

## This coming week @ St Philip's

Monday	St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre
Tue – Fri	8am Morning Prayer
	5.30pm Evening Prayer
Thursday	10am Eucharist and Morning Tea
Friday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions
Saturday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions
	10.30am Eucharist @ Kankinya

## Prayer Points

We give thanks: James' release from hospital, Roger's positive reaction to treatment, Jacob Burridge's ongoing recovery.

For those in need: Roger Sharp; James Kim; Brian McKinlay; Ken Smith; Rosemary Lohmann; Chris Hudlass; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.

Those we remember: Howard Done (25/2/87).

## Next Sunday - Second Sunday in Lent

**Readings:** Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16; Ps 22.24-32; Romans 4.13-25  
Mark 8.31-38

**Presiding & Preaching:** The Rev'd Martin Johnson

**No flowers in Lent**

**8am:** Sidesperson: Volunteer  
Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson  
Readers: Volunteer

**10am:**  
Welcomer: Volunteer  
Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay  
Music: Colin Forbes  
Liturgical Assistant:  
Readers: Susan Johnson (OT)  
Rosemary Knight (NT)  
Chalice Servers: Denise Manley & Volunteers  
Morning tea: Alison Davidson & Rosemary Knight

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

**EFTPOS available in the foyer to assist with your giving.**

Our friends Candace and Kenny Sheppard will soon depart from Australia to return to Canada, after touring around to see as much of Australia as they can. There will be a 'pot luck' dinner held to say goodbye and good luck at Denise Manley's home - 14 Luehmann Street, Page on Saturday 24 February, commencing at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to come. Please call 0414 309 469 with any questions.



# St Philip's Come & See

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## Sunday 18 February 2018

### First Sunday in Lent

#### 10am Music

**Hymns: 234, 212, 143 & 245**

**During Communion: 'The Temptations' - The Iona Community**

#### Sentence

*The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.* Mark 1.15

#### Prayer of the day

*God of the new and eternal covenant, as the forty days of the great flood swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life: grant to us, who are washed clean and born again in the saving flood of baptism, the wellspring of your grace, that your gift of new life may flourish once again; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

#### Today's Readings

Genesis 9.8-17; Psalm 25.1-10; 1 Peter 3.18-22 Mark 1.9-15

#### Today's Rosters

Flowers: None in Lent

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

**10am** Welcomer: Erika Langman; Sidespeople: Peter Andersson & Kerry-Anne Cousins; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Pat Forbes (OT), Tim Gulliver (NT); Chalice Servers: Tim Gulliver & Volunteer; Morning Tea: Jan Gulliver & Anne Mahony.

## Psalm 25.1-10



### **Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame  
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated. **Resp.**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation:  
for you have I hoped all the day long. **Resp.**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,

but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,  
according to your steadfast love. **Resp.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. **Resp.**

For your name's sake, O Lord,  
be merciful to my sin for it is great.

Who are those who fear the Lord?  
Them will he teach in the way that they should choose. **Resp.**

## From the Rector

Dear Friends

At Youth Group last week there ensued a lively debate about Creation! We looked at the very first account of creation in the Book of Genesis and reflected on it in the light of modern scientific knowledge. It is crucially not the how of creation that is the ultimate concern of the writers of Genesis but the why. If we look at the accounts in the context of the entire Biblical narrative the issue is one of redemption, in the creation accounts we read that we are drawn out of nothingness into being, given a name and brought into relationship with God.

But that nothingness, the void, remains a constant, and humanity seems lemming-like to be drawn to it. Jesus after his baptism returns to the void of the wilderness and is tempted by the devil to deny his true self to remain, as it were, nameless and alone. This is what our journey is all about - reclaiming who we truly are, not what we might like to think we are, not what the world thinks we might be, but what we were truly created to be. We discover this by prayer, by the giving of ourselves in whatever way and by setting aside those things that we hold onto that are an artificial prop. In Lent we seek reality and in doing that there is joy to be found because we can discover why we have been made.

In today's reading from the book Genesis we read about the aftermath of the flood another one of those Biblical accounts that seem to cause controversy. In the flood once again chaos, the void seems to reign. At the end of the flood there is promise God will not cause such a thing to occur again. That of course is not to say that we don't bring these on ourselves. Climate change and many so called natural disasters are not acts of God but our propensity to be drawn back to the void.

Our Lenten studies on 'Development and Sustainability' commence this week and will continue after the Thursday morning Eucharists and on Thursday evenings at 7.00pm. They will provide us with the opportunity to consider why we have been created. Is it not when we create and redeem and sanctify that we are closest to the Trinitarian God in whose image we have been made.

Lent is a spiritually challenging time. If you wish to discuss spiritual matters or direction, engage in the rite of reconciliation or other sacraments of the Church please do not hesitate to make a time to speak with me.

Every blessing in this joyful season, **Martin.**

## St Philip's Calendar

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

<b>Friday</b>	23 Feb, 5 – 7pm	<b>Happy Hour</b> – Lamerton Centre
<b>Friday</b>	23 Feb, 7 – 8.30pm	<b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	25 Feb, 11.15am	<b>St Philip's AGM</b> – Lamerton Centre
<b>Saturday</b>	3 Mar, 9am – 5pm	<b>Synod Meeting</b> - Goulburn
<b>Friday</b>	9 Mar, 7 – 8.30pm	<b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>
<b>Friday</b>	23 Mar, 5 – 7pm	<b>Happy Hour</b> – Lamerton Centre
<b>Friday</b>	23 Mar, 7 – 8.30pm	<b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>

As our Archdeacon, Erica Mathieson, has announced her retirement after Easter, a card will be available for signing by members of this Parish, in deep gratitude to both her and her husband, the Rev' Dr Ray Williamson, who both looked after us during and after the final illness of our dear rector, Rob Lamerton.

