

## *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>
<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 - St Philip's Day!</b>

## *Prayer Points*

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

Those we remember: Jeff Avery (23/4/07).

## *For Next Sunday - Seventh Sunday of Easter*

**8am Holy Communion**

### **Sidesperson**

Volunteer

### **Reader & Readings**

Rhonda Evans: Acts 16.16-34; Revelation 22.12-22,

### **Liturgical Assistant**

**10am**

### **Holy Communion**

### **Flowers**

Colleen Rischbieth

### **Welcomer**

Davidson Family

### **Presiding & Preaching**

Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

### **Liturgical Assistant**

Linda Anchell

### **Organist**

Colin Forbes

### **Sidespeople**

Sally Adams & Roger Sharp

### **Chalice**

Doreen Odom & Tim Gulliver

### **Readers & Readings**

Tim Gulliver: Acts 16.16-34

Ann Munro: Revelation 22.12-22

Rebecca Palethorpe & family

### **Morning tea:**



# **St Philip's** *Come & See*

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Sunday 1 May 2016

## *Philip & James, Apostles & Martyrs* *(Sixth Sunday of Easter)*

*10am Music*

**Hymns: 266, 552, Words enclosed -Tune 416, 624**

### *Sentence*

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you,' says the Lord. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'

John 14.27

### *Prayer of the day*

Great and loving God, your will for us in your Son Jesus is the peace which the world cannot give, your abiding gift, the Advocate he promised. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear, and keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always. **Amen.**

### *Today's Readings*

Acts 16.9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21.10-14, 22-22.5; John 14.6-14  
During Communion Katie Cole will sing "Domine Deus" from Vivaldi's 'Gloria'

### *Today's Rosters*

Flowers: Volunteer

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

**8am** Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Sidesperson: John Girdlestone;

Bible Reader: John Girdlestone

**10am** Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Roger Sharp;

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

Preaching & Presiding: Rev Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical assistant: Philippa Wicks; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible readers: Jarrah Palethorpe (OT), Denise Manley (NT); Chalices: Denise Manley & James Kim; Morning Tea: Rebecca Palethorpe & family



## Psalm 67

- 1 Let God be gracious to us and bless us:  
and make his face shine upon us,
- 2 That your ways may be known on earth:  
your liberating power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God:  
let all the peoples praise you. **R**
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing:  
for you judge the peoples with integrity, and govern the nations  
upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God:  
let all the peoples praise you. **R**
- 6 Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness:  
and God, our God, will bless us.
- 7 God shall bless us:  
and all the ends of the earth will fear him. **R**

## From the Locum Tenens Rector

### Psalm 67

This beautiful psalm has a long history of liturgical use in the daily prayers of the people of God. And no wonder, for its themes of blessing, presence and the universal reign of God lie at the heart of the faith.

God's blessing and graciousness to us are characterised in verses 1-2 as his presence shining upon us and the purpose of that presence is so that the saving love of God can be known among all peoples, not just some of a particular ethnicity or culture (see Numbers 6.24-26). Israel's experience of the graciousness of that Presence is to find expression in its witness to the nations (see Psalm 117). Witnessing is the truthful telling of the story of God's loving, just and gracious presence. We witness to the knowledge of experience tried in life's journey. All nations are the object of God's desire

for his shared Presence. The created order is his; the order humans have created in culture and society is his. Each is redeemable. That universal salvation is the cause for praise and worship from all people. God rules the world and guides it into equity or justice (3-4); this is the central theme of the psalm and ought to be a central element of praise. Those of us who live in democracies ought to praise the God who guides us towards equity. For it is the purpose of God to have justice and equity in the earth. We share that desire because we are created in God's image, sharing his deep longing for both. But we have decided to do it our way. When the earth yields its increase we ought to respond to it as blessing (5-6). It is all too easy to take for granted, safe food, clean water, beautiful natural surroundings and treat them as economic entities, there to serve our whims, our greed and our insatiable desires. We are the stewards of such things so that the whole earth may find blessing. Once again doing our own thing has all but destroyed the source of the blessing. The universalism of this psalm contests all particularisms to which we humans are prone; race, ethnicity, cultural, social, and familial. It was one of the most important lessons the people were asked to learn from the exile in Babylon and to incorporate into their emerging identity as the people of God: race, ethnicity, cultural, social, familial divisions and distinctions mean nothing to God.

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

Sunday 1 May

**St Philip's Day.**

Following the 10am service, we will have a **Picnic** in the courtyard. Please bring your picnic rug and a picnic to share (loaves & fishes?!). Drinks provided.

Also following 10am Service the **Rectory** will be open for viewing following the recent internal renovations.

Sunday 8 May

**Mothers' Day**

Sunday 15 May 12-2.30

**Home Group** – Lamerton Centre.

Sunday 15 May

**Day of Pentecost** – Gospel Music

Saturday 14, 9am-12noon

**Rectory exterior/garden working bee**

Sunday 22

**Trinity Sunday**

Friday 27 5-7pm

**Happy Hour** – Lamerton Centre

Theme: Chinese 'Year of the Monkey'

## Notices

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

- Hugh Mackay – new book: *Beyond Belief*
- Camp Pelican notice
- Praying with the Earth – 7 May 16