

Prayer Points

For those in need: Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton
Those we remember: Nancy Ingle; Alison Done

Next Sunday - Second Sunday in Lent

8am **Holy Communion**
10am **Holy Communion**

Readings: Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.1-9

Rosters: Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Liturgical assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible reader: David French

10am Welcomer: Erika Langman; Sidespeople: Peter Andersson & Kerry-Anne Cousins; Liturgical assistant: Rev'd Linda Anchell; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible readers: Ashton Robinson(OT), David Tucharke(NT); Communion Servers: Denise Manley & 2 more; Morning Tea: Manjuni Gregory & Ann Mahony

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

Wednesday 24 Feb 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 Feb 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?' tickets (free): <http://2016commencementlecture.eventbrite.com.au>

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 Coranderk 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

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Sunday 14 February 2016

First Sunday on Lent

10am Music

Hymns: 111, 591, 569, 420 (tune 93)

Sentence

Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him

Luke 4.8

Prayer of the day

O saving God, who led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land: so guide us that, following our Saviour, we may walk through the wilderness of this world and be brought to the glory of the world which is to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Romans 10.4-13; Luke 4.1-15

Today's Rosters

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Bible reader: Rhonda Evans

10am Welcomer: Davidson family; Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Manjuni Gregory; 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

Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au or 0418 686033

Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16

- 1 Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High:
who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,
- 2 They will say to the Lord `You are my refuge and my stronghold:
my God in whom I trust.'
- 9 The Lord himself is your refuge:
you have made the Most High your stronghold.
- 10 Therefore no harm will befall you:
nor will any scourge come near your tent.
- 11 For he will command his angels:
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They will bear you up in their hands:
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You will tread on the lion and the adder:
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
- 14 `You have set your love upon me,' says the Lord, `and therefore I will deliver you:
I will lift you out of danger, because you have known my name.
- 15 `When you call upon me I will answer you:
I will be with you in trouble, I will rescue you and bring you to honour.
- 16 `With long life I will satisfy you:
and fill you with my salvation.'

From the Locum Tenens Rector

Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16 This psalm eloquently expresses the faith of the psalmist. The psalmist wants answers a fearful question that is put elsewhere in the psalter; what do we have if land, king and temple are in ruins and we are enslaved (Psalm 89)?

The answer is to look to God who provides a secure place (1-2): himself. Faith is not placed in a proposition but a person. Faith is relational. Having said that, we have to believe that the person we put our trust in will respond in good faith; that they will offer a safe place for us to be.

Hence the confession of the past acts of God (3-8). The ancestors found God to be a refuge. God also provides a safe journey for the pilgrim people of God (3-13). God's protection is effective everywhere at every time. Surprise attack, war, violence, disease, and demonic powers are no match for God and his angels or messengers. God responds to trust (9) with protection. The text does not imply that the pilgrim will not face trials. They most certainly will. But God's power is more than adequate.

God responds to the psalmist's desire for an intimate friendship with a compact seven-fold response of commitment (14-16). The psalm has often been misused, as seen in the temptations of Jesus. The psalm is not about magic: many Christians and Jews have worn copies of portions of this psalm to magically ward off danger. The psalm is about personal relations. Faith is not magic; it is personal and relational.

Question: Draw out the commitments of God in 14-16. Meditate on them for a time. Are you willing to live like that?

Colin

This week @ St Philip's

- Today** 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 today
- Monday** **St Philip's Care** @ Northbourne Community Centre
- including Lunch
- Thursday** 10am **Holy Communion**
11am **Lenten Study** - Rev'd Colin will conduct a Lenten study on Psalms 120-134, sometimes called the Psalms of ascents. All are invited, Lamerton Centre Meeting room, for about an hour.
- Friday** 10am - 1pm **Pandora's** Pre-loved Fashion - OPEN
7 - 8.30pm **St Pip's Youth Group**
- Saturday** 10am - 1pm **Pandora's** Pre-loved Fashion - OPEN

St Philip's Lenten Calendar

Week Two: 14-20 February
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Prayers plainly spoken, by Stanley Hauerwas
Painting by Marney Ward | Singing by Benedictine Sisters of Mary



Key Points from February Parish

Council Meeting

- Parish Council considered the agenda and papers for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held after the 10am service on Sunday 28 February.
- After the normal business and elections, the AGM will have two general business items: Rectory Renovation Update and Report on Carola Parke Bequest
- The meeting business will be handled as quickly as possible and it is hoped that as many parishioners as possible can remain for the important general business items.
- St Philips March Market will be held on Saturday 19 March from 8am to 12 noon. The market will include Garage sale, cooking/produce/plant stall(s), Pandora's \$2 sale, morning tea & BBQ - more details soon. (Leighton will co-ordinate this event)

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.