

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: Ruth Durie; Sam Mahony; Chris Hudlass; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.
Those we remember: Rej Allinson (11/10/02); Rebecca Palmer (15/10/96); Rob Lamerton (17/10/08); Ivor Baldwin (18/10/05).

EFTPOS is available in the foyer to assist with your giving if needed.

For Next Sunday -

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

8am	Holy Communion
Sidesperson Tim Woodburn	Reader & Readings Shane Woodburn: Exodus 33.12-23 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10
Liturgical Assistant	Elizabeth Allinson
10am	Holy Communion
Flowers The Flower Team	Welcomer Helen Palethorpe
Presiding & Preaching Rev'd Martin Johnson	Liturgical Assistant Brian McKinlay
Organist Colin Forbes	Sidespeople Fred Anchell & Volunteer
Chalice Tim Gulliver & Volunteer	Readers & Readings David Tucharke: Exodus 33.12-23 Rosemary Knight: 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10
Morning tea:	Rosemary Knight & Alison Davidson



St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 15 October 2017

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music :

Hymns: 216, 609, 474 & 106 (t1)

Sentence

This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Isaiah 25.9

Prayer of the day

Saving and healing God, you have promised that those who have died with Christ shall live with him: grant us grace to be continually thankful for all you have done for us, and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve and live for others, so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Exodus 32.1-14; Psalm 106.1-6, 20-24; Philippians 4.1-9;
Matthew 22.1-14

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

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

10am Welcomer: Erika Langman; Sidespeople: Kerry-Anne Cousins & Peter Abndersson; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Music: Alison Davidson; Bible Readers: Fred Anchell (OT), Susan Johnson (NT); Chalices: Denise Manley & Volunteer; Morning Tea: Rosemary Knight & Ann Munro.

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

Psalm: 106.1-6, 20-24

- 1 Praise the Lord; O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord:
or fully voice his praise?
- 3 Blessed are those who act according to justice:
who at all times do the right.
- 4 Remember me, O Lord, when you visit your people with your favour:
and come to me also with your salvation,
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your chosen:
that I may rejoice with the rejoicing of your people, and exult with those
who are your own.
- 6 We have sinned like our ancestors:
we have acted perversely and done wrong.
- 20 At Horeb they made themselves a calf:
and bowed down in worship to an image.
- 21 And so they exchanged the glory of God:
for the likeness of an ox that eats hay.
- 22 They forgot God who was their saviour:
that had done such great things in Egypt,
- 23 Who had worked his wonders in the land of Ham:
and his terrible deeds at the Red Sea.
- 24 Therefore he thought to destroy them:
had not Moses his servant stood before him in the breach, to turn away
his wrath from destroying them.
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Another Synod sitting has passed! Perhaps for some that is a relief, they are long days sometimes listening to finer points of legislation that might seem trivial but to the legal mind are crucial. I for one am very grateful to those who can think in a forensic way, it doesn't come naturally to me. Fortunately this year's sitting passed without contention. Bishop Stuart has written to the Clergy expressing his gratitude. He wrote: 'A great many thanks for your attendance and participation in our Synod. Your willingness to prayerfully and respectfully work through legislation and reports and engage in edifying debate was an encouragement to all concerned.'

One interesting motion came forward which I feel required more debate and discussion. It concerned the 500th Anniversary of the event that kick started the Protestant Reformation; in October 1517 Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church at Wittenburg. Luther was primarily railing against the sale of indulgences by a representative from Rome to raise money for the building of St Peter's. An indulgence is a document which can be purchased; the document assured the purchaser that he or she will have less time in purgatory

- a time or place after death when we are purged of our sins before entering the heavenly court. Luther suggested, among other things, that the Pope should spend his own money building his basilica not that of the poor and gullible.

The motion asked the Synod to note the occasion and to give thanks for the Reformation doctrine of salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, revealed through scripture alone for God's glory. The Synod passed this motion but not without debate. At question was the notion of Sola Scriptura or Scripture alone; is this consistent with Anglican thought? Might the fact that we were meeting in synod suggest that the doctrine of 'Scripture Alone' was inconsistent with our Anglican way?

Richard Hooker arguably the preeminent Anglican theologian in the Elizabethan period wrote: 'Be it in matter of the one kind or of the other, what Scripture does plainly deliver, to that the first place both of credit and obedience is due; the next whereto is whatsoever any man can necessarily conclude by force of reason; after these the Church succeeds.' So rather than scripture alone we as Anglicans - I would argue - look to scripture first, from there we depend upon our God given reason and from there the living voice of the Church, expressed in tradition which is the church's ongoing life....including synod.

I am just grateful there were no arguments! We all got along famously!

Blessings, Martin

St Philip's Calendar

<http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

Friday 27 5pm – 7pm

Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre

Theme: Oktoberfest

Friday 27 7pm – 8.30pm

St Pip's Youth Group

Sunday 29 10am

Celtic-themed Eucharist

Saturday 4 Nov 6.30pm

Sung Eucharist Celebration of All Saints

Sunday 5 Nov 10am

Family Service

Sunday 12 12.30pm – 3pm

Home Group

Wed'day 8 7pm

Parish Council – Lamerton Centre



"The two places we know we're always welcome are church and Grandma's house."

KEY POINTS FROM OCTOBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- Rev. Martin reported to Parish Council on the Goulburn Synod.
- The new Covenant is with the Bishop awaiting his attention.
- Dates for forthcoming special services have now been set:
Celtic Eucharist Sunday 29 October at 8am and 10am
All Saints All Souls Saturday 4 November at 6.30pm followed by supper
Christ the King Sunday 26 November at 8am and 10am
- The Clergy Honour Board in the foyer is to be updated.
- There will be a pre-Advent Working Bee on Saturday 18 November from 9-11am for the church and garden.

2017 Synod Representatives' Report to St Philip's

We attended the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn Synod at the Goulburn Workers' Club on 6–8 October on behalf of St Philip's. Here are some items that may interest our fellow Philipians.

Finance

Diocesan finances are in reasonable shape, but help and compensation for victims and other costs arising from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse totaled around \$900,000 in 2016 with perhaps \$2 million in future liabilities. We have had to dip into reserves to meet these payments although we are in better shape than some dioceses as to the scale of the need and its consequences. Meanwhile, the Anglican Investment and Development Fund (AIDF) —a kind of church bank—is in fine shape with \$110 million in assets.

The Royal Commission

With remarkable unanimity, the September 2017 meeting of General Synod made important decisions in response to the work of the Royal Commission. There will be a special half-day meeting of our Synod in March 2018 to implement those decisions in our diocese.

Education

All seven schools are developing well, although there has been a heavy interest bill from a \$32 million assistance package for the South Coast Schools. St Martin's, the Anglican residential college for 96 students of Charles Sturt University at Wagga Wagga, is debt-free and meeting an important need, both spiritually and residentially. All Saints College in Ainslie is similarly valuable.

Reports and presentations

There were quite a number of finely-produced reports and presentations, including from the ACCC, Anglicare, the AIDF, Bishop-in-Council, St Mark's, the Public Issues Commission, the Schools Commission, and Synergy Youth. Please talk to Brian if you would like an electronic copy of any report.

Resolutions

A resolution on the future of **off-shore processing** passed 193 to 26. A resolution calling for legislation against **modern slavery** passed unanimously. After considerable difficult debate, the Synod adjourned a motion on **assisted suicide / assisted dying** until next year. Other important resolutions were about Disability Inclusion, Relationships with First Nations Peoples and on Family Violence. The Synod also took note of the likely need to manage wisely our responses to same-sex marriage.

Worship, prayer and fellowship.

Synod members shared enriching worship in the Cathedral, and in bible study and prayer. The deacons gathered for a dinner that Robin attended.

Thank you for the joy and privilege of representing St Philip's.

Brian McKinlay
Ashton Robinson
Philippa Wicks

Revd Robin Moore
Revd Martin Johnson

11 October 2017