

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 7 - 8.30pm St Pip's Youth Group
Saturday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion
Saturday	10.30am Holy Communion @ Kankinya
Sunday	8am Holy Communion
Sunday	10am Holy Communion
Sunday	12.30am-3.00pm Home Group - Lamerton Centre

Prayer Points

For those in need: Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley (thanks for healing so far and pray for continued improvement).

Those we remember: Michael Sawyer (8/8/14); Thelma Morton (15/8/93); Donald Brown (17/8/88).

For Next Sunday - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

Reader & Readings

David French: 1 Kings 8.1,6,10-11,22-30,41-43;
Ephesians 6.10-20

Liturgical Assistant

Elizabeth Allinson

10am Holy Communion

Flowers

The Flower Roster Ladies

Presiding & Preaching

Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

Organist

Colin Forbes

Chalice

Leighton Mann & Hardy Palethorpe Volunteer: 1 Kings 8.1,6,10-11,22-30,41-43;

Welcomer

Davidson family

Liturgical Assistant

Brian McKinlay

Sidespeople

Peter Andersson & Volunteer

Readers & Readings

Fiona Dyer: Ephesians 6.10-20

Anne Mahony & Helen Palethorpe

Morning tea:



St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 14 August 2016

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 455(vv1,2;7,8), 621(t592),387 & 679

Sentence

'Is not my word like fire,' says the Lord, 'and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?'
Jeremiah 23.29

Prayer of the day

Everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking sin and all that hinders us, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11.29-12.2;
Luke 12.49-59

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster People - Phillida Sturgiss-Hoy

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Sidesperson: ; Liturgical Assistant: ; Bible Reader: Rhonda Evans;

10am Welcomer: Davidson Family; Sidespeople: Jan & Tim Gulliver;
Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical Assistant:
Linda Anchell; Crucifer: Leighton Mann; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible
Readers: Fred Anchell (OT), Linda Anchell (NT); Chalices: Denise
Manley & Doreen Odom; Morning Tea: Doreen Odom & family

Psalm 80.1-2; 8-19

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock:
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory;
- 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:
stir up your power, and come to save us.
- 8 You brought a vine out of Egypt:
you drove out the nations, and planted it in.
- 9 You cleared the ground before it:
and it struck root and filled the land.
- 10 The hills were covered with its shadow:
and its boughs were like the boughs of the great cedars.
- 11 It stretched out its branches to the sea:
and its tender shoots to the Great River.
- 12 Why then have you broken down its walls:
so that every passer-by can pluck its fruit?
- 13 The wild boar out of the woods roots it up:
and the locusts from the wild places devour it.
- 14 Turn to us again, O Lord of hosts:
look down from heaven, and see.
- 15 Bestow your care upon this vine:
the stock which your own right hand has planted.
- 16 As for those that burn it with fire and cut it down:
let them perish at the rebuke of your countenance.
- 17 Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:
on that son of man whom you made so strong for yourself.
- 18 And so we shall not turn back from you:
give us life, and we will call upon your name.
- 19 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

From the Locum Tenens Rector

Psalm 80.1-19

This is truly the 'good shepherd' psalm in which God is addressed as the "Shepherd of Israel" (Ps. 23.1; 78.52; Isaiah 40.1-11) despite Israel's sordid and faithless past (Psalm 78) and its devastating present (Psalm 79). The kings and elites of Israel were thought of as shepherds (Jeremiah 23.1-6; Ezekiel 34) as are Christian pastors (1 Peter 5.1-5) and supremely Jesus (John 10). It is a metaphor of leadership of the people of God in the ways of God's justice, peace and mercy.

Israel is not only the flock but God's good vine (8-16), a planting meant to bear beautiful fruit (Isaiah 5.1-7; John 15.1-11).

Verses 1-2 pray for the return of God's presence: they long for God to shine forth like a fire on a mountaintop with his favour and mercy towards them. They long for God to rule from his throne on the cherubim, creatures associated with Ark of the Covenant and symbolic of the ruling Presence. They cry for God to defend them. God seems to them to be asleep so they pray for God to awake and come to them. The prayer asks that God restore them, bring them back from exile from God's presence, to restore them to the path of God's will. The prayer of "How long?" is always poignant (4-7) yet it is also the beginning of

hope. Despite their actions they can still cry out "How long?" and "restore us, make your face shine upon us" in the belief that, despite everything God will hear and respond.

The people (17-18) must find life in the LORD who is the source of life and no longer seek for it in themselves. That we have the voice to call is an act of grace without which we are lost. Even our calling in the midst of lostness and rebellion is grace. The psalmist looks to God's king 'the one at your right hand' to be God's agent of salvation, to support and empower them.

Question: Explore a time in your life when God has seemed to be asleep. Have you ever cried out, "How long"? This psalm is the cry of those who know that they have no claim on God except his grace. Is that the foundation of your life of prayer and worship? How important is that? **Colin**

PRAYERS

. We pray for our children and young families and youth. We pray we find someone to minister to them and we give thanks for the opportunities we have in this Parish. **Amen.**

. Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will love and care for us all, who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

. God of mercy, we know that you remember the homeless, the destitute, the disadvantaged and those who have no-one to care for them. In our efforts to minister to their needs we thank you for the ministry of Revd. Robin Moore at Northbourne Community Centre and we pray that you will guide us to secure funding in this time of great financial stress. For Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

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#### St Philip's Calendar

<http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

Sunday 21 Aug 12.30-3.00 **Home Group** – Lamerton Centre

Friday 26 Aug 5-7pm **Happy Hour** – Lamerton Centre

Theme: Brazil Olympics

Friday 9 Sep – Sunday 11 Sep – **Canberra & Goulburn Synod**, Goulburn

Saturday 17 Sep 10.00-2.00 **Spring Fling**

**Notices** Please see the website, [www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au](http://www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au) or the noticeboard in the foyer.

Our **Spring Fling** is on Saturday 17 September, 10am – 2pm.

**Better Bits Stall:** If you have any treasures such as jewellery, china or other small items, please bring them to church from Sunday 21 August or advise Kerry-Anne if they need to be collected. It is hard to believe, I know, but stocks have got low!

**Gourmet Food Hamper:** We need contributions to make a hamper to raffle. Please bring to church over the next 2 weeks, please, any gourmet-style items, eg chocolates, gourmet olive oils, any other high-end, quality goods (not tins of baked beans etc this time, please). The Hamper Basket will be on the back pew ready and waiting for your kind deposits!

**Kitchen Creations:** Please think about what items you could make for this stall or do you have some preserves, jams etc in the cupboard you could donate? We need cakes, biscuits, home-made lollies etc. Please speak with Rebecca Palethorpe.

**Curries:** Think about what sort of curry you could cook for the event. Jan Gulliver is coordinating this stall. Please see her with your offers.

**Helpers:** Please think about what you could do on the day, helping with the setup, serving on a stall or assisting with the cleanup. We'll be starting to call for volunteers over the next few weeks. Leighton Mann or Helen Palethorpe are your contacts to advise help in this area.

## **SYNERGY SUNDAY**

**28 AUGUST 2016**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August is Synergy Sunday. A time to celebrate and support Synergy's ministry to children and young people across our Diocese. There will be an opportunity to offer support on the day.**

**This year we have a range of support material, all of which are downloadable from our website [www.synergy.org.au/support](http://www.synergy.org.au/support).**

leaders through study programs leading to awards in theology & community development.

Based in Cairns, the College provides leadership training for Indigenous people in Queensland and beyond. The College has grown substantially in recent years with five courses running. If you would like to contribute towards St Philip's donation to the college please use the envelopes provided or EFT to BSB: 702389, Acc No: 05202512, Name: St Philip's Anglican Church, Ref: National Mission Project.

There are various **job opportunities** available at the Diocese. Please see the notice board for details.

**THIS MONTH: National Mission Project 2016 – .Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns (an ABM project)**

The main purpose of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College is to support the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community