

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: Violet Pocknall (8/5/84).

For Next Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

Reader & Readings

Rhonda Evans: Acts 7.55-60
David French: 1 Peter 2.11-25
Elizabeth Allinson

Liturgical Assistant

10am Holy Communion

Flowers

The Flower Roster Ladies

Presiding & Preaching Liturgical Assistant

Rev'd Martin Johnson

Crucifer

Organist

Alison Davidson

Chalice

Doreen Odom & Hardy Palethorpe

Morning tea:

Welcomer

Davidson Family

Liturgical Assistant

Rev Linda Anchell

Leighton Mann

Sidespeople

Jan & Tim Gulliver

Readers & Readings

Fred Anchell: Acts 7.55-60

Fiona Dyer: 1 Peter 2.11-25

Rebecca Palethorpe & Family



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Sunday 7 May 2017

Philip and James, Apostles & Martyrs

Communion: "Trumpet concerto" 2nd movement – Joseph Haydn
Soloist: Elise Palethorpe

10am Music:

Hymns: Awake (words on sheet), 552, 246, 373

Sentence

'Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it,' says the Lord, 'that the Father may be glorified in the Son.'

John 14.13

Prayer of the day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is eternal life: teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth and the life, so that, following in the steps of your apostles Philip and James, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 30.18-21; Psalm 19.1-6; 1 Corinthians 15.1-8; John 14.6-14

Today's Rosters

Flowers: Flower Roster Ladies

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: Denise Manley (OT), Pat

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

Forbes (NT); Chalices: Denise Manley & Volunteer; Morning Tea:
Rebecca Palethorpe & family

Psalm 19.1-6 Cantor: Patricia Forbes



Response: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
- 2 One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth.
- 5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like
a strong man to run his course.
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest
bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

From the Rector

Friends, Philippians!

During the week the Church celebrated the Feast of Philip the Apostle (and James the Less), our patron. So we shall keep the feast today. The liturgical colour is red denoting the fact the both Philip and James were martyred in the persecutions which beset the early Church. Martyrdom was seen by many in those early centuries as the way to be at one with Christ in his suffering. It is easy at this distance to read of the deaths of the martyrs as almost romantic tales or legends. Some of the stories surrounding their deaths seem couched in magic and superstition. But the Church continues to this day to commemorate its martyrs of modern times.

I have found the stories of the New Guinea martyrs particularly powerful. When World War II threatened Papua and New Guinea, it was obvious that missionaries of European origin were in danger. There was talk of leaving. Bishop Philip Strong wrote to his clergy: "We must endeavour to carry on our work. God expects this of us. The church at home, which sent us out, will surely expect it of us. The universal church expects it of us. The people whom we serve expect it of us. We could never hold up our faces again if, for our own safety, we all forsook Him and fled, when the shadows of the Passion began to gather around Him in His spiritual and mystical body, the Church in Papua." They stayed. Almost immediately there were arrests. Eight clergymen and two laymen were executed "as an example" on September 2, 1942. In the next few years, many Papuan Christians of all Churches risked their own lives to care for the wounded.

In Iraq and Syria today there are thousands upon thousands of Christians fleeing the inhuman and murderous brutality of IS. Running for their lives, abandoning their pasts, looking to God for their futures. Not all have succeeded. Many bishops, priests and monastics, and lay people from many different professions and skills, have been abducted or given their lives to the violence that confronted them. Scores of churches have been destroyed. They are the church of martyrs today.

As we celebrate our patron this weekend, it is to these Churches that we look, we hold them in our prayers and commit ourselves to our own witness to the love of God shown to us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Blessings, **Martin**

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

Today 7 May, 10am **St Philip's Day** followed by the dedication of a plaque to the memory of Carola Parke, followed by a special morning tea.

Tuesday 9 May, 7pm
Friday 12 May, 7-8.30pm
Sunday 14 May, after 10am
Sunday 14 May, 12.30pm
Friday 26 May, 7-8.30pm
Friday 26 May, 5 - 7pm
Sunday 4 June

Parish Council Lamerton Centre
St Philip's Youth Group
Rectory Garden Visit & Morning Tea
Home Group Lamerton Centre
St Philip's Youth Group
Happy Hour *All Things British!*
Day of Pentecost