

This week @ St Philip's

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

Prayer Points

For those in need: Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton, Roberta

Those we remember: Merryn Kathleen Bannerman, Daphne Lois Hall, David Greville Gowty

Next Sunday - Fourth Sunday in Lent

8am	Holy Communion
10am	Holy Communion

Readings: Joshua 5.2-12; Psalm 32; 2Corinthians 5.16-21; Luke 15.11-32

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

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

10am Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Roger Sharp; Liturgical assistant: t.b.a.
Music: Colin Forbes; Bible readers: Denise Manley(OT), Fred
Anchell(NT); Communion Servers: Denise Manley & James Kim; Morning
Tea: Rebecca palethorpe & family

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	Children's Easter service
	7.30pm	Lighting of the new Fire



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Sunday 28 February 2016

Third Sunday in Lent

10am Music

Hymns: 201, 552, 677 & 432

Sentence

'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts,' says the Lord.

Isaiah 55.9

Prayer of the day

O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ: stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with joy the wonder of your love. 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

Isaiah 55.1-9; 1Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.31-35

Today's Rosters

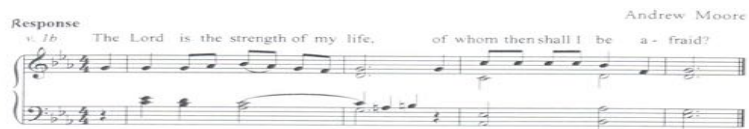
Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

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 Sekhon(NT); Communion Servers: Tim Gowty, Tim Gulliver; Morning
Tea: Rosemary Knight & Geetha Sekhon

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

Psalm 63



Response: My soul is athirst for you as in a dry and thirsty land

- 1 O God, you are my God:
eagerly will I seek you.
- 2 My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you:
as a dry and thirsty land where no water is.
- 3 So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary:
and saw your power and your glory. **Response**
- 4 For your unchanging goodness is better than life:
therefore my lips shall praise you.
- 5 And so I will bless you as long as I live:
and in your name will I lift my hands on high.
- 6 My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness:
my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips. **R**
- 7 When I remember you upon my bed:
when I meditate upon you in the night watches,
- 8 How you have been my helper:
then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings,
- 9 Then my soul clings to you:
and your right hand upholds me. **R**
- 10 Those that seek my life are marked for destruction:
they shall go down to the deep places of the earth.
- 11 They shall be delivered to the sword:
they shall be a portion for jackals.
- 12 The king will rejoice in God, and all who take oaths on his name shall
glory:
but the mouths of liars shall be stopped. **R**

From the Locum Tenens Rector

Psalm 63.1-9 (63.1-8 NRSV)

The editors of the Psalter associated this psalm with David's sojourn in the wilderness and Saul's attempt to kill him (I Samuel 23.14; 24.2). Most modern commentators take it metaphorically as reflecting a powerful experience of seeking for and finding God in midst of extremity.

The psalm is a fitting response to the reading from Isaiah 55. 1-9 today in which God calls for Israel to seek him. In this prayer the king of Israel (representative of all) seeks God (1). The poet likens his seeking to that of a lost traveller in a wilderness where there is neither water nor food. So the psalmist craves that relationship (1-2 NRSV) and seeks it in the temple i.e. the presence of God.

The psalmist remembers the power and the glory of God revealed in the sanctuary but it is not this to which he appeals. The core of the psalm is God's steadfast love; God's forgiveness, forbearance, loyalty to his promises, and redemption are the core of the relationship with God (2-4 NRSV). This is worth more than life, and is the source of praise and worship. That beautiful character of God then becomes the source of joy and worship. The psalmist can only meditate on God's enduring character of love when he lies awake (5-8 NRSV) because the subject is so great it fills his mind and heart. Meditation of God's beautiful character is like a great feast full of good and surprising things that delight the palate and leave the participant sated with joy and pleasure. Trust is pure adoration that leaves the self and its needs behind.

Question: How can you use this psalm in seeking God? On what grounds do you usually seek God? Would you describe your life with God as "satisfied with a rich feast"? Or not? Why? Colin

St Philip's Lenten Calendar

Week Four : 28 February - 5 March

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Ben Myers on Christ's Atonement
Flower painting from Imperial China
Music by Sir Edward Bairstow



Today!!

following 10am service - **St Philip's Annual
General Meeting**