

## *This coming week @ St Philip's*

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>St Philip's Care</b> @ Northbourne Community Centre<br>- 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: Noel Barratt (20/3/99); John Dimmick (22/3/71); Patrick Bannerman (23/3/94); Ethel McInnes (24/3/16); Alan Pound (28/3/93); David Linaker (29/3/96); Suzanne Lewis (2/4/99).

### *For Next Sunday – Fifth Sunday in Lent*

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| <b>8am</b>   | <b>Holy Communion</b>   |
| <b>Sidesperson</b><br>John Girdlestone                   | <b>Reader &amp; Readings</b><br>John Girdlestone: Ezekiel 37.1-14<br>Romans 8.6-11            |
| <b>Liturgical Assistant</b>                              | Elizabeth Allinson  |
| <b>10am</b>  | <b>Holy Communion</b>   |
| <b>Flowers</b><br>No flowers during Lent                 | <b>Welcomer</b><br>Denise Manley  |
| <b>Presiding &amp; Preaching</b><br>Rev'd Martin Johnson | <b>Liturgical Assistant</b><br>Philippa Wicks   |
| <b>Organist</b><br>Colin Forbes                          | <b>Sidespeople</b><br>Sally Adams & Roger Sharp   |
| <b>Chalice</b><br>Tim Gulliver & James Kim               | <b>Readers &amp; Readings</b><br>Ann Munro: Ezekiel 37.1-14<br>Ashton Robinson: Romans 8.6-11 |
| <b>Morning tea:</b>                                      | Rebecca Palethorpe & Family   |



# St Philip's *Come & See*

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## Sunday 26 March 2017

### *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

**Psalm Cantor: David Tcharke**

*10am Music*

**Hymns: 143, 546, 547 & 447**

*Sentence*

*'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord; 'those who follow me will have the light of life.'*

*John 8.12*

*Prayer of the day*

*Gracious God, in order that we children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world: as the light of Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in truth and goodness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Today's Readings*

1 Samuel 16.1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41

*Today's Rosters*

Flowers: No flowers during Lent

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

**10am** Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe; Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay;  
Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Louise McKay (OT), Susan Johnson (NT); Chalice: Hardy Palethorpe & Denise

Manley; Morning Tea: Helen Palethorpe & Geetha Sekhon.

## Psalm 23



### Response: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd:  
therefore can I lack nothing.
  - 2 He will make me lie down in green pastures:  
and lead me beside still waters.
  - 3 He will refresh my soul:  
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake. **R**
  - 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me. **R**
  - 5 You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. **R**
  - 6 Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life:  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**
- Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now: and shall be forever. Amen.

## From the Rector

Dear Friends,

CS Lewis the great Christian writer and apologist wrote a short story called 'The Man born blind.' It was a tale of a man born blind who had, after many years, recovered his sight. Whilst we might think that such a miracle would be the subject of great rejoicing, having sight diminished other senses. At one point in the story he closed his eyes and read a familiar Braille book. Lewis wrote 'W-a-t-e-r could be spelled out; but, never would those black marks be wedded to their meaning in braille, where the very shape of the characters communicated an instantaneous sense of liquidity through his fingertips.'

He described eating a meal with his eyes closed, it was the first meal he really enjoyed since the recovery of his sight. Lewis wrote that a blind man has few friends; a blind man who has recovered his sight has in a sense, none. He belongs neither to the world of the blind nor to that of the seeing,

and no one can share his experience. The greatest issue for Robin, the formerly blind man, was understanding the nature of light.

The story is an allegorical tale about the account in John's gospel chapter 9 of the man born blind. The gospel is about far more than just physical sight, it is about understanding the nature of light and about insight. The authorities, Pharisees and scribes, of course fail to understand, and whilst even the blind man at first fails to recognise 'the light' the story ends with his declaration of faith. His heart had been healed in addition to his eyes.

As I write we are hearing news of another terrorist attack, this time in London. The Bible calls on us 'not to harden our hearts.' These attacks are designed to do just that; our response must be one of prayer and reaching out to those terrorised and to those whose communities are most affected. Blessings **Martin**

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## St Philip's Calendar <http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

**Friday** 24 Mar, 7-8.30pm  
**Friday** 31 Mar, 5 - 7pm  
**Friday** 7 Apr, 7 - 8.30pm  
**Saturday** 1 Apr, 9am - 1pm  
**Saturday** 8 Apr, 9 - 11am  
**Sunday** 9 Apr,  
**Sunday** 9 Apr, 12.30-3pm  
**Wednesday** 12 Apr, 7pm  
**Thursday** 13 Apr to  
**Sunday** 16 Apr

**St Philip's Youth Group**  
**Happy Hour** Seafood & Market Day Prep  
**St Philip's Youth Group**  
**St Philip's Autumn Market!!**  
**Cleaning Bee, church & courtyard**  
**Passion/Palm Sunday**  
**Home Group, Lamerton Centre**  
**Parish Council Meeting**

**Various Easter Services**

>>>>> See insert for details of all Easter Services <<<<<<

### **Easter Celebration Breakfast**

**Please place your name next to the items on the list in the foyer that you are able to contribute to the breakfast. Contributions can be drop off on Saturday (Easter Eve) and left in the Foyer or Easter Day by 8am.**

**Please see Leighton for any further details. 0418 686 033**

**Friday** 28 Apr, 7-8.30pm  
**Friday** 28 Apr, 5 - 7pm

**St Philip's Youth Group**  
**Happy Hour All Things British!**