

THIS WEEK @ ST PHILIP'S

Today's Readings: Jeremiah 15: 15-21; Psalm 26: 1-8; Romans 12: 9-21; Matthew 16: 21-28

Roster: Flowers: Philida Sturgiss-Hoy; Preaching & Presiding: Rector. **8am:** Sidesperson: TBA ; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Reader: TBA
10am: Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe; Sidespeople: Grace Barnes & Hardy Palethorpe; Liturgical Assistant: James Ellis; Music: Colin Forbes; Readers: Gail Langendorf (OT), Pat Forbes (NT); Communion Servers: Grace Barnes & Tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Rosemary Knight & Volunteer

Today 31st	8am 10am 1pm	Eucharist Eucharist Dinka Service St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre – including lunch Pip's Playtime
Monday 1st Sept		
Tuesday 2nd	10am	Eucharist
Thursday 4th	10am	Eucharist
Friday 5th	10am – 1pm 7.00pm	Pandora's @ O'Connor St Pip's Youth Group
Saturday 6th	10am – 1pm 10:30	Pandora's @ O'Connor Eucharist, Kankinya Aged Care Facility, Lyneham
Next Sunday 7th	8am 10am 1pm	Eucharist Eucharist Dinka Service

NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: Ezekial 33: 7-11; Psalm 119: 33-40; Romans 13: 1-10; Matthew 18: 10-20

Roster: Flowers: Revd Jeanette McHugh; Preaching & Presiding: Rector. **8am:** Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Reader: John Girdlestone **10am:** Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Roger Sharp & Sally McAdams; Liturgical Assistant: Revd Andrea de Vaal Horciu; Music: Colin Forbes; Readers: Andrea to Coordinate; Communion Servers: Tim Gowty & Tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Ethel McInnes

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Sat 13 Sept	9.00am-12	Working bee for Lamerton Centre opening
Sat 13 Sept	2.30-4pm	CAMRA's High Tea and Harmony
Fri 12 - Sun 14 Sept		Diocesan Synod in Goulburn

(For the complete calendar please go to the parish website)



St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 31 August 2014 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music; Hymns: **See Insert, 390, 473, 432**

"If you want to become a disciple of Jesus,
deny yourself, take up your cross and follow
him."

Matthew 16.24–25



"Outdoor Chapel" at Greenhills
Conference Centre

Prayer of the Day

O God,
whose Son has shown the way of the
cross to be the way of life:
transform and renew our minds
that we may not be conformed to this
world
but may offer ourselves wholly to you as
a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Saviour;
who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Notices & Prayer points for the Pewsheets, please submit by Thursday 12pm to
James on jamespeter.ellis@gmail.com

Thank you!

Psalm 26: 1-8

- ¹ Give judgement for me, O Lord,
for I have walked in my integrity:
I have trusted in the Lord and not wavered.
- ² Put me to the test, O Lord, and prove me:
try my mind and my heart.
- ³ For your steadfast love has been ever before my eyes:
and I have walked in your truth.
- ⁴ I have not sat with deceivers:
nor consorted with the hypocrites;
- ⁵ I hate the assembly of the wicked:
I will not sit with the ungodly.
- ⁶ I wash my hands in innocence, O Lord:
that I may go about your altar,
- ⁷ And lift up the voice of thanksgiving:
to tell of all your marvellous works.
- ⁸ Lord, I love the house of your habitation:
and the place where your glory dwells.

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Life goes around in circles doesn't it? It repeats itself over and over again, never quite the same but very very similar. As I look at the world and what is happening at the moment there is a frightening sense of nothing changing and if anything getting worse. How on earth do we make sense of the suffering of the various people of the middle east? How can we get our head around the fact that we are on the verge of losing the great barrier reef as we continue to ship tons and tons of coal offshore? How do we process the knowledge that South Sudan and other parts of Africa are on the brink of massive displacement and starvation? What do we make of the chaotic, disturbing, mess that is our state and federal politics? What is with our budget proposals that seem unjust and unfair? I wish I had easy answers. I don't think any one does. I do know I don't want to be part of team Australia. Instead I want to be part of God's reign of love on earth, *all the earth*, as in heaven. What about you? How can we as a community love and nurture each other in the midst of such uncertainty, fear and potential suffering? As a starting point perhaps we could read and follow what Paul outlines in our Romans reading today (Romans 12.9-21). Have a read of it and see how it speaks to you. Interestingly Paul goes on to talk about duties to state authorities - very interesting! Paul presupposes a Godly government. I am not sure what he would say to one that was not that in various times and places. However we see the world and its leaders, however we read the times - "Do not let evil defeat you; instead, conquer evil with good" (Romans 12.21). May you find and express God's love this week. Peace and blessings, Rebecca.

Notices

If you haven't collected your **invitation to the Lamerton Centre Opening** from the foyer, please do so.

The courtyard is completed! Working Bee to prepare for Lamerton Centre Opening on Saturday 13 September 9-12noon.

Lamerton Centre Opening Event - put this date in your diary

The official opening of Lamerton Centre will be held on Saturday 20th September starting at 11am

The program developed by the committee working on the opening event is

- 11 - 12 welcome, drinks and finger food, speeches, prayers and some entertainment
- 12-1pm light, relaxing music provided by two of our parishioners, lunch and a time to chat
- 1pm Pandora's Fabulous Fashion Parade

In order to have our church and newly completed courtyard renovations looking spick and speck we invite you to help out at a working bee on Saturday 13th September from 9am. If you can help with this please contact Ben Dyer on dyerbf@bigpond.net.au or on 62489016

Twilight Fair - The time has come to think about the Twilight Fair and prepare to make it a wonderful community event and fund raising opportunity for St Philips.

Each year there are people in the parish who make amazing Christmas cakes to sell at our Kitchen Creations stall. Last year our Christmas cakes alone made over \$1000!

The cost of production is no minor matter and to support those who have the skills to make these sought after cakes, we ask that some of those who don't have those skills, to contribute towards the cost of making them. If you would like to do that please place your donation - large or small - in an envelope marked as such, and we will pass it on to those who put so much effort into baking and making.

Many thanks, Helen Palethorpe Twilight Fair Convener.

Prayer Points for this week

For those in Need: Revd Anne Ranse, The family of Michael Sawer; Bill Viney, Meg Colwell, Margaret Wicks, Margaret & Claude Woodbridge, Denise Barralet; Revd Andrea de Vaal Horciu; Revd Dr Cath Holt

In Remembrance: Joyce McMillan (25 August 14); John David Williams (2004); Martyrs of New Guinea (1942); Gregory of Rome (d. 604).

From the Anglican cycle of prayer: We pray for the Church in Chile and Scotland; and for the Dioceses of Grafton and Willochra