

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

Those we remember: Carola Parke (19/7/12); Dot Mayo (22/7/02); Merv McInnes (22/7/11).

For Next Sunday – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

Tim Woodburn

Reader & Readings

Shane Woodburn: Genesis 28.10-19a;

Romans 8.12-25

Liturgical Assistant

Elizabeth Allinson

10am Holy Communion

Flowers

The Flower Team

Welcomer

Volunteer

Presiding & Preaching

Rev'd Martin Johnson

Liturgical Assistant

Elizabeth Allinson

Organist

Colin Forbes

Sidespeople

Alison & Alistair Davidson

Chalice

James Kim & Volunteer

Readers & Readings

David Tscharke: Genesis 28.10-19a

Rosemary Knight: Romans 8.12-25

Morning tea:

Rosemary Knight & Ann Munro



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Sunday 16 July 2017

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music :

Hymns: 133, 444 (t 378), 143 & 462

Sentence

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life.

John 6.63,68

Prayer of the day

Bountiful God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word: by your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Genesis 25.19-34, 58-67; Psalm 119.105-112; Romans 8.1-11;
Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

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

10am Welcomer: Erika Langman; Sidespeople: Peter Andersson & Kerry-Anne Cousins; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Brian McKinlay; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Fred Anchell (OT), Susan Johnson (NT); Chalices: Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Anne Mahony & Jan Gulliver.

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

Psalm: 119-105-112

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet:
and a light to my path.
106 I have vowed and sworn an oath:
to keep your righteous judgements.
107 I have been afflicted beyond measure:
Lord, give me life according to your word.
108 Accept, O Lord, the freewill offerings of my mouth:
and teach me your judgements.
109 I take my life in my hands continually:
yet I do not forget your law.
110 The wicked have laid a snare for me:
but I have not strayed from your precepts.
111 Your commands are my inheritance for ever:
they are the joy of my heart.
112 I have set my heart to fulfil your statutes:
always, even to the end.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

I am often on the lookout for Jesus! I wonder what he would be like if he were in O'Connor today. There are the obvious manifestations, the man who sits outside the IGA with his hat and his homeless sign and Russell who sings outside 39 Steps – I really should tell him to get some lessons from Pat! But I wonder sometimes if his appearance might be a bit more subtle.

Our gospel reading today is the Parable of the Sower. This parable appears in more or less the same form in all three synoptic gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. It was clearly an important text for the New Testament Church. In our reading today we hear the parable in verses 1-9, this passage could easily stand on its own but in verses 18-23 Jesus explains and expands what the parable means for his listeners. In between these passages we have verses 10-17 these are not read in the lectionary, they are more demanding and difficult. Jesus explains that: The reason I speak to them in parables is that "seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand." Is Jesus saying to them I am deliberately making it difficult so that not everybody can get the point? Because it reads a little like that sometimes.

But that is not the case. Parables are simply comparisons. Look at most of them and you'll see: 'the kingdom of Heaven is like...' Jesus is saying this is how God works, look there are a number of clues in the world around you. The parables are Jesus' way of saying to the people around him: you know

more than you realize about God, but the trouble is you look and look and you don't see, you listen and listen and you don't understand. In the Gospel of Thomas has Jesus say: The kingdom of the Father is spread upon the earth and men (sic) do not see it.

We are being called upon to be deep soil, to be an open, fertile place for God's grace in our world. Soil is crucial to life on earth, we The Body of Christ are called to be soil so that there may be life. Good soil contains a good share of plant matter Humus and from this we get the word humility. Being soil for others is enabling others to grow, the mark of the humble.

If we have our eyes open will see Jesus - the embodiment of God's grace all around us. Perhaps Jesus is an environmental scientist calling for the preservation of our soil and water. In the missing passage Jesus quotes Isaiah "You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn - and I would heal them."

Let's open our hearts, eyes and ears to the presence of God in our midst....even in our congregation!

Blessings, **Martin**

St Philip's Calendar

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

Today after 10 am service **Liturgy Team meeting**
Student Exchange Aust & NZ – required in August. Please see Denise if interested.

LAST CHANCE: Additional Melody (\$40) and Harmony (\$88.00) Edition copies of *Together In Song* (hymn book) have been purchased. If anyone would like to purchase a copy for their own use or to donate to the church, please see Martin or a Warden for details. THIS OFFER WILL CLOSE AT THE END OF JULY.

Friday 21 7pm – 8.30pm

St Pip's Youth Group – Lamerton Centre

Sunday 23 after 10am service

Spring Fling (14Oct) planning meeting
Lamerton Centre

Friday 28 5pm - 7pm

Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre –

Theme: Christmas in July (first of two in a row!)

Saturday 29 10am – 1pm

Pandora's presents "Christmas in July"

Add some sparkle to your winter and join us for festive-themed refreshments while you browse our special fashion treats in the warm and friendly setting of Pandora's. All welcome!

Key Points from July Parish Council Meeting

- At a Special Parish Meeting on 9 July, Philippa Wicks and Ashton Robinson were elected as Synod representatives. Brian McKinlay was elected as a Synod representative at the AGM in February. In addition Rosemary Knight was elected as a Synod alternate representative.
- The results from St. Philips participation in the 2016 National Church Life Survey have been received and Parish Council has begun considering them. The summary report for St. Philips will be made available to parishioners shortly.
- Parish Council has been reviewing Parish communication: what we communicate and how we communicate. Council would welcome any input from parishioners which can be passed to any PC member or emailed to comeandsee@stphilipsoconnor.org.au
- August will be our national mission month. The project endorsed at the AGM is an ABM program “Youth Engagement Across Top End Remote Communities”. This continues our tradition of supporting reconciliation through our mission giving.

St Philip's *SPRING FLING* - 14 October

We need to start planning this event. An initial planning meeting for any interested people will take place after the 10am service next Sunday 23 July.

Please see Leighton if you have any further questions.