

This coming week @ St Philip's

Monday	St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre - including Lunch
Thursday	10am Holy Communion
Friday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion
Friday	5 - 7 pm St Philip's Happy Hour Theme: Aussie / ANZAC day. Everyone welcome Drinks for sale. If you are able, please bring some finger food to share 7 - 8.30pm St Pip's Youth Group - Not on! Back next week.
Saturday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion
Saturday	10.30am Holy Communion @ Kankinya
Sunday	8am Holy Communion
Sunday	10am Holy Communion

Prayer Points

For those in need: Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge.

Those we remember: Noel Collins (18/4/70); Jeff Avery (23/4/07).

For Next Sunday - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

John Girdlestone

Reader & Readings

John Girdlestone: Acts 16.9-15; Revelation 21.10-14, 22-22.5

Liturgical Assistant

Elizabeth Allinson

10am Holy Communion

Flowers

Volunteer

Presiding & Preaching

Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

Organist

Colin Forbes

Chalice

James Kim & Denise Manley

Welcomer

Denise Manley

Liturgical Assistant

Philippa Wicks

Sidespeople

Sally Adams & Roger Sharp

Readers & Readings

Jarrah Palethorpe: Acts 16.9-15
Denise Manley: Revelation 21.10-14, 22-22.5

Morning tea:

Helen Palethorpe & Anne Mahony



St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 24 April 2016

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10am Music

Hymns: 123, 699, 72 & 455 (vv 1,4,5,6,8)

Sentence

'I give you a new commandment,' says the Lord, 'that you love one another. As I have loved you, you also should love one another.'

John 13.34

Prayer of the day

We behold your glory, O God, in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high: be glorified anew in the love we have for one another as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Acts 11.1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21.1-16; John 13.31-35

Today's Rosters

Flowers: Phillida Sturgiss-Hoy

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Sidesperson: Volunteer; Bible Reader: Volunteer

10am Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe; Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Manjuni

Gregory; Preaching & Presiding: Rev Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical

assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible readers: Gail

Langendorf (OT), David French (NT); Chalice: James Kim & volunteer;

Morning Tea: Helen Palethorpe & Anne Mahony

Psalm 148

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:
O praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all his angels:
O praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon:
praise him, all you stars of light.
- 4 Praise him, you highest heaven:
and you waters that are above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for he commanded and they were made.
- 6 He established them for ever and ever:
he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.
- 7 O praise the Lord from the earth:
praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, mist and snow:
and storm-wind fulfilling his command;
- 9 Mountains and all hills:
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples:
princes, and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens:
old folk and children together.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for his name alone is exalted.
- 14 His glory is above earth and heaven:
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.
- 15 Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:
of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

From the Locum Tenens Rector

This psalm is third in a series of songs that bring the Psalter to a conclusion in a crescendo of praise. In verses 1-13 its main theme is praise of God in and for creation. All things, animate and inanimate, in the heavens and on the earth are invited to praise God for the gift of life. Praise is the proper and heartfelt response of creation to its creator. The creation praises God when creation does what it was created to do: to be the sun, moon, wind and frost, sea monster, wild animals and cattle. In so doing each part plays its part in fulfilling the word of God that brought it into being. As in Genesis 1 the culminating focus is on men and women, rulers and ruled, young and old (11-13). The human social order praises God when it

reflects the character of God of love and justice. It then fulfils the word of God that brought human beings into existence.

In verse 14 the focus changes to the people of God and at first sight seems an odd way to end the psalm. We need to remember that the psalm arises as a response to the terrible effects that exile in Babylon inflicted on the people and the questions it posed. Did God love them? Does God still rule? Now the Davidic king is no longer who are we? One answer given in this psalm is that we are the people of the God who creates and sustains the world. Who can forestall his purposes? God's presence abides among his people and they show forth God's praise by being who they are, the liberated people of God.

The psalm sets redemption and worship in the context of creation, which is primary. Our worship and praise is meant to catch up the praise of the whole created order. The Psalter begins with a series of warnings about the disrupted nature of creation and a human society in which God's word is rejected, God's rule is rejected and God's people who wish to live under both are vigorously pursued by the powerful (Psalms 1-3). But God's purpose is to bring it all together in praise of its beauty and life, the very beauty and life of God itself.

For reflection: How may praise transform life?

Colin

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

Sunday 1 May

St Philip's Day.

Following the 10am service, we will have a **Picnic** in the courtyard. Please bring your picnic rug and a picnic to share (loaves & fishes?!). Drinks provided.

Also following 10am Service the **Rectory** will be open for viewing following the recent internal renovations.

Sunday 8 May 12 – 2.30

Home Group – Lamerton Centre.

Sunday 15 May

Day of Pentecost – Gospel Music

Saturday 14, 9am – 12noon

Rectory exterior/garden working bee

Sunday 22

Trinity Sunday

Friday 27 5 – 7pm

Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre

Theme: Chinese 'Year of the Monkey'



Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au or 0414 309 469