

## FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

It is the season of Lent. I hope and pray that it will be for you a time of coming closer to God and knowing God's love and peace more and more. Perhaps you have noticed by now the branches at the base of the altar? This is to remind us through Lent that we are on a journey to the cross and the resurrection. Jesus was crucified on two pieces of wood, wood that came from trees, perhaps cut down for that very purpose. The season of Lent draws us into the mystery of death and resurrection, despair and hope, endings and beginnings. It is time, if we can, to stop throughout our day and turn to the Christ who leads us through violence into peace and darkness into light. It is a time to reflect on our commitment to his path and what we can do in our own small ways to open our hearts and minds to his Spirit.

During Lent we will have some of our lay people, deacons and priests preaching for us and offering their insights. I look forward to hearing from them very much. I commend to you for your prayers the AGM next week. We have a full and exciting year ahead, particularly if our building goes ahead. I hope we see you at the AGM where you can ask questions, review the proposed budget and offer any support or insights. If you or someone you know would like to serve on Parish Council please take a nomination form and fill it in. AGM reports are available in the foyer. Some people will be stepping down this year due to work commitments or because they have already served for a very long time and need some time out! Parish Council is a vital part of our life together so your prayers and support are always needed.

Peace and blessings, Rebecca

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Notices & Prayer points, please submit by Thursday 12pm to Leighton: [leighton.ruth@grapevine.com.au](mailto:leighton.ruth@grapevine.com.au) or 61617133

	<b><u>ROSTERS &amp; READINGS</u></b>	<b>TODAY</b>	<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>
	<b>Sunday of Month</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>4th</b>
	<b>Liturgical Season</b>	First Sunday in Lent	Second Sunday in Lent
	<b>Flowers</b>	Lent (no Flowers)	Lent (no Flowers)
	<b>Celebrant</b>	Rev'd Rebecca Newland	Rev'd Rebecca Newland
	<b>Preacher</b>	Chris Cheah	Rev'd Linda Anchell
	<b>Bible Readings</b>	Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:4-13; Luke 4:1-15	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:1-9 or Luke 9:28-36
<b>8am</b>	<b>Sidespeople</b>		Tim Woodburn
	<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>	Elizabeth Allinson	
	<b>Bible Reader</b>	David French	Brother John
<b>10am</b>	<b>Welcomer</b>	Helen's replacement?	Brian McKinlay
	<b>Sidespeople</b>	Peter Andersson & Grace Barnes	Louise & Matthew McKay
	<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>	Chris Cheah	Ruth McGorman-Mann
	<b>Musician(s)</b>	Colin Forbes	Colin Forbes
	<b>Children's Ministry Helpers</b>	Fiona Dyer & Tracy Barralet	Vicki Luker (teaching)
	<b>1st Reader (O.T.)</b>	Fiona Dyer	David French
	<b>2nd Reader (N.T.)</b>	Pat Forbes	Jan Gulliver
	<b>Communion Servers</b>	Grace Barnes & Leighton Mann	Linda Anchell & Tim Gowty
	<b>Morning Tea</b>	Ann Munro & Odom family	Helen Palethorpe & Margaret Woodbridge
	<b>Additional details/notes</b>	12pm: Leadership Meeting 12pm: Sunday Home Group @ Denise's home	Annual General Meeting following 10am Service

**Parish Ordination gift;** we will be giving Andrea an Alb for her ordination. If you would like to contribute to this gift a donation basket will be in the foyer today

**Available today: Philip's Events Calendar & St Philip's Annual Report Booklet** (AGM 24 Feb), please take a copy & read

**On the web: [stphilipsoconnor.org.au](http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au) - St Philip's Lenten Calendar**, with readings, pictures, prayer, poetry and music for each day throughout Lent.

## PRAYER POINTS

**Those in need of prayer:** Anne Ranse (surgery 26 Feb) David Gowty, Val Reeves, Betty Heaton, Jean Pound, Meg Colwell, Michael Sawer.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Malakal (Sudan): The Rt Rev'd Hilary Garang Deng

**World Council Of Churches, Ecumenical Cycle:** Italy, Malta, Portugal & Spain

Ecumenical Prayer: *I believe in a Father who so loves his children to wait in silence for their return in order to give them the best robe, kill the fatted calf and celebrate the feast of reconciliation.*

*I believe in a Spirit whose power is not revealed in the thunder of the gale nor in the dread of the earthquake but in the still, small voice.*

*I believe in a Son who broke the power of Silence with the piercing cry, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Dying on the cross he transformed the silence of death into the death of every silence.*

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### St PHILIP'S PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Chris Cheah, Hilde de Raadt-Abma, Andrea de Vaal Horcui, Rev'd David French, Denise Manley, Rev'd Robin Moore, Rev'd Rebecca Newland & Helen Palethorpe.

Contact details in Parish Directory, please ask Sidespeople for a copy.

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**Cross Cultural Family Minister:** Andrea de Vaal

Horcui, mobile 0404 256714, **CCFM Assistant:** Reuben Majok

**St Philip's Care Co-ordinator:** Rev'd Robin Moore

**Rector's Warden:** Leighton Mann, **People's**

**Wardens:** Helen Palethorpe (Sec) & Roger Sharp.

**Parish Councillors:** Ian Cousins (Chair), Fred Anchell, Vicki Luker, Louise McKay, Peter Wilson & Shane Woodburn (Treasurer)

**Hon. Associate Priests:** Rev'd Steve Clarke

(Director of Mission & Justice, Anglicare), Rev'd Jeannette McHugh. **Hon. Deacon:** Rev'd Linda

Anchell

## THIS WEEK @ ST PHILIP'S

<b>Monday</b>		St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre – including lunch
<b>Tuesday</b>	10am – 12pm	St Pip's Playtime
	1pm – 3pm	Dinka Playgroup
<b>Wed to Sat</b>	8am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	10am	<b>Ash Wednesday Eucharist</b>
	11am	Lent Study
	7.30pm	<b>Ash Wednesday Eucharist</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	7.30pm	Lent Study
<b>Friday</b>	10am – 1pm	Pandora's at O'Connor – <b>\$2 sale</b> Volunteers: Barbara Dowley & Ethel McInnes
	7pm – 8.30pm	St Pip's Youth Group
<b>Saturday</b>	9am	Meet @ St Philip's carpark to arrange car-pooling, then travel to Goulburn
	11am	Andrea's Ordination, Deacons' Ordination, St Saviour's Cathedral
	10am – 1pm	Pandora's at O'Connor – <b>\$2 sale</b> Volunteers: Jeannette McHugh & Kath Thompson
	10.30am	<b>Eucharist</b> @ Kankinya Age Care Facility
<b>Sunday</b>	8am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	10am	<b>Eucharist</b> - with children's program
	following 10am service	St Philip's Annual General Meeting
	1pm	Dinka Service

## ST PHILIP'S CALENDAR

Sunday 3 Mar	following 10am service	Video of Cousins' PNG trip <i>A number of the congregation and wider St. Philip's community have expressed interest in the trip we made to Papua New Guinea in October last year. Some have associations with PNG over many decades. The video goes for 23 minutes and it will be shown at the back of the church. You will get a glimpse of the cultural and spiritual vitality of our nearest neighbour and its great sense of community.</i> Ian and Kerry-Anne
Wednesday 6 Mar	7.30pm	Parish Council (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed in Mar only)
Saturday 9 Mar	10am – 12pm	Companion House Training – "Working with people from refugee backgrounds"
Saturday 16 Mar	7.30pm	CAMRA's Janacek concert; featuring: "The Diary of One Who Disappeared"
Sunday 17 Mar	following 10am service	Welcomers & Sidespeople workshop
Wednesday 20 Mar	10am	<b>Eucharist</b> - celebrating Joseph



# St Philip's Come & See

Sunday 17 February 2013  
*First Sunday of Lent*

**10am Hymns: 684, 464, 692 & 591** (*Together in Song*)

**Sentence of the day:** Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him

**Prayer of the day:** O saving God, who led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land: so guide us that, following our Saviour, we may walk through the wilderness of this world and be brought to the glory of the world which is to come; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Psalm 91:

- 1 Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High:  
who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,
- 2 They will say to the Lord `You are my refuge and my stronghold:  
my God in whom I trust.'
- 9 The Lord himself is your refuge:  
you have made the Most High your stronghold.
- 10 Therefore no harm will befall you:  
nor will any scourge come near your tent.
- 11 For he will command his angels:  
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They will bear you up in their hands:  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You will tread on the lion and the adder:  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
- 14 You have set your love upon me,' says the Lord, and therefore I  
will deliver you:  
I will lift you out of danger, because you have known my name.
- 15 When you call upon me I will answer you:  
I will be with you in trouble, I will rescue you and bring you to honour.
- 16 `With long life I will satisfy you:  
and fill you with my salvation.'