

the Lord cares for the stranger in the land.
 11 He upholds the widow and the fatherless:
 as for the way of the wicked, he turns it
 upside down.
 12 The Lord shall be king for ever:
 your God, O Zion, shall reign through all
 generations. Praise the Lord.

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,
 Last week we celebrated St Matthew and I preached on money and wealth and how Matthew left everything to follow Jesus. I have picture in my mind of Matthew walking away from the piles of money he has collected in his tax booth and never looking back as he becomes one of Jesus disciples. This week all the readings are about money and wealth again. There seems to be a theme here! In the reading from Amos the prophet warns against those who choose 'beds of ivory', lives of ease and comfort, and neglect the weightier matters of justice. In 1 Timothy is Paul's famous line that the love of money is the root of all evil. Note it is not money itself that is the problem but the love of it. In the gospel reading is the very confronting story of the rich man and Lazarus. This is a complex story that takes some careful unpacking which I cannot do today. However, in a one sentence summary Luke does not have kind words for rich men in his parables (see Luke 16:1-12; and Luke 19:11-27). While Jesus does not say outright that their desire for wealth has clouded their judgment, we get a sense that this common characteristic has allowed their decisions to lead to troubling consequences.

It appears our wealth has the ability to distort our thinking and stop us seeing God's ways and committing to them. Personally I find this all very disturbing as a person living a life of comfort, ease and relative wealth in this incredibly prosperous land of Australia. I don't have any easy answers but I do believe that our dissonance is lessened, our choices become clear, when we 'let Go and let God'. That is, we commit our decisions and path to following God's will. As we pray

regularly, 'Your will be done on earth as in heaven'. To do this we must be willing to let go, to step out in faith, to put modeling our lives on Christ before acquiring more 'things', more 'stuff', more 'experiences', more 'youth, beauty and success'. And this is truly hard for a rich person. However, don't give up! Keep turning to God. Keep saying "your will not mine be done". God's Spirit, the spirit of Christ will guide, help and strengthen.

God is a God of abundance, radiance and grace. Have a blessed week.

Peace and blessings, Rebecca.

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.

Those we remember: Francis (Lawrie) Keast d.24 Sep 90, Robert Dixon d.29 Sep 89, Coralie Rockwell Sawyer d.29 Sep 91, Clive Lowes d.2 Oct 09, Lionel Bruce Holgate d. 5 Oct 02

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Province of Papua New Guinea. Theological Colleges and Church Schools of the Anglican Church of Australia, students & staff. Religious education in Schools & Parishes.

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer: Southwestern Virginia (III, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev'd Mark Allen Bourlakas.

World Council of Churches, Prayer Cycle: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

Prayer from the Sunrise Office of the Armenian Church: O Light! Divine and one Holy Trinity, we who are born of the earth glorify you always, together with the heavenly hosts. At the rising of the morning light, shine forth upon our souls your intelligible light.

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

ST PHILIP'S ROSTER

- Please advise Leighton if you will be available for the Christmas/January period so he can prepare the Roster with people who will be here!
- We are always looking for more people to go on the Roster in any of the roles, again please advise Leighton. Any training needed will be provided.
- We are looking for a Roster Coordinator to take on this task from Leighton. Please talk to Leighton.

	ROSTERS & READINGS	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
	Sunday of Month	5th	1st
	Liturgical Season	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
	Flowers	Ethel McInnes	Leighton & Ruth
	Celebrant	Rev'd Rebecca Newland	Rev'd Rebecca Newland
	Preacher		
	Bible Readings	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19 or 1 Timothy 4:12-5:8; Luke 16:19-31	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 and Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:(1-4) 5-10
8am	Sidespeople		John Girdlestone
	Liturgical Assistant		Elizabeth Allinson
	Bible Reader		John Girdlestone
10am	Welcomer		Denise Manley
	Sidespeople	Grace Barnes & Hardy Palethorpe	Roger Sharp & Sally Adams
	Liturgical Assistant		Andrea de Vaal Horciu
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloists	Colin Forbes	Fiona Fraser
	Children's Ministry Helpers	t.b.a.	<i>First Sunday Service</i>
	1st Reader (O.T.)	Ann Munro	<i>Andrea to co-ordinate children</i>
	2nd Reader (N.T.)	Helen Palethorpe	<i>Andrea to co-ordinate children</i>
	Communion Servers	Grace Barnes & Tim Gowty	Rev'd Linda Anchell & Tim Gowty
Morning Tea	Volunteers please!	Leighton Mann & Ethel McInnes	
	Additional details/notes	<i>School holidays</i>	Ethel McInnes

THIS WEEK @ ST PHILIP'S

Today	Creation Sunday
8am	Eucharist
10am	Eucharist
11.30am	St Pip's Music group
1pm	Dinka Service
Monday	St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre – including lunch
Tuesday	10am – 12pm St Pip's Playtime
Wed to Sat	8.30am Morning Prayer
Wednesday	10am Eucharist 7pm Bishop's Prayer for Healing Service, St John's, Reid
Thursday	2 & 7pm Taize events with one of the Taize Brothers, please see notice board for more info.
Friday	10am – 1pm Pandora's @ O'Connor – Open Volunteers: Valerie Kirk & Beryl Blaseotto
Saturday	7.00pm St Pip's Youth Group 10am – 1pm Pandora's @ O'Connor – Open Volunteers: & Valerie Seymour & Rachel Tscharke
Next Sunday	10.30am Eucharist @ Kankinya Age Care Facility 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist 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

Saturday 12 Oct 1pm Tim & Mel's Wedding
Tim & Mel invite friends from St Philip's to their Wedding service & to join them for drinks in the courtyard following the service.
Food @ St Philip's will be catering, if you can assist with waiting &/or providing food please talk to Leighton.

Saturday 19 Oct 10am – 3pm "Exploring the dangerous idea of Diaconal Ministry", at St Marks. Rev'ds Robin & Andrea will be speaking. Brochure available in the foyer with more info.
2.30pm CAMRA's High Tea & Harmony
RSVP Wed 16 Oct to Denise (denise.manley@optusnet.com.au)

Sunday 20 Oct 10am **Sung Eucharist**; celebrating Luke
5pm Youth Service

Saturday 26 Oct 9am - 12pm Garden & Cleaning Bee

Saturday 9 Nov 3pm -7pm St Philip's Twilight Community Fair

Friday 15 Nov Rev'd Steve Clarke's Induction as Dean of the Cathedral, Sale (Diocese of Gippsland).



St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 29 September 2013

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music; Hymns: 132, 745, 560, 187

Sentence of the day: Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

Prayer of the day: O God, from whom light rises in darkness for those who seek you: grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that in your light we may see light, and in your narrow path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Psalm: 146

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul:
while I live I will praise the Lord;
- 2 While I have any being:
I will sing praises to my God.
- 3 Put not your trust in princes:
nor in flesh and blood, which cannot save.
- 4 For when their breath goes from them, they return again to the earth:
and on that day all their thoughts perish.
- 5 Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob:
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
- 6 The God who made heaven and earth:
the sea, and all that is in them,
- 7 Who keeps faith for ever:
who deals justice to those that are oppressed.
- 8 The Lord gives food to the hungry:
and sets the captives free.
- 9 The Lord gives sight to the blind:
the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down.
- 10 The Lord loves the righteous:

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