

## *This coming 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 <b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion 7 - 8.30pm <b>St Pip's Youth Group</b> - Holiday recess
<b>Saturday</b>	10am - 1pm <b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion
<b>Saturday</b>	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b> @ Kankinya
<b>Sunday</b>	8am <b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	10am <b>Holy Communion</b>

## *Prayer Points*

For those in need: Barbara Dowley; Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge.

Those we remember:

## *For Next Sunday - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

**8am Holy Communion**

**Sidesperson**

**Reader & Readings**

David French: Amos 8.1-12; Colossians 1.15-29

**Liturgical Assistant**

Elizabeth Allinson

**10am**

**Holy Communion**

**Flowers**

The Flower Roster Ladies

**Presiding & Preaching**

Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

**Organist**

Colin Forbes

**Chalice**

Tim Gulliver & James Kim

**Morning tea:**

**Welcomer**

Erika Langman

**Liturgical Assistant**

Brian McKinlay

**Sidespeople**

Peter Andersson & Kerry-Anne Cousins

**Readers & Readings**

Ann Munro: Amos 8.1-12

Kerry-Anne Cousins: Colossians 1.15-29

Jan Gulliver & Volunteer

Noah's remark as the animals boarded the ark, "Now I've herd everything."



*Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to [pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au](mailto:pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au) or 0414 309 469*



# St Philip's

## *Come & See*

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Sunday 10 July 2016

## *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

*10am Music*

**Hymns: 640, 614, 607 & 455 (vv1,2; 7,8)**

*Sentence*

*Do to others as you would have them do to you. Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.* Luke 6.31, 35

*Prayer of the day*

*Eternal God, you have taught us through Christ that love is the fulfilment of the law: help us to love you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength, and our neighbours as ourself; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Today's Readings*

Amos 7.7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1.1-14; Luke 10.25-37

*Today's Rosters*

Flowers: The Flower Roster Ladies (Kerry-Anne Cousins)

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

**8am** Sidesperson: Vicki Luker; Liturgical Assistant: Not today; Bible Reader: Rhonda Evans;

**10am** Welcomer: Davidson Family; Sidespeople: Jan & Tim Gulliver; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical Assistant: Linda Anchell (with volunteers); Music: Colin Forbes; Bible readers: Ashton Robinson (OT), Denise Manley (NT); Chalice: Hardy Palethorpe & Volunteer; Morning Tea: Volunteers.

## Psalm 82

- 1 God has stood up in the council of heaven:  
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement.
- 2 `How long will you judge unjustly:  
and favour the cause of the wicked?
- 3 `Judge for the poor and fatherless:  
vindicate the afflicted and oppressed.
- 4 `Rescue the poor and needy:  
and save them from the hands of the wicked.
- 5 `They do not know, they do not understand, they walk about in darkness:  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 `Therefore I say, "Though you are gods:  
and all of you children of the Most High,
- 7 ` "Nevertheless you shall die like a mortal:  
and fall like one of the princes."
- 8 Arise, O God, and judge the earth:  
for you shall take all nations as your possession.

## From the *Locum Tenens Rector*

### Psalm 82

The theme of justice is pursued in this psalm of Asaph, a Levitical choir leader. This psalm takes a mythical and polytheistic framework that was common to Israel's neighbours and submits it to devastating criticism.

The myth is a meeting of the council of the many gods that strut the earth and El presides. In this myth the council governs the earth (1).

But in this psalm the LORD has overthrown El and puts them on trial as both prosecutor and judge (2-4). The question the LORD asks is: 'Have the gods administered justice in the earth?' The verdict – they have not. Instead they have administered injustice to the weak, oppressed, helpless and poor. Their partiality is for the strong and the wicked. Injustice among humans and the gods violates God's will for the world (Leviticus 19.15). In verses 3-4 the LORD indicts the gods for allowing injustice to disorder the whole of human life. Justice and righteousness (the right) are not abstract principles but very concrete matters of human relationships. How we treat the weak, orphans, the lowly, destitute and the needy is the criteria that this prosecutor uses to judge the 'gods of the earth.'

The 'gods of the earth' do not shed life and light on human community but instead moral and spiritual darkness, lacking knowledge and insight (5). The world teeters because it has no foundation in just relations with each other. Because the gods have failed in their prime responsibility to create the conditions for justice and the right the LORD strips them of their divinity; they are to become like mortals and die. They are no better than the princes who worship them (6-7). This is a devastating critique of all ideological religion; religion that has been captured by an ideology that shows partiality to the wicked and the powerful. The gods must face death because they have been unable to give life. The LORD alone rules the nations and holds them

accountable to exercise justice and uphold the rights of the weak. The psalmist calls on the LORD to rise up and rule the earth as it should be; in justice and by the right.

When peoples reject the LORD a power vacuum forms and other mythical deities fill it. The deities (name some in our secular mythology) that fill the vacuum usually elevate the economic survival of the few at the expense of justice and right for those who have no power. They create hierarchies of power and wealth. The God of Israel, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has no such agenda.

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### PRAYERS

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- . We pray for our children and young families. We pray we find someone to minister to them and we give thanks for the opportunities we have in this Parish.
- . Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will love and care for us all, who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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

**Today** 12.30-3.00 **Home Group** – Lamerton Centre  
**Saturday 16 July 9-10am Pandora's Meeting** – Lamerton Centre  
**Friday 29 July 5-7pm Happy Hour** – Lamerton Centre  
Theme: Christmas in July

**Notices** Please see the website, [www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au](http://www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au) or the noticeboard in the foyer.

- *Pandoras Christmas in July* 23 July. Add some sparkle to your winter and join us for festive-themed refreshments while you browse our special fashion treats in the warm and friendly setting of Pandora's. All Welcome!!!
- *Nungalinya eNews* from Nungalinya College can be forwarded to any interested person. Please email a request to the church on [stphil@grapevine.com.au](mailto:stphil@grapevine.com.au) and it will be sent to you.
- Pandoras staff meeting Saturday 16 July 9am -10am Lamerton Centre. Please come and contribute your ideas. The Committee.
- **Please do not put wet wipes or anything other than toilet paper into the toilets as the sewerage system is fragile with tree roots causing frustratingly frequent and expensive blockages for both the kindergarten and us. Thank you.**