

Prayer Points

For those in need: Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge, Teja Sekhon

Those we remember: John Victor Cousins, Mary MacDonnell, Jean Parke, Marjorie Wright, Noel Barratt.

Next Sunday - Sixth Sunday in Lent

8am **Holy Communion**

10am **Holy Communion**

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a; Philippians 2.5-11; Ps 31.9-18; Luke 22.14-23.56

Flowers: Jeannette McHugh & Ethel McInnes

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

8am Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Sidesperson: Volunteer; Bible Reader: David French

10am Welcomer: Erica Langman; Sidespeople: Peter Andersson & Volunteer; Liturgical assistant: Brian McKinlay; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible readers: Fiona Dyer (OT), Tim Gulliver (NT); Communion Servers: Tim Gowty & Tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Ann Munro & Geetha Sekhon

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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	(12.00-1.00 Music & Meditation
Good Friday Service	(1.00-2.00 Reflections (2.00-3.00 Evening Prayer, hymns & reflection
Saturday 26 March	7.30pm Lighting of the new Fire
Sunday 27 March	7.00 am Holy Communion 8.00-9.30am Easter Celebration Breakfast 10am Sung Eucharist

Sunday Funny

A Child's Prayer – Dear God, please take care of my daddy and my mummy and my sister and my brother and my doggy and me. Oh, yes, and please take care of yourself, God. If anything happens to You, we're gunna be in a big mess!



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



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Sunday 13 March 2016

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10am Music

Hymns: 341(vv1,2,6 & 7), 660 (tune 624), 203 & 739

Sentence

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Psalm 126.6

Prayer of the day

O God, the Redeemer of all who trust in you: heed the cry of your people, and deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Isaiah 43.16-21; Philippians 3.3-14; John 12.1-8

Today's Rosters

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Sidesperson: Vicki Luker; Bible reader: Rhonda Evans

10am Welcomer: Davidson Family; Sidespeople: Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Volunteer; Liturgical assistant: Rev Linda Anchell; Crucifer: Leighton Mann; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible readers: Linda Anchell (OT), Volunteer (NT); Communion Servers: Hardy Palethorpe & Doreen Odom; Morning Tea: Odom family

Psalm 126



Response: The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced.

- 1 When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:
then were we like those restored to life.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter:
and our tongue with singing. **R**
- 3 Then said they among the heathen:
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- 4 Truly the Lord has done great things for us:
and therefore we rejoiced.
- 5 Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:
as the streams return to the dry south. **R**
- 6 Those who sow in tears:
shall reap with songs of joy.
- 7 They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:
shall come again in gladness, bringing their sheaves with them. **R**

From the Locum Tenens Rector

Psalm 126

This is the seventh of the Psalms of Ascents sung by pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem for one of the festivals. They remember God's deliverance in the past (13), petition God for help in the present (45) and profess their trust in God's help (6).

It is easy to imagine the joy of the returning exiles on the sight of their homeland and of the Jerusalem (14). It was like a dream come true. Laughter and joy are the best expressions for the experience of God's redemption and they are the best witness we can offer. Even other nations noted often seen as enemies take note of God's redemption and Israel was fulfilling its mission to be the light of the world. However, life is never a smooth road and now they are experiencing severe setbacks (45). Tears and weeping seem to be their present lot in contrast to the joy and laughter of the first few verses. They long to be like the dry wadi beds filling with water and bringing life to everything that surrounds them. Sowing is always an act of anticipation and hope but if drought intervenes it seems hopeless and many tears are shed. In their need they turn to God in the trust that the seemingly hopeless act of sowing turns into joyful harvesting.

This is a fine Lenten psalm as we remember we live between memory and

hope: memory reminds us of the past and hope builds on that for a joyous future. During Lent we remind ourselves of the humbling even humiliating circumstances of Christ's death; yet we do so in the light of the resurrection and the promise of the renewal of all things. We sow in tears that we may reap in joy.

We must live as a visionary people and our past helps us do that. The past should liberate us for the future, not bind us in chains of fear.

Question: Are we bound to the past by chains of fear? How can we be a visionary people? How can we witness in joy and laughter? Colin

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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	9am - 12noon St Philip's March 9am - 1pm March Markets Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion - OPEN

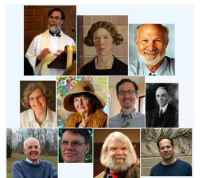
St Philip's Lenten Calendar

Week Six: 13 March - 19 March

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Simon Barrow on living together in love
Flower photography by Robert Mapplethorpe

Singing by the Mogens Dahl Chamber of Copenhagen



Requests

- Next Sunday, 20 March (Palm Sunday) please bring some greenery (pseudo palms) to wave.
- The second hour of the three hour on Good Friday has space for some quiet reflective pieces. If you have something to share, a poem or more, please talk with me. (phone Linda at 0410 746 551; text is good! or 6248 6663 or linda.anchell@gmail.com)
- **DON'T FORGET** - March Market is on NEXT Saturday, 19 March from 9am to 12 noon. See separate flyer for all information. **Come and Buy.**

Key Points from March Parish Council Meeting

- The new Council elected Ian Cousins: Chair; Shane Woodburn: Treasurer and Rebecca Palethorpe: Secretary. Tim Gulliver was appointed Building and Maintenance Co-coordinator; Rebecca Palethorpe as Children's and Youth Ministry Co-coordinator, Roger Sharp: Safety Officer (Diocesan requirement); Leighton Mann: Parish Communications & Events Co-coordinator; Rosemary Knight: Northbourne Community Co-coordinator.
- Points of contact responsibilities have been allocated amongst the new Council members and a revised note will be placed on the Noticeboard.
- There is an annual survey of the membership of parish sub- groups - the Liturgy Committee, the St. Philip's Care Management Committee, Pandora's Management Committee, Food@ St Philips and the Children and Youth Ministry Support Group. Parishioners wishing to serve, or to continue to serve, on any of these committees should make their interest known to a Warden or any other Parish Councillor.
- The Parish Council will also survey the valuable roles performed for the Parish by various individuals, namely, Youth Group Coordinator, Parish Office, Newsletter/Pewsheets, Sacristan and Assistant Sacristan, Cleaning, Website, Parish Calendar, Banking, Rosters Coordinator, Linen, Flowers Coordinator and Spring Fling Coordinator. Parishioners wishing to serve, or to continue to serve, in any of these roles should make their interest known to a Warden or any other Parish Councillor.
- Key issues before the Council this year, in addition to the normal running of the Parish, will be: completing the rectory renovation project; children's ministry; and assisting Rev. Robin to sustain the Northbourne Community program.
- In addition there is the Clergy Appointment Board process involving our Parish representatives Denise Manley, Chris Cheah and Ian Cousins.