

## THIS WEEK @ ST PHILIP'S

Today's Readings: Ezekial 18: 1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25: 1-9; Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32

**Roster:** Flowers: Jeanette McHugh; Preaching & Presiding: Rector. **8am:** Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn; Liturgical Assistant: James Ellis; Reader: Shane Woodburn **10am:** Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe; Sidespeople: Louise & Matthew McKay; Liturgical Assistant: Robin Shannon; Music: Colin Forbes; Readers: Helen Palethorpe (OT), Ashton Robinson (NT); Communion Servers: Linda Anchell & Andrea de Vaal Horciu; Morning Tea: Helen Palethorpe & Volunteer

<b>Today 21st</b>	8am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	10am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	1pm	Dinka Service
<b>Monday 22nd</b>		St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre – including lunch Pip's Playtime
<b>Tuesday 23rd</b>	10am	<b>Eucharist</b>
<b>Thursday 25th</b>	10am	<b>Eucharist</b>
<b>Friday 26th</b>	10am – 1pm	Pandora's @ O'Connor
<b>Saturday 27th</b>	10am – 1pm	Pandora's @ O'Connor
	10:30	Eucharist, Kankinya Aged Care Facility, Lyneham
<b>Next Sunday 28th</b>	8am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	10am	<b>Eucharist</b>
	1pm	Dinka Service

### NEXT SUNDAY

Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80: 7-15; Philippians 3: 4b-14; Matthew 21: 33-46

**Roster:** Flowers: Ethel McInnes; Preaching: Revd. Andrea de Vaal Horciu (10am); 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; Music: Colin Forbes; Readers: Andrea to Coordinate; Communion Servers: Linda Anchell & Time Gowty; Morning Tea: Rebecca Palethorpe & Family

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Sun 5 October	8/10	Creation Sunday
Thurs 13 Nov - Sun 30 Nov		Rector on Leave

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



# St Philip's Come & See

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## Sunday 28 September 2014 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### 10am Music

Hymns: **134, 676 (Tune 262), 174 (Tune 591), 376**

'Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him'.

Hosea 6:1a, 2b



### Prayer of the Day

Grant, O merciful God,  
that your people may have that mind  
that was in Christ Jesus,  
who emptied himself, and took the  
form of a servant,  
and in humility became obedient even  
to death.  
For you have highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name that is  
above every name,  
Jesus Christ, the Lord;  
who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, in everlasting glory. Amen.

**Notices & Prayer points** for the Pewsheets, please submit by Thursday 12pm to James on [jamespeter.ellis@gmail.com](mailto:jamespeter.ellis@gmail.com)  
Thank you!

## FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends, As you may have read in the notices, this last monday, 22nd of September, St Philip's received a substantial bequest from the late Carola Parke, a long standing parishioner of our community. This bequest is extraordinarily generous. The council knew that an amount would be given once Carola's will was processed but we had not idea when or how much. Parish council will work very slowly and carefully to make sure Carola's generosity and this amazing blessing is used wisely and for the love of God. No major decisions will be implemented until after prayer, reflection, consultation and the 2015 AGM.

As I have begun to process this wonderful gift I have been reminded that large sums of money will change things. I hope and pray that we will never lose sight of who we are as a unique Christian community. Our shared values of inclusion, caring, relationships, relevance and worship are key signposts as we move into this next phase of our life together. It would be so sad if we no longer worked together with such grace, humour, understanding and commitment. God, through Carola's generosity, has indeed been good to us. This whole parish is a place of generosity and loving service. As Paul says in the New Testament, may we hold fast to that which is good. I have every reason to believe we will do just that.

Also, over the last week James, our administrative assistant, and I have been reviewing his position and working arrangements. As you know three months ago I gave up 10 hours of my paid stipend which enabled us to employ someone for 14 hours a week as an administrative assistant. From both James and my perspective this arrangement has been very successful, life-giving I would say for me. Given that James really only does what I was doing (or rather not doing or doing badly), he does not have a great deal of time to become the 'parish administrative assistant' and so I ask us all to be conscious of not weighing him down with things we would normally have attended to ourselves if possible. James is very gracious and generous with his time but we must be fair and reasonable!

Thank you and may God bless you all!  
Peace & Love, Rebecca

## Notices

On Monday 22nd, the parish has received a very generous bequest from the estate of the late Carola Parke. We won't be publishing the figure, but Parish Council will be meeting shortly to discuss and will move slowly and prayerfully.

**Next Sunday** (5th October) is "Ride and Walk to Church Day", Creation Sunday!

**Home work club** starts again on 21st October. Please contact Andrea if you would like to help out.

St Pip's **Youth Group resumes** on 17th October.

**Affirming News.** As some of you would have heard in the news there is uncertainty regarding the funding of school chaplaincy in the ACT. A petition was sent to the ACT government from Black Mountain school in support of Rev Andrea's ministry there. It is a school of around only 90 students but the petition was signed by over 1200 people. Every teacher, students, parents, grandparents and friends stepped up to affirm Andrea's extraordinary work. Well done Andrea!

**Synod weekend** was very interesting and many worthwhile topics were discussed. Our synod representatives will be providing a report for the parish over the next few weeks. Thank you very much to Philippa Wicks, Robin Shannon and Peter Kuot.

**Twilight Fair Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014, 3-7pm**

**Plants Plants Plants!!** Last year the garden stall made almost \$1000! To equal or better this we need your plants! Lots of them! **Books Books Books!** The book stall is another popular feature of our Fair and a great way for you to pass on pre-loved books. *For information, offers of help or suggestions to make the Twilight Fair better, contact Helen Palethorpe on 62488030 or [hpalethorpe@grapevine.net.au](mailto:hpalethorpe@grapevine.net.au)*

## Prayer Points for this week

*(Prayer Points will be kept in for 2 weeks, unless requested for longer)*

For those in Need: Revd Anne Ranse; Meg Colwell; Margaret Wicks; Margaret & Claude Woodbridge; Revd Robin Moore; Cath Holt

In Remembrance/Commemorations: Joyce Braithwait; Coralie Joy Rockwell Sawyer (1991); Robert Ivan Muir Dixon (1989); Michael and All Angels (Monday)

For the Church: We pray for the Church in Idaho, USA and Owerri Nigeria. In the Australian Church we pray for the bishops, clergy and people of the Dioceses of Wangaratta and Willochra; We pray for the work of the Christian Blind Mission in Tanzania and Cameroon.

The World: We pray for all those trapped by ideology, intolerance, religious bigotry or economic desperation, and show us how to bring light in such darkness, peace in such violence and hope in such hopelessness.