

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
Tuesday	5.00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancakes
Wednesday	7.00pm Ash Wednesday Eucharist
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: Sam Mahony; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.

Those we remember: Howard Done (25/2/87); Merryn Bannerman (5/3/85); Daphne Hall (5/3/95).

For Next Sunday – First Sunday in Lent

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

John Girdlestone

Reader & Readings

John Girdlestone: Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7
Romans 5.12-21

Liturgical Assistant

Elizabeth Allinson

10am Holy Communion

Flowers

Flower Roster Ladies

Presiding & Preaching

Rev'd Martin Johnson

Organist

Colin Forbes

Chalice

Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver

Morning tea:

Welcomer

Denise Manley

Liturgical Assistant

Sarah Gowty

Sidespeople

Sally Adams & Roger Sharp

Readers & Readings

Kerry-Anne Cousins: Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7
Fiona Dyer: Romans 5.12-21
Rebecca Palethorpe & Family



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Sunday 26 February 2017

Last Sunday after Epiphany - Transfiguration

10am Music

Hymns: 212, 243, 234 & 571

Sentence

Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!'
Matthew 17.5

Prayer of the day

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children: make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Exodus 24.12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster Ladies

8am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson

Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn; Liturgical Assistant: Bible Reader: Shane Woodburn

10am Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe; Sidespeople: Jan & Tim Gulliver; Preaching

& Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Tim Gulliver (OT), Denise Manley (NT); Chalices: Volunteers; Morning Tea: Anne Mahony & Geetha Sekhon

Psalm 2

- 1 Why are the nations in tumult:
and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?
- 2 The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers conspire together:
against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,
- 3 'Let us break their bonds asunder:
let us throw off their chains from us.'
- 4 He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn:
the Lord will hold them in derision.
- 5 Then will he speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury:
'I, the Lord, have set up my king on Zion my holy hill.'
- 6 I will announce the Lord's decree, that which he has spoken:
'You are my son, this day have I begotten you.'
- 7 'Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance:
the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.'
- 8 'You may break them with a rod of iron:
and shatter them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'
- 9 Now therefore be wise, O kings:
be advised, you that are judges of the earth.
- 10 Serve the Lord with awe, and govern yourselves in fear and trembling:
lest he be angry, and you perish in your course.
- 11 For his wrath is quickly kindled:
blessed are those that turn to him for refuge.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

There are today so many ways in which we can express our faith. The Church has worked hard to try and find new ways to enable people to encounter Jesus. I applaud these efforts to make our faith accessible, attractive, and meaningful. But I have to confess some cynicism on occasions, I don't think that there is salvation to be found in programs and courses. (Do come to the Lent course though!!)

We have been working hard up until this point in the Church's year getting to know Jesus and this is because only when we have done this work can we begin to understand the Transfiguration and then set off on this journey of Lent together. We have many titles for him, Messiah, Christ, Son of God, but we need to understand what these really mean, and like Peter we sometimes, in fact more often than not, get it wrong. We still do have a tendency to see Jesus as some heroic martyr, leading his band of followers; off to meet his death, willingly giving of himself; but is that the reality? He broke down and wept with terror in the Garden of Gethsemane, and in the end was completely alone deserted by all. Jesus was an outstanding failure and that is how he shows us the meaning of God. That is what the Transfiguration is about. Jesus is

revealing God to us by failure; Jesus is revealing God to us by revealing to us what it means to be human. But he is not superhuman; he is more intensely human than we dare to be. Jesus reveals to us the reality of God simply by showing us the reality of being human. It is not the reality that we like to dwell on is it? Really being human means being in the kind of muddle and mess that Jesus was in. But we deceive ourselves that this is sin at its most fundamental. Jesus was like us in all things except sin, in all things except self-deception.

This approaching time of Lent is a time to die to self (deception), engage at a fundamental level about our own brokenness, our own need of God. Lay aside those things that we use to 'dull the pain' and get serious about what really matters. We can never really learn about Jesus, there is no real course of instruction, there is no one way to God. God in humankind may be anywhere at any time. God is like a thief in the night time. The coming of the Son of Man is like a lightning bolt. You never know when the revelation will be made to you. The gospels don't explain God to us; they make us ready, open, vulnerable to the sudden flash of divinity at the most unlikely moment...just at the moment when you are most irritable, most likely to reject the person who is looking for you to help them, who needs you. The Gospel makes us ready for the sudden transfiguration of such moments so that at least we can say with Peter, 'it is good for us to be here.'

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>   | 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>Thursday</b> | 9 Mar, 11am and 7pm | <b>Lenten Study</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>          |
| <b>Friday</b>   | 24 Mar, 7-8.30pm    | <b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>          |

**Please see the Calendar on the website for all Easter services.**

**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!**

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

**Saturday 1 Apr, 9am – 1pm**      **St Philip's Autumn Market!! See insert.**