

## This week @ St Philip's

<b>Monday</b>	<b>St Philip's Care</b>	@ Northbourne Community Centre - including Lunch
<b>Thursday</b>	10am 11am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Lenten Study</b> - 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.
<b>Friday</b>	10am - 1pm 5-7pm 7 - 8.30pm	<b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion - OPEN <b>Happy Hour</b> - Fabulous February <b>St Pip's Youth Group</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	10am - 1pm 6 for 6.30pm	<b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion - OPEN <b>Curry and travel movie night.</b> 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

## Prayer Points

For those in need: Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton  
Those we remember: Howard Done

## Next Sunday - Third Sunday in Lent

8am **Holy Communion**  
10am **Holy Communion**  
Readings: Isaiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.31-35  
Rosters: Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon  
8am Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn; Bible reader: Shane Woodburn  
10am Sidespeople: Jan & Tim Gulliver; Liturgical assistant: Elizabeth Allinson;  
Music: Colin Forbes; Bible readers: Rosemary Knight(OT), Geetha  
Jekhas(NT); Communion Servers: Tim Gowty, Tim Gulliver; Morning  
Tea: Rosemary Knight & Geetha Jekhas  
following 10am service **St Philip's Annual General Meeting**

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

Saturday 19 March	9am	St Philip's March Markets <i>Holy Week</i>
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 7.30pm	Children's Easter service Lighting of the new Fire



# St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 21 February 2016

## Second Sunday on Lent

### 10am Music

Hymns: 547, 684, 349 & 571

### Sentence

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a  
Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3.20

### Prayer of the day

God of our ancestors, whose chosen servant Abraham was given faith to  
obey your call and go out into the unknown:  
endow your Church with such faith that we may follow you with courage; for  
the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Today's Readings

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.1-9

### Today's Rosters

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon  
8am Bible Reader: Rhonda Evans  
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 Tscharke(NT);  
Communion Servers: Denise Manley & 2 more; Morning Tea: Manjuni  
Gregory & Ann Mahony

*Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points  
to [pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au](mailto:pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au) or 0418 686033*

## Psalm 27



### **Response: The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?**

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?:  
the Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, come upon me to devour me:  
they shall stumble and fall.
- 3 If an army encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid:  
and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust. **RESPONSE**
- 4 One thing I have asked from the Lord, which I will require:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
- 5 To see the fair beauty of the Lord:  
and to seek his will in his temple.
- 6 For he will hide me under his shelter in the day of trouble:  
and conceal me in the shadow of his tent, and set me high upon a rock. **R**
- 7 And now he will lift up my head:  
above my enemies round about me.
- 8 And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary with exultation:  
I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.
- 9 O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:  
have mercy upon me and answer me.
- 10 My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':  
your face, Lord, I will seek. **R**
- 11 Do not hide your face from me:  
or thrust your servant aside in displeasure;
- 12 For you have been my helper:  
do not cast me away or forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 13 Though my father and my mother forsake me:  
the Lord will take me up. **R**
- 14 Teach me your way, O Lord:  
and lead me in an even path, for they lie in wait for me.
- 15 Do not give me over to the will of my enemies:  
for false witnesses have risen against me, and those who breathe out violence. **R**
- 16 But I believe that I shall surely see the goodness of the Lord:  
in the land of the living.
- 17 O wait for the Lord; stand firm and he will strengthen your heart:  
and wait, I say, for the Lord. **R**

## From the *Locum Tenens Rector*

**Psalm 27** The psalm is a song of trust by an individual. The first six verses of this psalm are a remarkable profession of faith in God and the next six are a prayer for help while the last two verses of the psalm return to the profession of faith. The sequence is important: faith does not spare the people of God from difficulties but it equips them to live with courage and hope whatever they face.

The first verse sets out the fundamentals. Faith is personal; it must be 'mine' and not that of someone else. The psalmist trusts because of God's character of light and strength and it is that that casts out fear. As in the whole Bible the opposite of faith is not doubt but fear. Fear shrivels humanity in all of us.

Faith is living in the presence of God. This psalm is permeated with the desire for God's light to shine on the author's life, for the beauty of his presence and for the sheer delight of seeing God's face. The psalm celebrates the life of faith as opposed to the life of fear. The life of faith is not the safe or soft way but it is the way of life without fear. The crux is the anchoring of our lives in God alone.

The psalmist is surrounded by threats (2-3) and some of them violent. His enemies are after him (see comment on the Gospel) and he is in danger. However the psalmist is sure of God's tender protection (4-6) and his spirit rises to worship the God who saves and protects.

At verse 7 the psalmist turns to prayer (7-12) and these verses help us with understanding some aspects of prayer. It is embedded in grace (7-9a) and God's desire to reveal his face to his servant; that is to come into personal relations that touch the heart. Prayer knows that God comes to us even if our closest human relations will not (10) but such love is not earned, we are not worthy of it, it comes in grace and mercy (9).

Prayer finds its natural home in the teachable spirit, not the proud willful heart. Humility is the source of knowledge of God. And all the time the enemy is causing chaos and violence and corruption (12).

The psalmist returns to his profession of trust (13-14). God will display his goodness to the psalmist and the psalmist waits, a very important word in the life of prayer. Impatience, anger, fear, dissolve trust and suck the oxygen out of prayer.

Question: What are your fears, things that threaten you? Will you let God shine light on them? The psalmist makes seven requests of God to be present in his life. Can you find them? They might form the basis for your personal prayer during Lent.

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## St Philip's Lenten Calendar

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Week Three : 21-27 February Approaches to Prayer, from SPCK  
Painting by Margaret Olley | Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir