

THIS WEEK @ ST PHILIP'S

Today's Readings: 1 Kings 3: 5-12; Psalm 119: 129-136; Romans 8: 26-39; Matthew 13: 44-58

Roster: Flowers: Philida Sturgiss-Hoy; Preaching and Presiding: Rector. **8am:** Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn **10am:** Sidespeople: Louise & Matthew McKay; Liturgical Assistant: Robin Shannon; Music: Fiona Fraser; Readers: Denise Manley (OT), Louise Mackay (NT); Communion Servers: Linda Anchell & Tim Gowty; Morning Tea: Ethel McInnes & Volunteer

Today 27th	8am 10am 1pm	Eucharist Eucharist Dinka Service
Monday 28th		St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre – including lunch Pip's Playtime
Tuesday 29th	10am	Eucharist
Thursday 31st	10am	Eucharist
Friday 1st Aug	10am – 1pm 7.00pm	Pandora's @ O'Connor St Pip's Youth Group
Saturday 2nd	10am – 1pm 10:30 7:30pm	Pandora's @ O'Connor Eucharist, Kankinya Aged Care Facility, Lyneham Colin Forbes Beethoven Concert
Next Sunday 3rd	8am 10am 1pm	Eucharist Eucharist Dinka Service

NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145: 8-9,14-21; Romans 9: 1-8; Matthew 14: 13-21

Roster: Flowers: ? Preaching: Revd. Andrea de Vaal Horciu; Presiding: Rector. **8am:** Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Reader: John Girdlestone **10am:** Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Roger Sharp & Sally Adams; Liturgical Assistant: Revd. Andrea de Vaal Horciu; Music: Colin Forbes; Readers: Andrea to Coordinate Children; Communion Servers: Hardy Palethorpe & Denise Manley; Morning Tea: Rebecca Palethorpe and Family

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Sat 23 Aug	5pm	CAMRA: <i>Liederabend</i> — fine song with drinks & nibbles
Fri 29 Aug	5-7pm	St Philip's Friday Happy Hour

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



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Sunday 27 July 2014

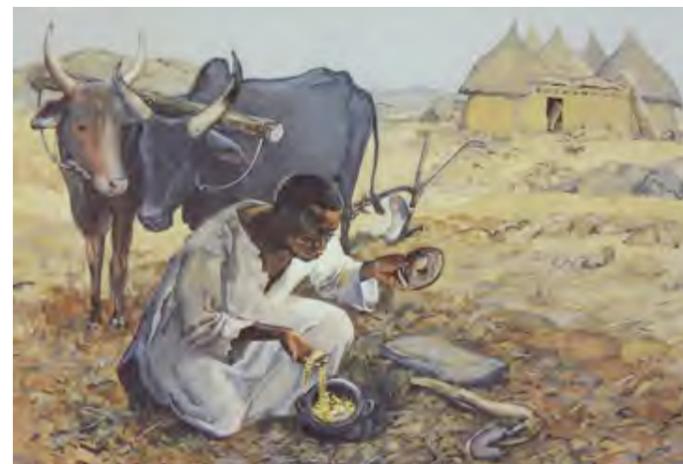
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music; Hymns: 153, 419, 745, 152

"Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord". Romans 8.38-39

Prayer of the Day

O God, the fount of wisdom,
you have revealed to us in Christ
the hidden treasure
and the pearl of great price:
grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment,
that, in the midst of the things of this world,
we may learn to value the priceless worth of
your kingdom, and be ready to renounce all
else for the sake of the precious gift you
offer. We ask this through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



"The Hidden Treasure"
Jesus Mafa

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

Thank you!

Psalm 119.129-136

- 129 Wonderful are your commands:
and therefore my soul keeps them.
- 130 The unfolding of your word gives light:
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and draw in my breath:
for I yearn for your commandments.
- 132 O turn to me and be merciful to me:
as is your way with those who love your name.
- 133 Order my steps according to your word:
that no evil may get mastery over me.
- 134 Deliver me from my oppressors:
that I may keep your precepts.
- 135 Make your face shine upon your servant:
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes gush out with streams of water:
because they pay no heed to your law.

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,
Our Psalm today is 8 verses from Psalm 119, the longest psalm and chapter in the bible. It is the prayer of one who delights in and lives by God's Torah, God's sacred law. In almost every verse of the psalm there is a synonym for Torah, such as *dabar* ("word, promise") and *mishpatim* ("rulings"). The words used in our selection are 'commands', 'word', 'commandments', 'way', 'precepts', and 'statutes'. This psalmist really knows how to drive a point home! One way to read this psalm is to see it as a meditation on Jesus central idea, 'the Kingdom of God'. Jesus did not invent this concept. He inherited it from his Jewish tradition and it framed his whole life - his teachings, his miracles, his death and resurrection. One short hand definition for this complex and rich idea is "God's people in God's place under God's rule". Under God's reign there are many ways to follow in the loving way Jesus taught and lived. His whole life was a prayer to God, where his 'Abba', his loving Father, was the the beginning and end of his ministry. Jesus made his life all about bringing others into a healed and deeper relationship with their creator God. It was about coming home to God and God's household, his reign. So our psalm becomes a meditation on the blessings of following this central teaching of Christ. Perhaps you could spend some time this week re-reading this portion of psalm 119 and reflecting on how you understand and embrace God's sacred way? May God's kingdom come and may God's will be done on earth as in heaven - this coming week and all days.

Peace and Love
Rebecca

Notices

Jean Pound – There will be a short service at 12noon **today** to scatter Jean's ashes. Anyone who would like to stay and join in the service will be very welcome. The service will be followed by lunch at the Ainslie Football Club.

The Courtyard refurbishment is going ahead! We are going to be calling in pledges soon. A special thanks to the Kindergarten for paying for the cost of the pavers (\$5,310). Pledges can be put in a clearly marked, sealed envelope or if you have access to EFT, deposited into the church account:

Name: St Philip's Anglican Church O'Connor
BSB:702-389
A/C Number: 0520-2512
Reference: Courtyard

In order to get the courtyard ready for refurbishment, there will be a **Working Bee** on Saturday 2 August from 9am-12noon. Please bring tools, gloves, and wheelbarrows to assist with lifting pavers.

Planning for the Twilight Fair ... Helen P is looking for people interested and willing to join this year's planning committee and is organising the first meeting for the fair on Sunday 27th July at Helen's house at 4pm. There will be wine and cheese! Could interested people please RSVP to me on hpalethorpe@grapevine.net.au or on 62488030. All ideas and offers of help are welcome!!

Lamentation Sunday – 10th of August.

At the 2013 session of our Diocesan Synod our Bishop, Stuart Robinson, made an historic apology to those who were victims of abuse. It was felt that this apology needed to be shared and received by the whole Church, and that together we needed to reflect upon the immense effect of abuse across our whole Diocese, and the Church universal. The Bishop has asked that a day be set aside in our diocesan calendar to recognise the pain, hurt and sorrow that has been caused by our actions and inactions relating to such abuse. The hope is that such a day will contribute to healing, forgiveness and reconciliation. It will also raise awareness of our need to be pro-active about creating a safe environment for all people, and the ongoing work of the Church in ensuring that this is so. St Philip's will signify this day with a special liturgy and a public reading of the Bishop's apology at both the 8 and 10 am services.

Prayer Points for this week

For those in Need: Revd Anne Ranse, Michael Sawer, Bill Viney, Meg Colwell, Margaret Wicks, Margaret & Claude Woodbridge, The Rector, Denise Barralet
In Remembrance: Ellen Elizabeth Mahony (2000), Druba Jyoti (Jyo) Sen (1994)
From the Anglican cycle of prayer: We pray for the Church in Jerusalem, the Middle East and North Africa. We also pray for the Church in Gaza and in Mosul.