer: Erika Langman; Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty;

Music: Ros Dalziell; Bible Readers: Gail Langendorf (OT), Denise Manley (NT); Chalice: Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Rosemary Knight & Ann Munro

Psalm 119.33-40

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes:
and I will honour it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, that I may keep your law:
that I may keep it with my whole heart.
- 35 Guide me in the path of your commandments:
for therein is my delight.
- 36 Incline my heart to your commands:
and not to selfish gain.
- 37 Turn away my eyes from looking on vanities:
as I walk in your way give me life.
- 38 Make good your promise to your servant:
the promise that endures for all who fear you.
- 39 Turn aside the taunts that I dread:
for your judgements are very good.
- 40 Lord, I long for your precepts:
in your righteousness give me life.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,
Lent will shortly be upon us. We shall have a celebration of Shrove Tuesday in the Courtyard on Tuesday 28 February 2017 starting at 5.00pm. Come along when you can and enjoy a Pancake; some games will be planned for the youngsters. Please bring along any Palm Crosses you have and we will burn them in preparation for Ash Wednesday. On 1 March Ash Wednesday will be marked with Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at 7.00pm; so begins our Lenten journey together. Our pilgrimage began in Advent, when patiently and prayerfully we waited for the celebration of the Saviour's birth, it is a season of restraint, despite the busy-ness of the world around us. Christmass was celebrated with great joy, it is a time to feast, and gather and more than ever be aware of the Christ in our midst. The Sundays after Epiphany gave us the opportunity to ponder who exactly it is who has been born, the Christmass Candle and Crib kept our focus. This changed at Candlemas when we turned from the crib to the cross, we heard the words of Simeon who proclaimed that Christ would be a light for all, but he warned Mary that a sword would pierce her soul, with these words we began to consider our journey to the cross. Having considered the person of Jesus we can understand the authority with which he speaks. The last few weeks we have heard Jesus the prophet speak to those gathered on the Mount of Beatitudes, we have considered what is that we are being called to, it is demanding, challenging. Criticism is the mark of the prophet, but never without hope.

This year is the year of Matthew, year A; however during Lent we will be hearing from John's gospel. In the ancient Church Lent was a time for the Catechumens to prepare for their baptism at the Easter Vigil. They would hear the story of Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus who questioned what it might mean to be born again of water and the Spirit. They heard the story of Jesus with the Samaritan women at the well and Jesus telling her that the water he gives will be a spring

gushing up to eternal life. They then heard of Jesus' encounter with the blind man and his coming to faith, and finally the story of the raising of Lazarus. We too will ponder these accounts at the Eucharist during Lent as we prepare to renew the promises of our baptisms.

Alongside our journey with John we will be studying a Lent course together. Called 'Receiving Christ in 5 different ways' it continues our themes in the parish, who is this who has come, what are we called to do, can we have a relationship with God and God's Christ. The five week course begins on 5 March; there are two opportunities to attend – a session will follow the 10.00am Eucharist on Thursday and a second session will be held at 7.00pm also on Thursdays. The course is introduced by men and women from differing Christian traditions, it has an ecumenical focus. All are welcome, if you have friends from another church please encourage them; the cost of the course booklet is \$5.00. I hope that together we can journey through Lent as so be ready to feast again at Easter as we celebrate the Passion and the Resurrection of Jesus. Let us pray for a joyful Lenten season.

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> | 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, 11.15am    | <b>St Philip's AGM, Lamerton Centre</b> |
| <b>Friday</b> | 3 Mar, 7 – 8.30pm  | <b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>          |
| <b>Sunday</b> | 12 Mar, 12.30pm    | <b>Home Group, Lamerton Centre</b>      |
| <b>Friday</b> | 17 Mar, 7 – 8.30pm | <b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>          |

**Tuesday 28 Feb, 5pm** **A Shrove Tuesday family gathering will be held in the Courtyard. Come along and enjoy some Pancakes, bring some mixture and a sweet or savoury filling. Some games will be organized. Bring last year's palm cross (if you can find it) for making of the Ashes for next day!**

**Wednesday 1 Mar, 7pm**

**Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes.**

- Pastoral Care Group and Children's and Young Folk's ministry meetings: details will be advised shortly.

**Saturday 1 Apr, 9am – 1pm**  
**separate sheet.**

**St Philip's Autumn Market!! See**