

As we lead into Holy Week and the events of Easter it is worth reflecting more deeply on this love. In John's gospel is the phrase, "God so loved the world that he gave his only son". In trinitarian terms he gave himself since God, Son and Spirit are One. God's love is revealed most clearly in Jesus of Nazareth, his life, teachings, actions, death and resurrection. This is why we point to Jesus Christ. He shows us who God is and what God is like. When Jesus was asked which was the greatest commandment (and he had over 600 to choose from) he said the greatest was to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength and that a second was like it, love your neighbour as yourself. The night before he died Jesus gave his followers a new commandment, that they love one another just as he loved them. Not only is God love but he calls us to love with the same energy, compassion and self-giving. Please note we are to love God, neighbour and self as Jesus loves. In lent we are invited to reflect upon and choose the path of Jesus, to make him our model for life and loving, for self-care and engagement with the world. I hope and pray your lent is helping you in this journey.

On another note.... please keep in mind that we are beginning a choir at St Philip's that will be led by Katie and Toby Cole. In discussions with Katie we are going to invite all those who would like to sing and make music together. It is for our children and youth, our Dinka brothers and sisters, and anyone else. It begins in second term and will be held at 11.30 am on a Sunday. Our St Philip's singers, coordinated by Pat and Colin Forbes, will continue to gather for special events. Please contact me if you have any questions and would like to be involved.

Peace and blessings, Rebecca



## ABOUT THE TRISAGION

The Greek word *trisagion* (τρισάγιον) means 'thrice holy'. *Agiros*, or 'holy', appears three times. The sung words in St Philip's Lenten service booklet are the Greek from which the prayer book's English words, just above, are translated.

*Agiros o Theos, agios ischyros, agios athanatos, eleison imas.*

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

This prayer was debated at the Council of Chalcedon in 451, almost certainly originated much earlier, and is still used by the Orthodox and eastern churches. It began to be included in Anglican Holy Communion in the 1970s—particularly in Advent and Lent, when the *Gloria* is

omitted. Singing the *Trisagion*, we join the early Christians and today's Christians of many traditions to recall and seek the mercy of our holy, mighty and immortal God.

### 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."



## PRAYER POINTS

**Those in need of prayer:** The Gowty Family, Roger Sharp & Family, Tony Gulliver (Tim's brother), Rev'd Erica Mathieson, Anne Ranse, Val Reeves, Betty Heaton, Jean Pound, Meg Colwell, Michael Sawyer.

**Those we remember:** John Victor Cousins (d.14 Mar 94), Mary Elizabeth MacDonnell (d.14 Mar 99) Jean Parke (d.17 Mar 87), Marjorie Wright (d.19 Mar 02), Noel Lovett Barratt (d.20 Mar 99), John Robert Dimmick (d.22 Mar 71), James Patrick Bannerman (d.23 Mar 94)

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Diocese of North Queensland, Queanbeyan & District Parish, The Bargain Hunter, Alexander Maconochie Correctional Centre

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>	3rd	4th
	<b>Liturgical Season</b>	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Passion / Palm Sunday
	<b>Flowers</b>	Lent (no Flowers)	Kerry-Anne Cousins (Palms)
	<b>Celebrant</b>	Rev'd Rebecca Newland	Rev'd Rebecca Newland
	<b>Preacher</b>	Brian McKinlay	
	<b>Bible Readings</b>	Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:3-14; John 12:1-8	Liturgy of the Palms Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or or Luke 23:1-49
<b>8am</b>	<b>Sidespeople</b>		Tim Woodburn
	<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>	Elizabeth Allinson	
	<b>Bible Reader</b>	David French	Shane Woodburn
<b>10am</b>	<b>Welcomer</b>	Helen Palethorpe	Brian McKinlay
	<b>Sidespeople</b>	Peter Andersson & Grace Barnes	Louise & Matthew McKay
	<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>	Brian McKinlay	Ruth McGorman-Mann
	<b>Musician(s) &amp; Singers/Soloists</b>	Colin Forbes & Judith Swanson	Colin Forbes
	<b>Children's Ministry Helpers</b>	David Tscharke (teaching), Rachael Tscharke	Tracy Barralet
	<b>1st Reader (O.T.)</b>	Denise Manley	Brian McKinlay
	<b>2nd Reader (N.T.)</b>	Louise McKay	Ann Munro
	<b>Communion Servers</b>	Grace Barne, Leighton Mann & 1 volunteer	Hardy Palethorpe & Rev'd Linda Anchell
	<b>Morning Tea</b>	Rebecca & Stephen Palethorpe & Family	Margaret Woodbridge & Ethel McInnes
	<b>Additional details/notes</b>	<i>following 10am service: Welcomers &amp; Sidespeople workshop</i>	<i>following 10am: Special Parish Meeting to approve Lamerton Centre building</i>

## St Philip's Autumn Fest

Saturday 27 April 12 - 3pm

Food, Wine, Coffee, Live Music, Produce Stall

## THIS WEEK @ ST PHILIP'S

<b>Monday</b>		St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre – including lunch
<b>Tuesday</b>	10am – 12pm 1pm – 3pm	St Pip's Playtime Dinka Playgroup
<b>Wed to Sat</b>	8am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	10am 11am	<b>Eucharist</b> Lent Study
<b>Thursday</b>	7.30pm	Lent Study
<b>Friday</b>	10am – 1pm	Pandora's at O'Connor -OPEN Volunteers: Barbara Dowley & Ethel McInnes
	7pm – 8.30pm	St Pip's Youth Group
<b>Saturday</b>	10am – 1pm	Pandora's at O'Connor - OPEN Volunteers: Jeannette McHugh & Kath Thompson
	10.30am	<b>Eucharist</b> @ Kankinya Age Care Facility
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8am 10am following 10am	<b>Palm/Passion Sunday Eucharist</b> <b>Palm/Passion Sunday Eucharist</b> <b>Special Parish Meeting</b>

*At this meeting Parish Council will be seeking final approval from the Parish to incur a debt to complete the Lamerton Centre building project. We are still finalising the budget and we hope to present a more detailed breakdown but approval will be sought to incur a debt up to \$70,000. Relevant financial figures are available today. If you are unable to attend the meeting please direct any questions Wardens: Leighton Mann 61617133 or Rebecca Palethorpe 62533456. Shane Woodburn, the Parish Treasurer, will be away for the meeting, so if you have any further questions not answered to your satisfaction by the information provided would you please contact Shane on 62470940.*

1pm Dinka Worship Service



## ST PHILIP'S CALENDAR

Wednesday 20 Mar	10am	<b>Eucharist</b> - celebrating Joseph
Saturday 23 Mar	9am – 12pm	Cleaning & Garden Bee
Wednesday 27 Mar	5.30pm	<b>Memorial service in honour of David Gowty</b> <i>The service will be followed by a light meal (soup &amp; sandwiches) please see Leighton if you can contribute something. All are welcome</i>
Thursday 28 Mar		<b>Maundy Thursday</b>
	6.30pm	Passover meal & liturgy, footwashing, last supper & solemn stripping of the sanctuary
Friday 29 Mar		<b>Good Friday</b>
	12pm – 6pm	Church open for prayer/reflection
	2pm – 3pm	Service
Saturday 30 Mar	5pm	Children's Easter service
Sunday 31 Mar		<b>Easter Day</b>
	6am	Lighting of the new Fire
	7am	Eucharist
	8am – 9.30am	Easter celebration breakfast – Please see notice in foyer, re contributing something for the breakfast. Everyone welcome
	10am	Sung Eucharist - combined English & Dinka



# St Philip's Come & See

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent Sunday 17 March 2013

**10am Hymns Together in Song: 141, 660** (tune 624), **Who will carry the cross with me?** (next page) & **153**

**Psalm Response & Communion Music:** please see insert

**Sentence of the day:** Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves

**Prayer of the day:** Christ, whose feet were caressed with perfume and a woman's hair, you humbly took a basin and towel and washed the feet of your friends: wash us also in your tenderness, that, embracing your service freely, we may accept no other bondage in your name. **Amen.**

### Psalm 126:

- 1 When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:  
then were we like those restored to life.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter:  
and our tongue with singing.
- 3 Then said they among the heathen:  
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- 4 Truly the Lord has done great things for us:  
and therefore we rejoiced.
- 5 Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:  
as the streams return to the dry south.
- 6 Those who sow in tears:  
shall reap with songs of joy.
- 7 They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:  
shall come again in gladness, bringing their sheaves with them.

## FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

*I was recently struck by a discussion at one of our Lenten studies. Someone said, 'God is love' (a direct quote from the first letter of John) and then they said, 'God is a verb'. Who and what God is, is ultimately a mystery although we try and capture some of that mystery in words and concepts like creator and loving father. God is love and therefore God is a verb point to the energy and action of God. God is not far from us way in a distant heavenly realm but is the very energy, the dynamis, of life. This energy is love - love that creates, redeems, heals, calls and empowers.*