

This coming week @ St Philip's

Tues-Fri	8am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Tuesday	1.30pm	Eucharist at Leslie Moreshead Centre
Thursday	10am	Eucharist & Morning Tea
Friday	10am-1pm	Pandora's pre-loved fashions
Saturday	10am-1pm	Pandora's pre-loved fashions
	10.30am	Eucharist at Kankinya

Prayer points

- For those in need: Pat and Colin Forbes, Fred Langman, Ken Smith, Rosemary Lohman, Roger Sharp, James Kim, Brian McKinlay, Cath Holt, Grace Barnes, Roberta, Margaret Woodbridge and Barbara Dowley
- Those whose anniversaries fall at this time including: Kiran Allister Sen (8/4/1990), Beryl Day (8/4/2001) and Kenneth Johnson (14/4/2001)

Next Sunday - 15 April 2018 - The Third Sunday of Easter

Readings:

Acts 3:12-20, Psalm 4, 1 John 2:15-17;3:1-6, Luke 24:36b-48

Presiding and Preaching: The Rector

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am

Sidesperson: Susan Johnson

Liturgical Assist: Elizabeth Allinson

Readers: Joseph & Dominic Lloyd

10am

Welcomer: Erika Langman

Sidespeople: Peter Andersson & Kerry-Anne Cousins

Music: Colin Forbes

Liturgical Assist: Elizabeth Allinson

Readers: Peter Wilson & Jack Adams

Ministers of Communion: Tim Gulliver & Denise Manley

Morning Tea: Anne Mahony



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Sunday 8 April 2018

The Second Sunday of Easter

8.00am - Said Eucharist

10.00am - Eucharist with Hymns

Sentence 'Peace be with you' says the Lord. 'As the Father has sent me so I send you'. (John 20:21)

Prayer of the Day

*Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us in despair but whose presence is overwhelming: breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. **Amen.***

Readings Acts 4:32-72, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1-22, John 20: 19-31

Music (10am): Hymns 372, 161, 360 (vv1-3, 6-8) 385
During Communion: My soul doth magnify the Lord.
Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

Rosters

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Flowers: The Flower Team

8am

Liturgical Assistant: Elise Palethorpe

Readers: Susan Johnson & John Girdlestone

10am

Liturgical Assistant: The Rev'd Linda Anshell

Readers: Ashton Robinson & David Tscharke

Welcome: The Davidson Family

Sidespeople: Alison & Alistair Davidson

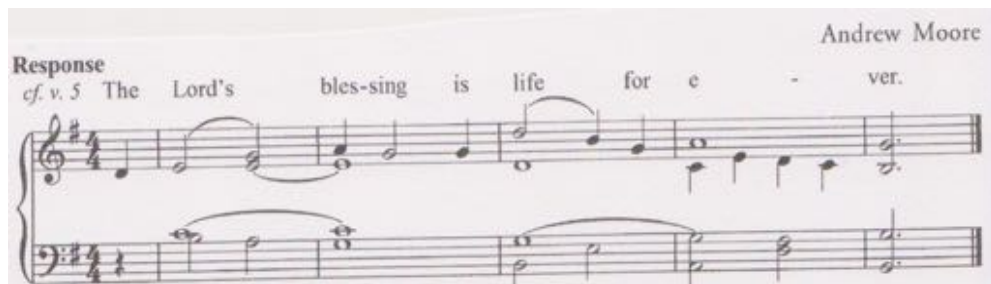
Music: Colin Forbes & Rosemary Smith

Crucifer: Leighton Mann

Ministers of Communion: Doreen Odom & Hardy Palethorpe

Morning Tea: Doreen Odom & Beryl Blaseotto

Psalm 133



Behold how good and pleasant it is
To dwell together in unity. **R.**

It is like the precious oil upon the head
Running down upon the beard

Even on Aaron's beard,
Running down upon the collar of his clothing. **R.**

It is like the dew of Hermon
Running down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has promised his blessing:
Even life for evermore. **R.**

From the Rector

Dear Friends

Today is another one of those Sundays which has many names. Traditionally in the Anglican world it has been known as Low Sunday, which is a bit of a downer! I can only imagine it has been called that because after last weekend everything seems

just a little low, including the numbers in the congregation! It has also been known as Quasi modo Sunday from the Latin text of the traditional Introit for this day, which begins "Quasi modo geniti infantes..." from 1 Peter 2:2, roughly translated "As newborn babes desire the rational milk without guile...". (I don't think that it will catch on here)! But many have come to know it as 'Thomas Sunday' because of the gospel account we hear on this day.

Thomas has been known throughout history as the doubter but is this fair? Can we say that Thomas never actually doubts the Risen Lord, but rather doubts the word and the witness of his friends and companions? When the Risen One turns up a week later, Thomas is filled with faith. "My Lord and my God," he confesses.

There is an ancient saying in the Eastern Church: If you want to know if Jesus is really risen, look around you at the faces at the Easter vigil.

Thomas could not read the presence of the Risen One on the faces of his friends...What would he read on our faces? What do we read on one another's faces? We need to look like a credible community, a community that has seen the Lord and been transformed.

Every blessing at this Eastertide

Martin

From St Philip's Calendar

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

Saturday 14 April 9am-1pm	Autumn Market
Friday 27 April 5-7pm	Happy Hour - April Fools Theme
Friday 4 May 7-8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Sunday 6 May	St Philip's Day including
a bring & share morning tea following the 10am Eucharist	

KEY POINTS FROM THE APRIL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- *Parish Council is very grateful for the parishioners who have taken on, or who will continue to serve in valuable parish roles until the next AGM in 2019.*
- *Many thanks to all who contributed to the Holy Week and Easter festivities. The worship was beautiful, the music was sublime, the food was wonderful, the flowers stunning and the fellowship warm.*
- *As mentioned at the AGM in February work needs to be done on the courtyard drains. This work will commence on Monday 16 April and continue for up to 10 days. While the work is in progress access to the church will be through the front door only. Access to the Lamerton Centre will be via the path and gate behind the building and up the side ramp. The Kindergarten and Pandora's will continue to function and there will continue to be access to the toilets but there will be no access across the courtyard.*
- *As background there are three stormwater drains. One tracks along the path by the Kindergarten and was renewed some years ago. The drain to Macpherson Street was renewed during the construction of the Lamerton Centre. It is the middle drain down the centre of the courtyard that is original from 1957 and is causing the problems that now have to be attended to.*
- *The courtyard will be fenced off. Please take care around the work site and follow the signs.*

NEWS AND VIEWS

This year's patronal Festival – The Feast of SS Philip and James, will be held on Sunday 6th May. As it is the first Sunday of the month it will be a family service and we will also be celebrating the Baptism of Adeline Violet Gregory. We will enjoy a special Morning Tea following the 10am Eucharist. Following the 8am Eucharist we will enjoy a festive breakfast! Please put this date in your diaries!

Archdeacon Erica Mathieson and The Rev'd Ray Williamson conclude their ministry at Holy Cross Hackett today. We wish them well in retirement. We are hoping that they may be able to join us for Sunday Worship before they depart Canberra.

Bishop Stuart has now laid up his Pastoral staff and he and Jane moved into another phase of their ministry, we wish them every blessing. During this period of episcopal interregnum we hold in our prayers Trevor Edwards as he leads the Diocese as Bishop Administrator.

From 20th Century poet RS Thomas on today's Gospel:

*... His are the echoes
We follow, the footprints he has just
Left. We put our hands in
His side hoping to find
It warm.*

And this statement was seen recently in a church. I think it sums up well something of the nature of us Philippians:

*We welcome those who take questions seriously;
we believe that faith and doubt must dance together;
we are in fact a community of those
who wrestle with God's absences
as well as God's presences.*