

particular project, like a building project for instance. It may be any number of things and most, if not all of them, unpredictable. Some weeks there can be a string of these that take time and attention. Sometimes less.

Over the years I have come to realise that this is what local ministry is like. It is also what life in general can be like sometimes. However, there is also another aspect to ministry and indeed to a life, which is fundamental to being able to rise above and manage all that we have on our plate. It is that underneath and behind it all is the all-encompassing Reality of a loving God. There is a centre and a beating heart that holds my life and all life.

Five mornings a week we hold Morning Prayer at St Philip's, at 8.30 am. Sometimes it is only me. Many times there are four or five of us intentionally starting the day in prayer and worship. Prayer is about coming back to centre, connecting to God, in the midst of our busy lives. I am not suggesting that you should join us on these days (although any one is very welcome!) only that there is great value in finding a time, any time each day, when you can turn your attention and focus to God and express love and praise. As Augustine said, our hearts are restless until we find our rest in God.

In my own life I find that the crisis, the demands of life, the stress and pressure of daily living, are simply overwhelming without that attention to the rhythmic centre of my being. And so this is yet again another encouragement from the parish priest to make God the centre of your life, just as Jesus did. As our Sunday reading from Proverbs says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths".

Peace and blessings,  
Rebecca.



Notices & Prayer points for the Pewsheets, please submit by Thursday 12pm to Leighton:

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## PRAYER POINTS

**Those in need of prayer:** Elizabeth Sillano, Rev'd Erica Mathieson, Philippa Wicks, Laura McHugh, Tim Gulliver, Jenny, Margaret Woodbridge, Tony Gulliver, Rev'd Anne Ranse, Meg Colwell, Michael Sawyer.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Diocese of Sydney. St John's Wagga Wagga, Wagga Wagga Base Hospital, St Martins College, The Riverina Anglican College, Riverina Juvenile Justice Centre Wagga Wagga.

**Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:** Upper Shire (Central Africa) The Rt Rev'd Brighton Vitta Malasa

**World Council of Churches, Prayer Cycle:** Belarus, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine



## NOTICES FROM THE RECTOR

- Due to pressing matters there will be no combined service at 1.00 pm Dinka service on the 29th of September. However at the 10.00 am service Rev'd Monica Adau Garang will share with us about the life of women in Sudan and how the Solar Oven project we have been supporting makes a difference.
- If you have anything of interest for the next edition of the Grapevine please send it to Linda Anchell (lindafrd@pcug.org.au) or myself (rdland@mac.com) by 5.00 pm Wednesday next week. We welcome all contributions.
- There is one place left for the retreat weekend, 18th to the 20th of October, at the Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo. Please contact me if you are interested. On that Sunday the services at St Philip's will be taken by the Rev'd Dr. Scott Cowdell. I will be staying on at the Abbey until the end of the following week for my annual retreat.
- The Rev'd Steve Clarke, honorary priest at St Philip's, has accepted the position of the Dean of the Cathedral in Sale, Diocese of Gippsland. We wish Steve all the very best in his new ministry. Details about Steve's induction will be available shortly.

- The Lamerton Centre building continues. We have sold the QE2, it is now empty and will shortly be taken off site. It has served us well for many years and I am a little sad to see it go - but not in light of trying to close those doors in the dark and pouring rain!

	<b><i>ROSTERS &amp; READINGS</i></b>	<b><i>TODAY</i></b>	<b><i>NEXT SUNDAY</i></b>
	<b>Sunday of Month</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>Liturgical Season</b>	Saint Matthew	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
	<b>Flowers</b>	Jeannette McHugh	
	<b>Celebrant</b>	Rev'd Rebecca Newland	Rev'd Rebecca Newland
	<b>Preacher</b>		
	<b>Bible Readings</b>	Proverbs 3.1-6, Psalm 19.1-6, Ephesians 4.1-14, Matthew 9.9-13	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 or Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19 or 1 Timothy 4:12-5:8; Luke 16:19-31
<b>8am</b>	<b>Sidespeople</b>	Tim Woodburn	
	<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>		
	<b>Bible Reader</b>	Shane Woodburn	
<b>10am</b>	<b>Welcomer</b>		
	<b>Sidespeople</b>	Louise & Matthew McKay	Grace Barnes & Hardy Palethorpe
	<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>	Ruth McGorman-Mann	
	<b>Musician(s) &amp; Singers/Soloists</b>	Colin Forbes: Sung Eucharist	Colin Forbes
	<b>Children's Ministry Helpers</b>	<i>t.b.a.</i>	<i>t.b.a.</i>
	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reader (O.T.)</b>	Denise Manley	Ann Munro
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reader (N.T.)</b>	Louise McKay	Helen Palethorpe
	<b>Communion Servers</b>	Hardy Palethorpe & Leighton Mann	Grace Barnes & Tim Gowty
	<b>Morning Tea</b>	Helen Palethorpe & Jan Gulliver	Volunteers please!
	<b>Additional details/notes</b>	<i>10am Sung Eucharist; celebrating Matthew</i>	

## THIS WEEK @ ST PHILIP'S

<b>Today</b>	8am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	10am	<b>Sung Eucharist</b> ; celebrating Matthew
	11.30am	St Pip's Music group
	1pm	Dinka Service
<b>Monday</b>		St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre - including lunch
<b>Tuesday</b>	10am - 12pm	St Pip's Playtime
<b>Wed to Sat</b>	8.30am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>		Contributions for Spring <i>Grapevine</i> due today
<b>Friday</b>	10am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	10am - 1pm	Pandora's @ O'Connor - Open Volunteers: Barabara Dowley & Ethel McInnes
<b>Saturday</b>	7.00pm	St Pip's Youth Group
	10am - 1pm	Pandora's @ O'Connor - Open Volunteers: Jeannette McHugh & Beryl Blaseotto
<b>Next Sunday</b>	10.30am	<b>Eucharist</b> @ Kankinya Age Care Facility
	4pm	Twilight Fair Committee at Gulliver's
	8am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	10am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	11.30am	St Pip's Music group
	1pm	Dinka Service

## ST PHILIP'S CALENDAR

*St Philip's October National Mission focus* - ABM's Rev'd Gloria

Shipp's ministry in Bathurst Diocese

Thursday 3 Oct	2 & 7pm	Taize events with one of the Taize Brothers, please see notice board for more information.
Sunday 6 Oct		Creation Sunday
Saturday 12 Oct	1pm	Tim & Mel's Wedding, followed by drinks in the courtyard by <i>Food @ St Philip's</i>
		<i>Please talk to Leighton if you can assist with waiting &amp;/or providing food.</i>
Saturday 19 Oct	2.30pm	CAMRA's High Tea & Harmony
		<i>RSVP Wed 16 Oct to Denise (denise.manley@optusnet.com.au)</i>
Sunday 20 Oct	10am	<b>Sung Eucharist</b> ; celebrating Luke
	5pm	Youth Service
Saturday 26 Oct	9am - 12pm	Garden & Cleaning Bee
Sunday 3 Nov		All Saints / All Souls
Saturday 9 Nov	3pm - 7pm	St Philip's Twilight Community Fair
Sunday 24 Nov		Christ the King / Ability Sunday
Saturday 30 Nov	6.30pm	St Philip's Advent Dinner celebrating Rebecca's 60th! (50th birthday & 10th Ordination anniversary)
Thursday 5 Dec	7.30pm	CAMRA presents Handel's <i>Messiah</i>



# St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 22 September 2013

## Celebrating Saint Matthew

**10am Music**; Hymns: **100** (verses 1,4,5,6 & 7), **164**, **547** & **470**  
Sung Eucharist: **757**

**Sentence of the day:** Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have come not to call the righteous, but sinners.

**Prayer of the day:** Almighty God, who through your Son Jesus Christ called Matthew from the selfish pursuit of gain to become a apostle and evangelist: free us from all greed and love of riches so that we may follow the steps of our Lord Jesus Christ in the way of self-giving love; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Psalm: 51

- 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.
- 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.

## FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,  
Some of the time in parish ministry it feels as if I lurch from one crisis to another. It may be a pastoral emergency. It may be a critical incident in a