

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: Beryl Collins (8/9/06); Athol Barratt (9/9/04).

For Next Sunday -

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8am	Holy Communion
Sidesperson Volunteer	Reader & Readings Volunteer: Exodus 14.19-31 Romans 14.1-14
Liturgical Assistant	Elizabeth Allinson
10am	Holy Communion
Flowers The Flower Team	Welcomer Erika Langman
Presiding & Preaching Rev'd Martin Johnson	Liturgical Assistant Elizabeth Allinson
Organist Colin Forbes	Sidespeople Peter Andersson & Volunteer
Chalice Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver	Readers & Readings Gail Langendorf: Exodus 14.19-31 Denise Manley: Romans 14.1-14
Morning tea:	Doreen Odom & Beryl Blaseotto



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Sunday 10 September 2017

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music:

Hymns: 596, 443, 254 & 560 (i)

Sentence

'Where two or three are gathered in my name,' says the Lord, 'I am there among them.'
Matthew 18.20

Prayer of the day

Go before us, O Lord, and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Exodus 12.1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13.1-10; Matthew 18.10-20

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team.

8am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: Vicki Luker; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: Rhonda Evans.

10am Welcomer: Davidson Family; Sidespeople: Fred Ansell & Brian McKinlay; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Linda Ansell; Crucifer: Leighton Mann; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Peter Wilson (OT), Pat Forbes (NT); Chalices: Doreen Odom & James Kim; Morning Tea: Beryl Blaseotto and Doreen Odom .

Psalm: 149

- 1 O praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song:
O praise him in the assembly of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.
- 3 Let them praise him in the dance:
let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp.
- 4 For the Lord takes delight in his people:
he adorns the meek with his salvation.
- 5 Let his faithful ones exult in his glory:
let them sing for joy upon their beds.
- 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouths:
and a two-edged sword in their hands,
- 7 To execute vengeance on the nations:
and chastisement upon the peoples,
- 8 To bind their kings in chains:
and their nobles with fetters of iron,
- 9 To visit upon them the judgement that is decreed:
such honour belongs to all his faithful servants. Praise the Lord.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Next month the Synod of the Diocese will meet in Goulburn, it will be my first in this Diocese and no doubt the Synod papers will soon be published. I have been readying myself speaking with our representatives about the Synod and its conduct and various issues that are likely to be discussed. For us as Anglicans the Synod process is an important part of our polity. During the period after the English Reformation the ancient three fold order of bishops, priests and deacons was retained and after a period of flux during the Commonwealth under Cromwell, the ministerial orders were reinstated and have remained so to this day. However, although we are episcopally led we are governed by synods. In this country the Church is governed by a General Synod presided over by the Primate – at present Archbishop Philip Freier of Melbourne, and by Diocesan Synods, each presided over by the respective Diocesan Bishop.

It could be argued that synods have been around since the time of the New Testament. Chapter 15 of the Book of Acts describes the 'Jerusalem Synod' at which the Apostles and elders met to discuss the controversy over the admittance of Gentiles to the Church. In the early Church the Ecumenical Councils met in Nicaea, Constantinople, Chalcedon and Ephesus, the creeds and definitions of these gatherings are still widely accepted across the Christian world. However after the great schism when the Churches of East and West separated and then again at the Reformation when there were further divisions the emerging churches adopted differing methods of government.

Generally speaking the method adopted across the Anglican Communion recognises the authority of the Bishop in the context of a synod made up of both clerical and lay members. The synods are divided into 'Houses' Laity, Clerical and Episcopal and each house must gain a majority before any Canons are passed.

Today we hear one of the most quoted parts of Matthew's gospel: Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. I have quoted it many times in churches in tiny rural communities when the congregation has been two or three! It is often argued that it is wrong to use the passage in this context as Jesus is speaking of church discipline; two or three are needed to decide whether a member should be asked to leave! Whatever the argument, it is quite clear that the church is to be governed by a group who recognise the presence of Jesus in their midst and act accordingly.

Blessings, **Martin**

St Philip's Calendar

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

Today 10	12.30pm – 3pm	Home Group – Lamerton Centre
Wed'day 13	7pm	Parish Council – Lamerton Centre
Friday 15	7pm – 8.30pm	St Pip's Youth Group
Friday 29	5pm – 7pm	Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre

Theme: Grand Final Fever

Sunday 1	10am	Family Service
Sunday 8	12.30pm – 3pm	Home Group Postponed this month

Giving / Offerings @ St Philip's

We now have 3 ways available for you to give to St Philip's

1. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to our bank account - leaflet available in the Foyer with details, this is our preferred method as we don't have to handle cash & no fees apply to St Philip's
2. Cash or Envelopes can placed in the Offertory bags during the service.
3. EFTPOS facilities will now be available in the foyer, before, during & after each service. Please follow the simple instructions near the machine if you wish to use the EFTPOS machine.

