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- or thrust your servant aside in displeasure;
- 12 For you have been my helper:
do not cast me away or forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 13 Though my father and my mother forsake me:
the Lord will take me up.
- 14 Teach me your way, O Lord:
and lead me in an even path, for they lie in wait for me.
- 15 Do not give me over to the will of my enemies:
for false witnesses have risen against me, and those who breathe out violence.
- 16 But I believe that I shall surely see the goodness of the Lord:
in the land of the living.
- 17 O wait for the Lord; stand firm and he will strengthen your heart:
and wait, I say, for the Lord.

Hymn: Who will carry the cross with me?

1. "Who will carry the Cross with me?"
ask the Christ, the Son of God,
"Who will carry the cross with me,
walk the way of love?"
2. "Who will turn then and follow me?"
ask the Christ, the Son of God,
"Who will turn then and follow me,
hear the call and come?"
3. "Who will eat of my bread with me?"
ask the Christ, the Son of God,
"Who will eat of my bread with me,
broken and renewed?"
4. "Who will live every day through me?"
ask the Christ, the Son of God,
"Who will live every day through me,
showing fruits of grace?"
5. "Who will give up their life for me?"
asks the Christ, the Son of God,
"Who will give up their life for me,
and surrender all?"
6. "I will rise in my life for you,"
says the Christ, the Son of God,
"I will rise in my life for you,"
dance for hope restored."

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Today is our Annual General Meeting, our major parish meeting for the year. I hope you are able to join us after the 10.00am service this Sunday. AGM's are important events as it is a time for reflecting on the year that has been and understanding what the year ahead holds. It is a time to ask questions, review the proposed budget and offer any support or insights. Parish Council and myself are your servants and we seek to make decisions and implement actions that are for the highest good for all and in line with God's purposes and will. We need your feedback, support and overall help to accomplish this task. One of the early Christian writings, the Rule of St Benedict (c.480-547), which was written as a guideline for monastic communities, emphasizes the importance of gathering the whole community together for important decisions and consultation. Surprisingly for the times Benedict says that everyone should be consulted including the very young. All members of the community have something to offer and will have insights that can guide decision making.

Benedict also mentions how the members of the group need to listen respectfully to each other and with deference. I mentions this not because I think we will not do this at St Philip's but because it is interesting how Benedict asserts that how we consult is as important as who we consult and what we talk about. The governance workings of a church can seem very distant and unreal at times but good governance and leadership, good listening and respect can make all the difference as we be the 'Body of Christ' in this place and as we deal with all the challenges of being a community on a faith journey.

A thank you to the Rev'd Linda Anchell who is preaching this Sunday. Quite a feat when you consider she and Fred are in the middle of moving! Before anyone thinks I have been heartless and uncaring Linda asked me late last year if she could preach on this day!

With peace and blessings and prayers for your Lent.
Rebecca

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

	ROSTERS & READINGS	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
	Sunday of Month	4th	1st
	Liturgical Season	Second Sunday in Lent	Third Sunday in Lent
	Flowers	Lent (no Flowers)	Lent (no Flowers)
	Celebrant	Rev'd Rebecca Newland	Rev'd Rebecca Newland
	Preacher	Rev'd Linda Anchell	Rev'd Andrea de Vaal Horciu
	Bible Readings	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:1-9 or Luke 9:28-36	Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:31-35
8am	Sidespeople	Tim Woodburn	John Girdlestone
	Liturgical Assistant		Elizabeth Allinson
	Bible Reader	Brother John	John Girdlestone
10am	Welcomer	Brian McKinlay	Denise Manley
	Sidespeople	Louise & Matthew McKay	Roger Sharp & Sally Adams
	Liturgical Assistant	Ruth McGorman-Mann	Andrea de Vaal Horciu
	Musician(s)	Colin Forbes	Fiona Fraser
	Children's Ministry Helpers	Vicki Luker (teaching)	First Sunday Service
	1st Reader (O.T.)	David French	Andrea to co-ordinate children
	2nd Reader (N.T.)	Jan Gulliver	Andrea to co-ordinate children
	Communion Servers	Tim Gowty & Denise Manley	James Kim & Denise Manley
	Morning Tea	Helen Paethorpe & Margaret Woodbridge	Philippa Wicks & Peter Willson
	Additional details/notes	Annual General Meeting following 10am Service	Cousins' PNG video following 10am service. Liturgy Team meeting following 10am

PRAYER POINTS

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

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Maryland: The Rt Rev'd Eugene Sutton, Assistant Bishop of Maryland The Rt Rev'd Dr Joe Burnett

World Council Of Churches, Ecumenical Cycle: France & Germany

THIS WEEK @ ST PHILIP'S

Monday		St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre - including lunch
Tuesday	10am - 12pm	St Pip's Playtime
	1pm - 3pm	Dinka Playgroup
Wed to Sat	8am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	10am	Eucharist
	11am	Lent Study
Thursday	7.30pm	Lent Study
Friday	10am - 1pm	Pandora's at O'Connor - \$2 sale
		Volunteers: Margaret Woodbridge & Fay Pankhurst
	7pm - 8.30pm	St Pip's Youth Group
Saturday	10am - 1pm	Pandora's at O'Connor - \$2 sale
		Volunteers: Beryl Blaseotto & Rhyanna Tarlington
	10.30am	Eucharist @ Kankinya Age Care Facility
Sunday	8am	Eucharist
	10am	Eucharist - First Sunday Service (children participating in service)

following 10am service - Liturgy Team meeting
following 10am service - Video of Cousins' PNG trip

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.

Ian and Kerry-Anne

1pm Dinka Service

ST PHILIP'S CALENDAR

Wednesday 6 Mar	7.30pm	Parish Council (<i>1st Wed in Mar only</i>)
Saturday 9 Mar	10am - 12pm	Companion House Training - "Working with people from refugee backgrounds"
Friday 15 Mar	7.30pm	CAMRA's Janacek concert; featuring: "The Diary of One Who Disappeared" www.camra.asn.au
Sunday 17 Mar	following 10am service	Welcomers & Sidespeople workshop
Wednesday 20 Mar	10am	Eucharist - celebrating Joseph
HOLY WEEK		
Saturday 23 Mar	9am - 12pm	Cleaning & Garden Bee
Thursday 28 Mar	6.30pm	Passover meal & liturgy, footwashing, last supper & solemn stripping of the sanctuary
Friday 29 Mar		Good Friday
	12pm - 6pm	Church open for prayer/reflection
	2pm - 3pm	Service
Saturday 30 Mar	5pm	Children's Easter service



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Second Sunday of Lent Sunday 24 February 2013

10am Hymns Together in Song: 116, Who will carry the cross with me?
(next page), 339 (reflection after sermon), **691 & 125**

Sentence of the day: Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ

Prayer of the day: God of our ancestors, whose chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and go out into the unknown: endow your Church with such faith that we may follow you with courage; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 27:

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?:
the Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, come upon me to devour me:
they shall stumble and fall.
- 3 If an army encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid:
and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.
- 4 One thing I have asked from the Lord, which I will require:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
- 5 To see the fair beauty of the Lord:
and to seek his will in his temple.
- 6 For he will hide me under his shelter in the day of trouble:
and conceal me in the shadow of his tent, and set me high upon a rock.
- 7 And now he will lift up my head:
above my enemies round about me.
- 8 And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary with exultation:
I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.
- 9 O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:
have mercy upon me and answer me.
- 10 My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':
your face, Lord, I will seek.
- 11 Do not hide your face from me:

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