

## This coming week @ St Philip's

<b>Monday</b>	<b>St Philip's Care</b> @ Northbourne Community Centre - including Lunch
<b>Tue – Fri</b>	8am <b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Tue – Fri</b>	5.30pm <b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	10am <b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	11am & 7pm <b>Lenten Study</b>
<b>Friday</b>	10am - 1pm <b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion
<b>Saturday</b>	10am - 1pm <b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion
<b>Saturday</b>	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b> @ Kankinya

## Prayer Points

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

Those we remember: David Gowty (6/3/2013); John Cousins (14/3/94); Mary MacDonnell (14/3/99); Jean Parke (17/3/87); Marjorie Wright (19/3/02).

## For Next Sunday – Third Sunday in Lent

<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sidesperson</b>	<b>Reader &amp; Readings</b> David French: Exodus 17.1-7 Romans 5.1-11
<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>	Elizabeth Allinson
<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Welcomer</b> Erika Langman
No flowers during Lent	
<b>Presiding &amp; Preaching</b>	<b>Liturgical Assistant</b> Brian McKinlay
Rev'd Martin Johnson	
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Sidespeople</b> Peter Andersson & Kerry-Anne Cousins
Colin Forbes	
<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Readers &amp; Readings</b> Gail Langendorf: Exodus 17.1-7 Denise Manley: Romans 5.1-11
Tim Gulliver & Denise Manley	
<b>Morning tea:</b>	Jan Gulliver & Volunteer



# St Philip's Come & See

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## Sunday 12 March 2017

## Second Sunday in Lent

During communion Catriona Bryce, contralto, will sing

'O Rest in the Lord' – Mendelssohn's "Elija".

'May the feet of God walk with you' will be our blessing (TIS 779).

10am Music

**Hymns: 153, 341[vv1,2; 6,7]; 174 (t591); 569**

Sentence

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 3.16

Prayer of the day

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive: grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3.1-17

Today's Rosters

Flowers: No flowers during Lent

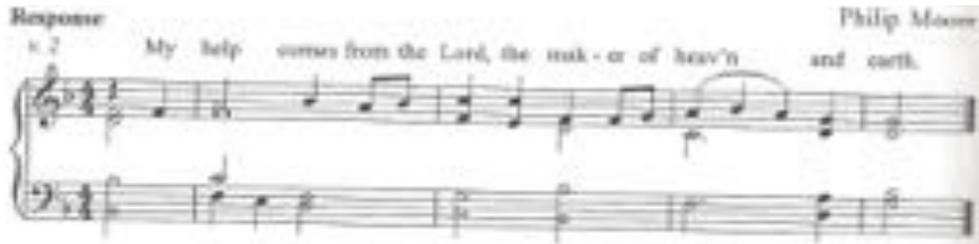
**8am** Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson

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

**10am** Welcomer: Davidson Family; Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Brian McKinlay; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical

Assistant: Linda Anchell; Crucifer: Leighton Mann; Music: Colin Forbes;  
 Bible Readers: David French (OT), Pat Forbes (NT); Chalices: Doreen  
 Odom & Tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Doreen Odom & Family.

**Psalm 121**



**Response: My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth.**

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills:  
but where shall I find help?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord:  
who has made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble:  
and he who watches over you will not sleep.
- 4 Be sure he who has charge of Israel:  
will neither slumber nor sleep. **R**
- 5 The Lord himself is your keeper:  
the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;
- 6 The sun shall not strike you by day:  
nor shall the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord will defend you from all evil:  
it is he who will guard your life.
- 8 The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:  
from this time forward for evermore. **R**

**From the Rector**

Dear Friends,  
 When studying the gospels a good way to begin is to read Mark. It's a racy narrative that gets to nub of the issues without embellishment. The account of Jesus in the wilderness is brief and to the point but we are left with the distinct impression that when he returned something extraordinary had happened to him. Jesus gives voice to this experience in his first recorded words in that gospel account. They are words that take us to the very core of 'Good News' 'The time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God has come near, repent and believe the good news.'

Mark's account can easily be read in one sitting, like a short story and by doing this we are able to really enter into the account of Jesus' life and, because it is spare on detail, it enlivens our imaginations. This is of course the mark of great literature, I read this recently: Literature is not about existence so much as it is an addition to it. It gives us experiences, feelings, moral pangs, wishes, hopes that we have never had ... it communicates in such a way that, when successful,

it creates new capabilities and capacities, powers and a kind of roominess in the human personality. One becomes susceptible to new competencies, new functions, new paths and possibilities. The gospels are of course more than just literature but they can draw us out of ourselves and open our minds and hearts.

Over the coming weeks we will be hearing excerpts from John's gospel. He introduces characters and story lines more so than the other gospel writers. We will read of Nicodemus, the Samaritan women at the well, the blind man at the pool of Siloam and the family of Lazarus. Through these characters John describes this newness, this new way of seeing and being and believing, new competencies, functions, possibilities, hopes...

Can I encourage you this Lent to engage in the Gospel accounts. To allow them to enliven your imaginations and to see where that might lead. Jesus' call to repent was just that to be open to newness.

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. If you would like to discuss Confirmation for yourself or members of your family please let me know.

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>

" Many thanks to Linda who has now taken over the preparation of rosters from Helen. If you would like your name to be added to one or more of the many roles we have as parishioners in the smooth running of worship then please let Linda know. She will be very happy to add you name."

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| <b>Today</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>                  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 8 Apr, 9 – 11am    | <b>Cleaning Bee, church &amp; courtyard</b>     |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9 Apr, 12.30pm     | <b>Home Group, Lamerton Centre</b>              |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 12 Apr, 7pm        | <b>Parish Council Meeting</b>                   |

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

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

## *Key Points for March Parish Council Meeting 2017*

- The new Council elected Ian Cousins as Chair, Shane Woodburn as Treasurer and Rebecca Palethorpe as Secretary. Points of contact responsibilities have been allocated amongst the new Council members and a revised note will be placed on the Noticeboard.
- There is an annual survey of the membership of parish sub-groups - the Liturgy Committee, the St. Philip's Care Management Committee, Pandora's Management Committee, Food@ St Philips and the Children and Youth Ministry Support Group. Parishioners wishing to serve, or to continue to serve, on any of these committees should make their interest known to Rev. Martin, a Warden or any other Parish Councillor.
- The Parish Council will also survey the valuable roles performed for the Parish by various individuals, such as Youth Group Coordinators, Parish Office, Newsletter/Pewsheets, Website, Parish Calendar, Banking, Rosters Coordinator, Flowers Coordinator and Spring Fling Coordinator. Parishioners wishing to serve, or to continue to serve, in any of these roles should make their interest known to Rev. Martin, a Warden or any other Parish Councillor.
- Key issues before the Council this year, in addition to the normal running of the Parish, will be: a new Covenant with Rev. Martin, the children's and youth ministry; support for Rev. Robin's Northbourne Community Centre ministry and completing the rectory renovation project in the near future. On regular maintenance, the building fascia boards and eaves are a priority.
- Parish Council has agreed to hire the church and Lamerton Centre meeting room to a local Tongan Uniting Church congregation for use every Sunday from 1pm to about 3pm.