

## Prayer Points

For those in need: Tscharke Family; Brian Turner; Roger Sharp; Pat Forbes; Arok, Aleer & Tabitha Aluel Deng; Tracy Barralet; Susannah Morrison; Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton; Brenton Holmes.

Those we remember: Dorothea Tscharke; Robert Dixon; Coralie Sawer; Clive Lowes; Lionel Bruce Holgate

## Next Sunday - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

8am **Holy Communion**  
10am **Holy Communion**  
12.30pm Farewell Lunch

*The Dinka afternoon congregation invites the morning congregations to a farewell lunch next Sunday, 11 October from 12.30pm to celebrate their time at St. Philips.*

Readings: Job 23.1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22.1-15; Hebrews 4.12-16;  
Mark 10.17-31

Rosters: Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Sidesperson: Vicki Luker; Bible reader: Rhonda Evans

10am: Welcomer: Davidson family; Sidespeople: Brian McKinlay & helpers;  
Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Linda Anshell; Music: Colin Forbes;  
Readers: David French(OT), Pat Forbes(NT); Communion Servers:  
Doreen Odom & Denise Manley; Morning Tea: Odom family

## St Philip's Calendar <http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

Sunday 11 Oct	12-2.30pm	Sunday Home Group
Wednesday 14 Oct	7pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 13 Oct	10am	St Pips Playgroup resumes for Term 4
Friday 16 Oct	7pm	Youth Group resumes for Term 4
Sunday 18 Oct		St Philip's Local Mission Project: Common Ground Canberra
Friday 30 Oct	5-7pm	Happy Hour
Saturday 31 Oct	10am-4pm	Spring Quiet Day at Hall Cottage arranged by Anam Cara and Charnwood parish, more details next week, please see Jeannette for further info

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Sunday 4 October 2015

## Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music

**Hymns: 102, 491, 627 & 216**

### Sentence

Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.

Mark 10.15

### Prayer of the day

O God, your Son has taught us that we must receive your sovereign rule like a little child:  
help us to turn to you in faith and simplicity of heart, so that we may receive your blessing and enter the kingdom your son has promised; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

### Today's Readings

Job 1.1, 2.1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12; Mark 10.13-16

### Today's Roster's

Flowers: Ethel McInnes

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Sidesperson & Bible reader: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant:  
Elizabeth Allinson;

10am: Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Roger Sharp & Sally Adams;  
Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Andrea de Vaal Horciu; Music: Colin Forbes;  
Readers: Brian McKinlay(OT), Fiona Dyer(NT); Communion Servers: Tim Gulliver & Tim Gowty; Morning Tea: Palethorpe family

## *Psalm 26*

- 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.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners:  
nor my life with those that thirst for blood,
- 10 In whose hand is abomination:  
and their right hand is full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I walk in my integrity:  
O ransom me and be favourable toward me.
- 12 My foot stands on an even path:  
I will bless the Lord in the great congregation.

## *From the Acting Rector*

A superficial reading of Psalm 26 has led some to think that psalmist was a self-righteous person, even narcissistic. The author seems to depend on her 'integrity' to the point of self-righteousness, or at least so it seems on a first reading.

However, in this prayer the worshipper requests that God judge her character. She actually prays that God would test her integrity, her innermost being and her mind. She is asking God for a character reference! This sounds like very bold prayer indeed.

We tend to read this 'integrity' as some form of moral perfection but the psalmist states it entirely differently. She is not requesting, in the first instance, an examination of her high moral righteousness but her utter trust in and faithfulness to God. Her whole being is her relationship with God. She wants God to test the rightness of her relationship (1-3).

She is asking God to interrogate her by the searching first commandment. She trusts God's covenant love of justice, mercy and peace and his faithfulness to his promise to redeem and restore.

That relationship with God means that it tests other human relationships. Wickedness here, as in Psalm 1, is all about autonomy and self-rule (4-10) that leads to bribery, corruption, violence, hypocrisy and the breakdown of a flourishing social order. Loving God means working for and not against the neighbour's flourishing.

The psalmist has made a choice between the way of narcissism and the way of trust and dependence in God. That choice has cost her dearly. Nevertheless, she will find renewal and strength in worship (11-12).

Colin

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## *This week @ St Philip's*

**Monday**      **St Philip's Care** @ Northbourne Community Centre  
- including Lunch

**Tuesday**      11.30-1.30pm **St Pip's Playgroup – Picnic**  
@ John Knight Park, Belconnen.

All welcome, please feel free to invite friends along. Bring your own picnic (BYOP) and enjoy fellowship at a shared picnic. There are free electric barbeques available, we can cook sausages or burgers. It's a great place for the kids to play.

<b>Thursday</b>	10am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday</b>	10am – 1pm 1.30pm	<b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion – OPEN <b>Lamerton Centre Bridge Group</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	10am – 1pm 10am	<b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion – OPEN <b>Holy Communion</b> @ Kankinya

## *St Philip's National Mission Project*

### Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns

The mission of the Wontulp-Bi-Buya College is to equip students through training, to empower them with the necessary skills for them to be effective role models and leaders within their own homes, churches and their communities. Through this empowerment the students also have the opportunity to pursue further higher education or gain employment in their community.

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