

This coming week @ St Philip's

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| 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 |
| Thursday | 11am & 7pm Lenten Study |
| 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: Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.

Those we remember: Merryn Bannerman (5/3/85); Daphne Hall (5/3/95); David Gowty (6/3/2013).

For Next Sunday – *Second Sunday in Lent*

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

Reader & Readings

Rhonda Evans: Genesis 12.1-4a
Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

Liturgical Assistant

10am Holy Communion

Flowers

No flowers during Lent

Presiding & Preaching

Rev'd Martin Johnson

Crucifer:

Organist

Colin Forbes

Chalice

Doreen Odom & James Kim

Morning tea:

Welcomer

Davidson Family

Liturgical Assistant

Linda Anchell

Leighton Mann

Sidespeople

Fred Anchell & Brian McKinlay

Readers & Readings

David French: Genesis 12.1-4a

Pat Forbes: Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

Doreen Odom & Family



St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 5 March 2017

First Sunday in Lent

10am Music

Hymns: 684, 591, 211(i) & 103

Sentence

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God

Matthew 4.4

Prayer of the day

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin: give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your will, that, as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5.12-21; Matthew 4.1-11

Today's Rosters

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8am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson

Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: John Girdlestone

10am Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Roger Sharp; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Kerry-Anne Cousins (OT), Fiona Dyer (NT); Chalices: Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Rebecca Palethorpe & Family

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

Psalm 32

- 1 Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven:
whose iniquity is put away.
- 2 Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame:
and in whose spirit there is no guile.
- 3 For whilst I held my tongue:
my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.
- 4 Your hand was heavy upon me day and night:
and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you:
and my iniquity I did not hide;
- 6 I said `I will confess my transgressions to the Lord':
and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.
- 7 For this cause shall everyone that is faithful make their prayer to you in the
day of trouble:
and in the time of the great water-flood, it shall not come near them.
- 8 You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble:
you will surround me with deliverance on every side.
- 9 `I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go:
I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.
- 10 `Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding:
whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'
- 11 Great tribulations remain for the ungodly:
but whoever puts their trust in the Lord, mercy embraces them on every
side.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad:
and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Our Sundays in Epiphany were all about the person of Christ, they began at his Baptism when we heard the words from the cloud, 'this is my son, the beloved.' Jesus is now driven into the wilderness and is tested, his identity questioned... 'if you are the Son of God.' The story of his testing begins our Lenten journey and sets the scene.

What is important of course in Lent is our own response; it is an opportunity for introspection. Understanding the identity of Jesus is crucial to our own self-understanding. Our lives are hidden in his, as St Paul writes to the Colossians; we share in his trials so that we too may share in his resurrection. The Lenten journey is all about sharing in Christ's journey to the cross, his testing, so that we may be able to celebrate fully the great festival of Easter.

On Ash Wednesday I spoke of that all-important clause in the Lord's Prayer 'save us from the time of trial.' Much ink has been spilt on what this might mean; in effect we are praying 'do not let us fall under or succumb to temptation' not 'deliver us from temptation and suffering.' Our loving Abba is not in the business

of taking away every test and trial. As far back as the 2nd Century the theologian Origen made the same comment in his Treatise on Prayer. Tests and temptations are everywhere. The Lord expects us to pray that we not be overcome by temptation, not that we may escape it. God is an amazing mixture of compassion and strength and will enable us to withstand any of the trials we have to face. Hence at Lent when we are considering our response to all that we have heard and learnt about the Christ of God we can and should with confidence pray 'Do not let us fall under or succumb to temptation. Protect us and help us to endure our testing.' Amen.

Lent is a spiritually challenging time. If you wish to discuss spiritual matters or direction, engage in the rite of reconciliation or other sacraments of the Church please do not hesitate to make a time to speak with me.

Every blessing in this joyful 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> | 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>                  |
| <b>Friday</b> | 31 Mar, 5 – 7pm    | <b>Happy Hour Seafood &amp; Market Day Prep</b> |
| <b>Friday</b> | 7 Apr, 7 – 8.30pm  | <b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>                  |

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

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

During Lent, an opportunity is being offered at St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla to find out about Christian Meditation, to experience this prayer practice, and to learn about its origins. The key to understanding the simplicity of Christian Meditation is within Psalm 46 – "Be still and know that I am God".

- Monday 6th March, one hour, for 5 successive Mondays;
- 7.15pm for 7.30pm start;
- Parish meeting room, Weston Street, Yarralumla.

Perhaps as a preparation for Easter, or if you have been wondering what Christian Meditation is about, this is an opportunity, in an ecumenical setting, to taste and experience one of the oldest and simplest forms of Christian prayer. No cost, no RSVP required, just turn up. Enquire: Rod or Susan (0401 731 918)  
**email:act@christianmeditationaustralia.org**