

THIS WEEK @ ST PHILIP'S

Prayer this week

Those in need: Revd Andrea de Vaal Horciu, Revd Anne Ranse, Meg Colwell, Margaret Wicks, Margaret & Claude Woodbridge, Betty Heaton, Ann Brown. In memoriam: Revd Kevin Farrelly (who died last Thursday); William Trivett; Stanley Vincent; Hilda of Whitby, abbess, (d. 680); Hugh, bishop of Lincoln (d.1200); Elizabeth of Hungary (d.1231).

Today's readings

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18; Psalm 90.1-8,12; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30

Today's roster

Presiding and preaching: Revd Sonia Neville; Flowers: Philida Sturgiss-Hoy. **8am**: Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: David French. **10am**: Welcomer: volunteer; Sidespeople: Peter Andersson and Grace Barnes; Liturgical Assistant: Robin Shannon; Musician: Colin Forbes; Children's Ministry Helpers: t.b.a.; Readers: Tim Gulliver / Jan Gulliver; Communion Servers: Tim Gulliver and Denise Manley; Morning Tea: Jan Gulliver and Ethel McInnes.

Today 16th

10am
1pm

8am **Eucharist**

Eucharist

Dinka service

Tue. 18th

10am Pip's Playtime

Thu. 20th

10am **Eucharist**

Fri. 21st

7pm

10am-1pm Pandora's @ O'Connor

Youth Group

Sat.22nd

10.30am

10am-1pm Pandora's @ O'Connor

Eucharist at Kankinya Nursing Home

Sun.23rd

10am
1pm

8am **Eucharist**

Eucharist

Dinka Service

Next Sunday's readings — 23rd November: Christ the King

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100 or Psalm 95.1-7; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46

Next Sunday's roster

Presiding: Revd Sonia Neville; Preacher: Dr David Neville; Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins. **8am**: Sidesman: Tim Woodburn; Liturgical Assistant: James Ellis; Bible Reader: Shane Woodburn. **10am**: Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe; Sidespeople: Jan and Tim Gulliver; Liturgical Assistant: Brian McKinlay; Musician: Colin Forbes; Children's Ministry Helpers: t.b.a.; Readers: Jan Gulliver / Pat Forbes; Communion Servers: Volunteer and Revd Linda Anchell; Morning Tea: Ann Munro and volunteer.

Please submit notices & prayer requests for the pewsheet to pewsheet@stphilipsoconnor.org.au by Thursday 12noon



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Sunday 16th of November 2014

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10am Hymns: **102, 642** (tune 156), **599(ii), 163** (tune 93)

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.

1 Thessalonians 5.9, 11

Prayer

Everliving God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Psalm 90.1-8, 12

1. Lord, you have been our refuge:
from one generation to another.
2. Before the mountains were born
or the earth and the world were brought to be:
from eternity to eternity you are God.
3. You turn us back into dust:
saying 'Return to dust, O children of Adam.'
4. For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday passing:
or like one watch of the night.
5. You cut them short like a dream:
like the fresh grass of the morning;
6. In the morning it is green and flourishes
at evening it is withered and dried up.
7. And we are consumed by your anger:
because of your indignation we cease to be.
8. You have brought our iniquities before you:
and our secret sins to the light of your countenance.
12. Teach us so to number our days:
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.



Just one gold talent of Jesus' day was a fortune: well over half a million dollars' worth.

Welcome!

Today and for the next two weeks, we are delighted to welcome the Revd Sonia Neville to lead us in worship!

Advent Dinner / Happy Hour — Saturday 29th November

There will be no St Philip's Happy Hour on Friday 28th. Instead, there will be drinks and fellowship from 5pm on Saturday 29th, leading into the St Philip's Advent Dinner beginning at 6.30pm. We'll share good food and fun together to celebrate the church's new year. Between the drinks and dinner there will be the world premiere showing of the movie *The Lamerton Centre Story* starring a multitude of St Philip's parishioners."

St Philip's Twilight Fair

The Twilight Fair was a wonderful community event; so many tasks to be done, so many people involved. Jan Gulliver received the Twilight Fair Star Award. She worked tirelessly for the fair. Thank you so much Jan. Rising Star Awards went to Zara, Jarrah and Noah. Coordinator Helen Palethorpe says:

My heartfelt thanks to all the people who helped make the Fair such a success once again. Although we made fewer dollars than last year I think what we did was worth much more than dollars. We created "community" - we connected people with each other; we allowed the old to value the contributions of the young and the young to mingle with the old; we had people at all levels of abilities equally sharing the same space and the same experiences; we had people from different backgrounds mingling freely, with warmth and acceptance; we had music and laughter and good food. To me, this is what we are about as a Parish, and I thank everyone who helped to make it happen.

Key points from November Parish Council meeting

The 2014 Covenant between the Parish and Rebecca has now been signed by Bishop Stuart and a copy has been placed on the notice board. It is based on Rebecca working a four day week as discussed at the Parish consultation in April. The key priorities for 2014 are in line with discussion at the AGM in February and the continuing theme of nurture. They are:

- Nurture and consolidate the strengths of the Parish
- Improve our connecting and nurturing work
- Continue to build partnership and community between the English speaking and Dinka congregations, particularly through the cross-cultural family ministry
- Complete the final elements of the building and grounds upgrade programs to enhance Parish ministry activities and outreach
- Continue to explore ways to develop a better link between current outreach activities and St. Philip's mission

The Council extends its thanks and appreciation to the many, many people who made the Twilight Fair such a success.

The Council can confirm that the loan on the Lamerton Centre has been discharged.

A report on the cross-cultural program has been submitted to the Pelican Foundation for its meeting on 20 November. It seeks approval of part funding for 2015.

At its December meeting, the Council will consider the next two-year cycle of mission projects. Any suggestions for projects for 2015 and 2016 should be passed to one of the Wardens.

What do you think of our worship?

St Philip's Liturgy Team invites you to contribute thoughts and ideas about our services of worship—any aspect of the services at all. You are also welcome to ask questions.

We would like to hear from you about:

- (a) what we do well and should continue;
- (b) how to make even better the things what we already do well; and
- (c) things that could be done better or differently.

For a few weeks there will be a liturgy 'suggestion box' in the foyer for you to leave your ideas in writing. You could also email brian@nottoomuch.com or speak to Brian personally. We plan to respond carefully to every suggestion or question.

Christmas calendar — mark your diary

December

Wed 17, 7.30pm—St Philip's Carol Service (nine lessons and carols)

Wed 24 Christmas Eve: 5pm—Children's Christmas Service
11pm—Carol Singing; 11.30pm—Sung Eucharist

Thu 25 Christmas Day: 9am—Eucharist

Jon Stanhope on refugees — from Revd Linda Anchell

This week a number of us were at the talk by Jon Stanhope on refugees / asylum seekers. One story I did not expect to hear was about unaccompanied minors. I think these are usually young Hazara men from Afghanistan who are sent by their families to save them from the fate of their elder brothers ... but three young girls arrived, the youngest being six years old. In the confusion of getting onto the boat in Indonesia, they were separated from their mother and she could not get on. They are now "under the care" of their "guardian" (Scott Morrison), somewhere in the detention system. (Nauru?)

The Catholic Education Office has now opened a school at the Christmas Island detention centre. It took a year. Where are the state schools for that compulsory education children should be in?

Revd Roberta Hamilton (Priest at St Mary in the Valley) and Sr Jane Keogh were arrested (with other Christians) on Monday 10th in Senator Zed Seselja's office. They were part of the "Love makes a way" protest against detention of children.