

## Prayer Points

For those in need: Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton;

Those we remember: Douglas Hobson; Gudrun Whalley; Sydney Bovis; Harry Cousins; Nancy Ingle; Alison Done;

## Next Sunday - First Sunday in Lent

8am **Holy Communion**

10am **Holy Communion**

Readings: Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16; Romans 10.4-13; Luke 4.1-15

Rosters: Flowers: Jeannette McHugh

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Sidesperson Vicki Luker; Bible reader: Rhonda Evans

10am: Welcomer: Davidson family; Sidespeople: Fred Anshell & helpers;

Liturgical assistant: Brain McKinlay; Music: Colin Forbes; Reader:

Rebecca Palethorpe(OT), Stephen Palethorpe(NT); Communion Servers:

Doreen Sengati-Odom, James Kim & 1 more; Morning Tea: Odom family

Following 10am Service: **Bible Readers Practice Session**

As there are so many scripture readings with vital messages for our Lenten and Easter services, ALL READERS are invited to a practice session after the 10am service next Sunday 14 February

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

Friday 26 Feb 5-7pm Happy Hour

Saturday 27 Feb 6 for 6.30pm *Curry and travel movie night*. If you can, bring a curry and come and enjoy the much acclaimed movie "Barefoot in Burma". You will be accompanying Ian ("Cecil B de Cousins") and Kerry-Anne on their two week journey down the Irrawaddy River from Mandalay to Rangoon in April 2015. Venue: Chris and Roger's, Unit 139 Glebe Park Residences, 15 Coranderrk St City. RSVP: 24 February to Chris & Roger

Sunday 28 Feb following 10am St Philip's Annual General Meeting

Saturday 19 March 9am St Philip's March Markets

*Holy Week*

Sunday 20 March Passion / Palm Sunday

Thursday 24 March 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service

Footwashing, last supper & solemn stripping of the sanctuary

Friday 25 March 12pm - 3pm Good Friday Service

Saturday 26 March 5pm Children's Easter service

7.30pm Lighting of the new Fire

Locum tenens rector: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon  
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Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to [pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au](mailto:pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au) or 0418 686033



# St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 7 February 2016

## Last Sunday after Epiphany - Transfiguration

10am Music

**Hymns: 143, 243, 516, 283**

### Sentence

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's son, full of grace and truth

John 1.1-14

### Prayer of the day

O God, glorious and faithful, you reveal the beauty of your face to those who seek you with a sincere heart: strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open our hearts to its transforming power, so that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Today's Readings

Exodus 34.29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; Luke 9.28-36

### Today's Rosters

Flowers: Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

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

10am: Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Roger Sharp; Music: Colin Forbes; Reader: Ann Munro (OT), Jarrah Palethorpe (NT); Communion Servers: Tim Gulliver & Helper/s; Morning Tea: Rebecca Palethorpe & family

## *Psalm 99*

- 1 The Lord is king, let the nations tremble:  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion:  
he is high above all nations.
- 3 Let them praise your great and terrible name:  
for holy is the Lord.
- 4 The Mighty One is king and loves justice:  
you have established equity, you have dealt righteousness and  
justice in Jacob.
- 5 O exalt the Lord our God:  
and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call  
upon his name:  
they called to the Lord and he answered.
- 7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud:  
they kept to his teachings and the law that he gave them.
- 8 You answered them, O Lord our God:  
you were a forgiving God to them, and pardoned their wrongdoing.
- 9 O exalt the Lord our God:  
and bow down towards his holy hill, for the Lord our God is holy.

## *From the Locum Tenens Rector*

**Psalm 99** This is the last of what is known as the enthronement psalms (see 93, 95-99). These form the theological centre of the psalter. God is proclaimed as king, as the Holy One who brings justice and equity to his people. These psalms, along with the all the psalms in Book IV (90-106) respond to the crisis lamented in 89.38-56, the failure of the Davidic kingship to produce a kingdom of justice, equity and righteousness. This was a huge crisis of faith climaxing in the exile in Babylonia. How could they be the people of God without the Davidic king?

Psalm 99 answers that question with the kingship of God. God's kingship is universal even if it is centred in Zion (1-2). God's sovereignty and holiness always has local expression. The effect is to make the nations quake.

God's holiness, in the sense of the awesome presence of God (3), is a key to this psalm but the presence is not one of destruction and keeping humans at a distance, but one of relating to them in setting things right; justice, equity and accountability (4-5). The establishment of justice is God's overriding purpose for the whole world but it must find local expression among God's people.

The psalmist point to another day long before a Davidic king when Moses knew the presence of God, communicated his message and followed the teaching as did Samuel, a known opponent of the whole idea of kingship. In those days long before David God revealed himself and the transcendent

God involved himself with matters of human life, justice and righteousness, sin and evil.

God the holy king forgives. God the holy is also the avenger of evil. How can this be? This is the question the NT answers. God does not avoid sin and sinners; instead he bears its burden. The traditional connection with Transfiguration now becomes obvious.

Colin

## *This week @ St Philip's*

<b>Today</b>		AGM Reports due, please email to Rev'd Colin
<b>Monday</b>	<b>St Philip's Care</b>	@ Northbourne Community Centre - including Lunch Parish Council meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>
	7.30pm	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	10am	<b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion – OPEN
<b>Friday</b>	10am - 1pm	<b>St Pip's Youth Group</b>
	7 – 8.30pm	<b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion – OPEN
<b>Saturday</b>	10am - 1pm	

## *This week in the St Philip's Lenten Calendar*

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Week One: 10-13 February - Beginning Lent with Rev'd Rob Lamerton | Prints by Margaret Preston | Jazz guitar with Walter Rodriguez



## *St Philip's Roster*

Many thanks to Geetha Jekhas, Manjuni Gregory and Erica Langman for volunteering for the Sunday 10am service in various capacities. It is much appreciated and we welcome you to the volunteer team. Many hands make light work!  
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## *Glass Jars*

Ethel is on the lookout for small clean glass jars for all the jam & preserves she is making. Please leave them in the Lamerton Centre for Ethel.

Wednesday 24 February 7.30pm: St Mark's and CSU alumnus Bishop George Browning will have his book, Sabbath and the Common Good: Prospects for a New Humanity, launched at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.

Thursday 25 February 7.30pm; St Mark's is pleased to invite you to the 2016 Commencement Lecture with special guest: Dr Greg Clarke, CEO of Bible Society who will be speaking on 'Poison, panadol, placebo: Is the Bible good for society's health?'