

THIS WEEK @ ST PHILIP'S

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

Roster: Flowers: Ethel McInnes; 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 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

Today 7th	8am 10am 1pm	Eucharist Eucharist Dinka Service
Monday 8th		St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre – including lunch Pip's Playtime
Tuesday 9th	10am	Eucharist
Thursday 11th	10am	Eucharist
Friday 12th	10am – 1pm 7.00pm	Pandora's @ O'Connor St Pip's Youth Group
Saturday 13th	10am – 1pm	Pandora's @ O'Connor
Next Sunday 14th	10:30 8am 10am 1pm	Eucharist, Kankinya Aged Care Facility, Lyneham Eucharist Eucharist Dinka Service

NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: Genesis 50: 15-21; Psalm 103: (1-7) 8-13; Romans 14: 1-14; Matthew 18: 21-35

Roster: Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins; Preaching & Presiding: Rector. **8am:** Sidesperson: Vicki Luker; Liturgical Assistant: James Ellis; Reader: Rhonda Evans **10am:** Welcomer: A Davidson family member; Sidespeople: Jan & Tim Gulliver; Liturgical Assistant: Peter Kuot; Music: Colin Forbes; Readers: Denise Manley (OT), Louise McKay (NT); Communion Servers: Denise Manley & Hardy Palethorpe; Morning Tea: Ann Munro

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 7 September 2014 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music; Hymns: **152, 477, 659, 624**

"Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for whoever loves another has fulfilled the law."
Romans 13.8

CREATION PICTURE



Boab Tree, The Kimberley WA

Prayer of the Day

Holy God,
you call us to righteousness and light.
Teach us the undivided law of love,
that we may love your children even as
you do,
love you with all our will and strength,
and find our freedom in this blessed
service,
taught to us in word and deed
by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Thank you!

Psalm 119: 33-40

- 33** Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes:
and I will honour it to the end.
- 34** Give me understanding, that I may keep your law:
that I may keep it with my whole heart.
- 35** Guide me in the path of your commandments:
for therein is my delight.
- 36** Incline my heart to your commands:
and not to selfish gain.
- 37** Turn away my eyes from looking on vanities:
as I walk in your way give me life.
- 38** Make good your promise to your servant:
the promise that endures for all who fear you.
- 39** Turn aside the taunts that I dread:
for your judgements are very good.
- 40** Lord, I long for your precepts:
in your righteousness give me life.

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Our sentence for today are those wonderful words from Paul's letter to the Romans, "Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for whoever loves one another has fulfilled the law" (13.8). Paul has just written about what is 'due' by way of obligation towards civil authorities. He now stresses the most fundamental Christian obligation: that of love. This love is to reach out to everyone. I sometimes think that Christians can go on about love without really thinking through what it means. Well perhaps I should say I can do that! However, to understand what this love is we can keep looking in and pondering what we find in scripture, particularly the New Testament and the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The life of Christ is a window into love and its expression. This is why to follow Jesus is to love like Jesus and to love like Jesus is to fulfil the law of God. It is as simple and as difficult at that. No one can love as perfectly as Jesus but everyone can choose to try, to model their love and life on his, to learn and grow in love, to open themselves to the help of the Spirit and to not give up - no matter the failures, the doubt and difficulties we face.

What the world really does need is love, the love of Christ.

May your week be blessed and full of love.

Rebecca.

Notices

TODAY at 12pm: Leadership Meeting (English and Dinka Congregations)

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

After the working bee on Saturday 13th, there will be a **High Tea and Harmony**. Entertainment will be provided by MacKillop College. \$30/\$25

Lamerton Centre Opening Event - Only 2 Weeks Away!

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.

Pandoras **\$2.00** Winter Sale started on Friday. Great Bargains. Please come and tell your friends!

Prayer Points for this week

For those in Need: Revd Anne Ranse; Bill Viney, Meg Colwell; Margaret Wicks; Margaret & Claude Woodbridge; Denise Barralet; Revd Andrea de Vaal Horciu; Cath Holt; Rhonda and Harry Evans

In Remembrance/Commemorations: Athol Horace Barratt (2004); Birth of Mary, Mother of our Lord; Mother Esther, founder of the Community of the Holy Name (d. 1931).

From the Anglican cycle of prayer: We pray for the Church in the Sudan and the West Indies. We Pray for the Dioceses of Ballarat and Bathurst.