

## Prayer Points

For those in need: Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton;

Those we remember: Gilbert Barnes; Peter Hall; Clara "Clare" Baker; Jean Cousins; Stanley Morton; Douglas Hobson; Gudrun Whalley; Sydney Bovis; Harry Cousins

## Next Sunday - Last Sunday after Epiphany

8am **Holy Communion**

10am **Holy Communion**

Readings: Exodus 34.29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; Luke 9.28-36 (37-43)

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

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

Sunday 7 Feb AGM Reports due, please email to Rev'd Colin

Wednesday 10 Feb	5pm	Parish Council meeting
Wednesday 10 Feb	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Friday 26 Feb	5-7pm	Happy Hour
Sunday 28 Feb	following 10am	St Philip's Annual General Meeting
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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# St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 31 January 2016

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10am Music

Hymns: 679 497, 629 & 210

### Sentence

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and was buried, and was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and appeared to many.

1 Corinthians 15.3-4

### Prayer of the day

Most holy God, in whose presence angels serve in awe, and whose glory fills all heaven and earth: cleanse our unclean lips and transform us by your grace so that your word spoken through us may bring many to your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Today's Readings

Jeremiah 1.4-10, 1 Corinthians 13.1-13, Luke 4.21-30

### Today's Rosters

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am ?

10am: Sidespeople: Erika Langman & Roger Sharp; Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Linda Anchell; Music: ? ; Readers: Tim Gulliver (OT), Denise Manley (NT); Communion Servers: Tim Gulliver & James Kim, Morning Tea: Self Serve in the Lamerton Centre meeting room

## Psalm 71.1-6

- 1 To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:  
let me never be put to shame.
- 2 In your righteousness rescue and deliver me:  
incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:  
for you are my high rock, and my stronghold.
- 4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked:  
from the grasp of the pitiless and unjust.
- 5 For you, Lord, are my hope:  
you are my confidence, O God, from my youth upward.
- 6 On you have I leaned since my birth:  
you are he that brought me out of my mother's womb, and my  
praise is of you continually.

## From the Locum Tenens Rector

### Psalm 71.1-6

The psalm we read today is one of tremendous hope and assurance. It is a prayer for lifelong protection and help and it assumes that the life of faith is always lived in the midst of adversity even in to the vulnerabilities of old age (9). There is no easy retirement for the disciple but also, unlike the political and social elites, God does not forsake or cast off the ageing person.

We only read a small portion of the Psalm today but that illustrates its pattern. The psalmist finds himself in the midst of a world of cruelty, injustice and wickedness. It mocks the righteousness of God. The psalmist needs protection: Although a victim of cruelty, injustice and wickedness the writer does not wish to be put to shame by succumbing to cruelty, injustice and wickedness himself. The poet must trust in God's righteousness; that God will act justly and equitably for the poor and oppressed. In his righteousness God will rescue him (71:1-4).

From petition the psalmist turns to trust and praise (71.5-8). The psalmist has the conviction that from his birth he has belonged to God. Praise then is a lifestyle springing from the beautiful, intimate relationship with God. Praise is to declare against all common sense that the world is God's. Praise opens us up to the new ways God leads us in adversity and struggle.

A fruitful exercise is to draw the links between the other readings today; Jeremiah's fright at God's call, the gift of love to us in the Spirit, and Jesus' rejection and the crowd's desire for murder.

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## This week @ St Philip's

<b>Monday</b>		<b>St Philip's Care</b> @ Northbourne Community Centre - including Lunch
<b>Thursday</b>	10am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday</b>	10am - 1pm 7 - 8.30pm	<b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion - OPEN <b>St Pip's Youth Group</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	10am - 1pm	<b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion - OPEN

## People needed to help with Rostered duties for Sunday services.

Are you able to help from time to time with some of the many duties that help to make our Sunday worship services run smoothly?

- Sidesperson to welcome people, hand out books, take up the collection and count the offerings in preparation for banking
- Liturgical assistant - see Rev'd Colin if you are interested in this
- Readers to read either the old or new testament reading of the day
- Communion servers
- Morning tea - preparation, serving and cleaning up
- Flowers - see Kerry-Anne

None of these jobs are onerous and many participants mean that the load is shared. All training and assistance will be provided. See Helen if you would like to contribute to our parish in this way.

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