

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre</b> - 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>Friday</b>	10am - 1pm <b>Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	10am - 1pm <b>Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	10.30am <b>Holy Communion @ Kankinya</b>

### *Prayer Points*

For those in need: Clifton Baker; James Kim; Linda Anchell; Sam Mahony; Chris Hudlass; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.

Those we remember: Charlotte Joseph (24/5/02); Joyce Miller (28/5/04); Charles Parke (31/5/36); Jo Bickford (1/6/04).

### *For Next Sunday – Day of Pentecost*

#### **8am Holy Communion**

##### **Sidesperson**

John Girdlestone

##### **Reader & Readings**

John Girdlestone: Acts 2.1-21;  
1 Corinthians 12.1-13

##### **Liturgical Assistant**

Elizabeth Allinson

#### **10am Holy Communion**

##### **Flowers**

The Flower Roster Ladies

##### **Presiding & Preaching**

Rev'd Martin Johnson

##### **Organist**

Colin Forbes

##### **Chalice**

Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver

##### **Welcomer**

Denise Manley

##### **Liturgical Assistant**

Sarah Gowty

##### **Sidespeople**

Sally Adams & Roger Sharp

##### **Readers & Readings**

Kerry-Anne Cousins: Acts 2.1-21  
Fiona Dyer: 1 Corinthians 12.1-13  
Rebecca Palethorpe & Family

##### **Morning tea:**



# **St Philip's** *Come & See*

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## **Sunday 28 May 2017**

### *Ascension Day*

*10am Music:*

**Hymns: 371, 381, 520 & 369**

### *Sentence*

*'Go and make disciples of all nations,' Jesus commands; 'I am with you always, to the close of the age.'*

*Matthew 28.19-20*

### *Prayer of the day*

*God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up into the glory of heaven: clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.*

### *Today's Readings*

Acts 1.1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 28.16-20

### *Today's Rosters*

Flowers: Flower Roster Ladies

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

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

*Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to [pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au](mailto:pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au) or 0414 309 469*

Pat Forbes (NT); Chalice: Denise Manley & Hardy Palethorpe; Morning Tea: Jan Gulliver & Helen Palethorpe

## Psalm 47

- 1 O clap your hands, all you peoples:  
and cry aloud to God with shouts of joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared:  
he is a great king over all the earth.
- 3 He cast down peoples under us:  
and the nations beneath our feet.
- 4 He chose us a land for our possession:  
that was the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.
- 5 God has gone up with the sound of rejoicing:  
and the Lord to the blast of the horn.
- 6 O sing praises, sing praises to God:  
O sing praises, sing praises to our king.
- 7 For God is the king of all the earth:  
O praise him in a well-wrought psalm.
- 8 God has become the king of the nations:  
he has taken his seat upon his holy throne.
- 9 The princes of the peoples are gathered together:  
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 For the mighty ones of the earth are become the servants of God:  
and he is greatly exalted.

## From the Rector

Dear Friends,

This week past, Jeanette, Robin and I along with the clergy of the diocese met at Narooma on the south coast for our annual clergy conference; the theme was 'Resilience.'

Bishop Trevor Edwards led us in a series of studies on the theme of resilience. He challenged us to - Cultivate 'optimistic faith', Deal with 'divine discipline' (tough), Cope with discouragement, and finally Pray when downcast. It was this last session that resonated. He used the refrain from Psalm 42:

Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help and my God.

Without dismissing the very real issue of depression, he suggested that many of us needed to argue with ourselves and ask the question: Why are you cast down, O my soul... and to deal with it! There was much to challenge and this is no bad thing. Our faith must be both comfort and challenge if it is to be alive, vital and life changing and, of course, if we are to be resilient.

Brian Douglas, the Rector of Manuka, led us in a thought-provoking series of talks about the presence of God in the Eucharist. He used the term 'Mystery',

much used by St Paul, to describe God's presence and we were led on an historical and theological tour de force to help us to find resilience in our participation in the Eucharist. This mystery is revealed in the Eucharist as we 'attend' to God; something we are not always good at and which can lead us to say 'where is God' when indeed it is us that are absent!

As we celebrate the feast of Ascension together it is a time to be mindful that this festival is not about the absence of God, however much we might feel that from time to time, it is more about the very real presence of God in our midst: the God who, because of the life of Jesus, is very present in every part of our lives even if we don't recognize it. And importantly is present in the aspects of our lives where, perhaps, we least expect to find God and, perhaps, least want God there!

Thank you to you all for providing us, your clergy, with the opportunity to gather and learn and be refreshed.

Every blessing for this wonderful feast, **Martin**

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

**Sunday** 4 June,  
**Friday** 9 June, 7-8.30pm  
**Sunday** 11 June,  
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**We'day** 14 June, 7-9pm  
**Sunday** 18 June,  
  
**Friday** 23 June, 7-8.30pm  
**Friday** 30 June, 5 - 7pm

**Day of Pentecost**  
**St Philip's Youth Group**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
**Home Group** - Lamerton Centre  
**Parish Council** - Lamerton Centre  
**Mission Project:** ABM Education Project  
in Myanmar  
**St Philip's Youth Group**  
**Happy Hour** - Lamerton Centre