

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
	11am Lenten Study - Lamerton Centre
	7pm Lenten Study - Lamerton Centre
Friday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions
Saturday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions
	10.30am Eucharist @ Kankinya

Prayer Points

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

Those we remember: Merryn Bannerman (5/3/85); Daphne Hall (5/3/95); David Gowty (6/3/13).

Next Sunday - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Readings: Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21

Presiding & Preaching: The Rev'd Martin Johnson

No flowers in Lent

8am: Sidesperson: Vicki Luker
Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson
Readers: Dominic & Joseph Lloyd

10am:
Welcomer: Davidson Family
Sidespeople: Alison & Alistair Davidson
Music: Colin Forbes
Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Linda Anchell
Crucifer: Leighton Mann
Readers: Gail Langendorf (OT)
Denise Manley (NT)
Chalice Servers: Doreen Odom & James Kim
Morning tea: Candace & Kenny Sheppard

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

EFTPOS available in the foyer to assist with your giving.



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Sunday 4 March 2018

Third Sunday in Lent

10am Music

Hymns: 474, 430, 494 & 473

Sentence

God spoke these words and said, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.'
Exodus 20.1

Prayer of the day

Lord our God, by your Holy Spirit write your commandments upon our hearts and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross, so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness, we may become a living temple of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's Readings

Exodus 20.1-17; Ps 19; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22

Today's Rosters

Flowers: None in Lent

8am Preaching & Presiding: Canon Scott Cowdell; Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: John Girdlestone.

10am Welcomer: Ava Rath; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Roger Sharp; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Cate Dyer (OT), Joseph Lloyd (NT); Chalices: Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Rebecca Palethorpe & Family.

Psalm 19 - Sung by Linda Anchell



Response: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God:
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
- 2 One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth. **Resp.**
- 5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like
a strong man to run his course.
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest
bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat. **Resp.**
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.
- 8 The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.
Resp.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
O cleanse me from my secret faults. **Resp.**
- 13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the
mastery over me:
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.
- 14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in your sight:
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **Resp.**

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

This week at our monthly Family Eucharist we have the added joy of the baptism of Adaife Afamefuna, we welcome her today and her parents Dozie and Chinenye and her Godparents Ambrose, Obiamaka and Chikaodili. Baptism and Eucharist are known as the dominical sacraments because we act and speak them into being following the direct command of Jesus – at the Last Supper: Do this in memory of me and at the end of his earthly ministry: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Despite what many may think Jesus gives us very few commandments. He does however presume that those listening to his words know their Torah – I have come not to abolish the law but to fulfil it. It is in this light that we can read the account of the giving of the Ten Commandments in today's Old Testament reading from the Book of Exodus. Jesus doesn't consider the Ten Commandments from a legalistic perspective; we know, don't we, that he saved his most vehement criticisms for the religious lawyers of his day and their interpretations. Jesus' take on the law is always about relationship; his very nature as the God-man means that he embodies relationship between us and God. And by stating that loving God and neighbour are in effect the two sides of one coin he draws us into an understanding that the way we deal with each other is reflective of our relationship with God. So the Ten Commandments are our foundational text on giving God what is due to God and to each other what is rightly due.

The cleansing of the Temple is all about Jesus breaking down the barriers that we might put in the way of peoples' access to God. In Baptism we speak and act into being the sacrament by which we are brought into relationship with God. This breaking down of barriers and creating relationship is what our faith is all about. It is not about do this or don't do that, it is all about our relationships and what we become by virtue of those relationships.

Today Adaife becomes a Child of God, she is immersed in the waters of Baptism to be reborn and in turn her Godparents and parents promise to instruct her in what that means. It is our role at St Philip's to support them as we will promise to do during the service. Thank you to those of you who attended last week's AGM; the weather rather took its toll that day! I look forward to the new council meeting together to consider how we live out our great calling in the year ahead.

Blessings, **Martin.**

As announced by Martin at our AGM last week, and endorsed by the Parish members of the Clergy Appointment Board, The Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell will join St Philip's as an Honorary Associate Priest. He is joined by his wife, Lisa Carley and, if you would like to contact him, you can do this via his email: scowdell@csu.edu.au or on 6272 6207 (w) or 6247 0368 (H). We warmly welcome them both to the St P's family.

St Philip's Calendar

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

Friday 9 Mar, 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Wed'day 14 Mar, 7 – 9pm	Parish Council – Lamerton Centre
Friday 23 Mar, 5 – 7pm	Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre
Friday 23 Mar, 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Sunday 25 Mar, 8 & 10am	Palm Sunday
Thursday 29 Mar, 7pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday 30 Mar, 9am	Children's Stations of the Cross
Friday 30 Mar, 12 – 3pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday 31 Mar, 7pm	Easter Vigil & Service of Light (with incense)
Sunday 1 Apr, 7am	Eucharist (with incense)
Sunday 1 Apr, 8 – 9.30am	Easter celebration breakfast
Sunday 1 Apr, 10am	Solemn Sung Eucharist
Friday 6 Apr, 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Saturday 14 Apr, 9am – 1pm	Autumn Market Morning
Friday 27 Apr 5 – 7pm	Happy Hour – <i>April Fools Theme</i>

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 and for her ongoing care of us as our Archdeacon.