

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

**Celebration & Thanksgiving for
Andrea - morning tea after!!**

Prayer Points

For those in need: Sam Mahony; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley (thanks for healing so far and pray for continued improvement); the family of the Rev'd Gail Stevenson.

Those we remember: Rev'd Gail Stevenson (25/8/16); John Gamble (22/8/93); John Williams (2/9/04).

For Next Sunday -

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

John Girdlestone

Liturgical Assistant

Reader & Readings

John Girdlestone: Jeremiah 18.1-11 Philemon 1-25

Elizabeth Allinson

10am Holy Communion

Flowers

The Flower Roster Ladies

Presiding & Preaching

Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

Organist

Colin Forbes

Chalice

Tim Gulliver & Denise Manley

Welcomer

Denise Manley

Liturgical Assistant

Sarah Gowty

Sidespeople

Sally Adams & Roger Sharp

Readers & Readings

Gail Langendorf: Jeremiah 18.1-11;

Tim Gulliver: Philemon 1-25

Rebecca Palethorpe & family

Morning tea:



St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 28 August 2016

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 227, 474 (1,2/3,4), 658 & 596

Sentence

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Luke 14.11

Prayer of the day

O God, you invite the humble and the sinful to take their place in the festive assembly of the new covenant: teach your Church always to honour the presence of the Lord in the poor and the outcast, so that we may learn to recognise each other as brothers and sisters gathered together around your table. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 2.4-13; Psalm 81.1, 10-16; Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16;
Luke 14.1-14

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster People

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Sidesperson:; Liturgical Assistant:; Bible Reader: Volunteer;

10am Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe; Sidespeople: Brian McKinlay & Hardy Palethorpe; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: David French (OT), Pat Forbes (NT); Chalices: Tim Gulliver & James Kim; Morning Tea: Gheeta Sekhon & Volunteer.

Psalm 81.1, 10-16

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

1 O sing joyfully to God our strength:
 shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.
 10 `I am the Lord your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt:
 open wide your mouth, and I will fill it.
 11 `But my people would not listen to my voice:
 and Israel would have none of me.
 12 `So I left them to the stubbornness of their hearts:
 to walk according to their own designs.
 13 `If only my people would listen:
 if Israel would but walk in my ways,
 14 `I would soon put down their enemies:
 and turn my hand against their adversaries.
 15 `Those that hate the Lord would cringe before him:
 and their punishment would last for ever.
 16 `But Israel I would feed with the finest wheat:
 and satisfy you with honey from the rocks.'

From the Locum Tenens Rector
Psalm 81.1, 10-16

If only my people would listen to me! This is a fitting response to the reading from Jeremiah because it reflects on the crisis of the exile that Jeremiah saw coming and offers hopeful, encouraging words if only the people will listen to the word of God.
 The psalm begins with a call to worship joyfully and noisily (1-5) and recites some of the exodus story as does Jeremiah (6-10) and for the same purpose: to remind the people that God has always acted on their behalf to bring about their liberation and their continuing freedom. God's presence in Israel deserves ongoing praise, joy and exultation.
 Verse 10 is the conclusion of verses 1-9; God reminds them of his great liberation of their ancestors and the consequence of that is abundance if they would only receive it.
 The complaint (11-16) is that the people of God did not listen to the voice of God who had liberated and provided for them. They do not think much of God so don't bother to listen.
 So God gives them over to the stubbornness of their hearts. This is their choice; this is what they shall have (12) but God takes such an action with a heavy grief-stricken heart. God's dynamic living relationship with his people is portrayed poignantly; Gods' pain is that of a rejected lover (13). If only they would listen and receive what God is offering they could experience security and plenty (14-16).
 The first part of Christian spirituality is to pay attention and learn how to pay attention. Continuous partial attention maybe the state of most of us in our daily lives but it is a dangerous spiritual condition. The refusal to hear is treated with respect and the Lord hands over the people to their own wishes; they can follow their own counsels.
 But the Lord does not do this lightly or in a fit of pique. They are still his people; he loves them and he is not aloof from the ache of separation. Listening to God is crucial. The point of worship is to enable us to pay attention to God's exclusive

claim on our lives. Listening to God is at the heart of what it means to be the people of God.
 Question: How may we be more attentive to the voice of God? "What is God saying?" How often do we ask this questions as individuals and as a community?
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 4 Sep 10 am service Celebration & Thanksgiving service for Andrea.**  
 Friday 9 Sep – Sunday 11 Sep – **Canberra & Goulburn Synod**, Goulburn  
 Sunday 11 Sep 12.30-3.00 **Home Group** – Lamerton Centre  
 Saturday 17 Sep 10.00-2.00 **Spring Fling**  
 Friday 30 Sep 5–7pm **Happy Hour** – Lamerton Centre  
 Theme: Footy Fever (Footy Food!)

**Notices** Please see below and separate page.

The CANBERRA BACH ENSEMBLE – choir, orchestra and soloists, directed by Andrew Koll - will be performing four Bach Cantatas, BWV 119, 131, 138 and 34 on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm, and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm at St Christopher's Cathedral, Franklin Street, Manuka. For more info and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.canberrabachensemble.com](http://www.canberrabachensemble.com)

**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 or please see the notice board in the Lamerton Centre where you can put your name in the section you choose!

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Next Sunday (4 September) there will be a Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration of the ministry of the Rev'd Andrea de Vaal Horciu at St Philip's during the 10 am service. Andrea will speak about her journey since leaving St Philips and where she hears God calling her to serve next.

We will follow the service with a special morning tea and a small presentation to Andrea with gratitude for all she has done for us at St. Philips.

SYNERGY SUNDAY

28 AUGUST 2016

Today is Synergy Sunday. A time to celebrate and support Synergy's ministry to children and young people across our Diocese. This year we have a range of support materials, all of which are downloadable from our website

www.synergy.org.au/support

Prayer Points

- **Praise God for the children and young people we have in our parishes and ministries.**
- **Praise God for a fantastic Winter Camp in July and for the 35 campers & leaders who learned more about what it means to follow Jesus.**
- **Our need for more leaders for our camps and events.**
- **Our need for partners, both financial and in-kind, to enable Synergy to continue reaching children and young people for Jesus**
- **For our children and young people to grow in their relationship with Jesus and follow Him with their whole life**
- **For our parishes and ministry units as they make connections with children, young people and families, sharing Jesus with them.**

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 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.

Key Points from August Parish Council Meeting

- The Diocesan Synod will be held in Goulburn from 9-11 September. St. Philips will be represented by Rev'ds Colin and Robin and by Philippa Wicks, Rosemary Knight and Vicki Luker.
- The Parish has had limited success in its application from local clubs but we are grateful for their support. We still await word from ACT Housing for funding for the Northbourne Community Centre program. Northbourne Committee will meet on 19 August to review the future of the program. Parish Council would continue to value your prayers for a sustainable future for Robin Moore's Northbourne Community Centre ministry,
- The car park resurfacing is complete. We are continuing to fix eaves, drains and some shared sewerage problems with the kindergarten.
- Any update on Parish signage. We will see new signage in the next few weeks, weather permitting.

At mid-year, the Parish's running costs budget is in a reasonable state, partly due to lower expenditure and partly because we are not paying for a full time Rector. The second half of the year will see increased expenditure on maintenance of drains, sewerage line and the car park as well as upgraded signage around the church which was planned as part of the Lamerton Centre project.

The rectory internal work is complete except for the final carpet cleaning. However, the outside work has still to be done. This includes the pergolas, some guttering/roofing issues, tree maintenance and fencing. Rectory costs will continue to be met from the Carola Parke Bequest.

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### You are invited to a workshop

**Disability 101 Foundations for Enabling the Church – run by Rev'd Andrea de Vaal Horciu**

**Details: 10am-4pm on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September Black Mountain School, Dryandra St, O'Connor.**

Please see registration forms in the foyer, on the bench near the back door.