

This coming week @ St Philip's

Monday	St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre - including Lunch
Thursday	10am Holy Communion
Friday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion 7 - 8.30pm St Pip's Youth Group
Saturday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion
Saturday	10.30am Holy Communion @ Kankinya
Sunday	8am Holy Communion
Sunday	10am Holy Communion

Prayer Points

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

Those we remember: Violet Pocknall (8/5/84).

For Next Sunday - Pentecost

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

Volunteer

Reader & Readings

David French: Acts 2.1-21; Romans 8.14-17,

Liturgical Assistant

Elizabeth Allinson

10am Holy Communion

Flowers

Kerry-Anne Cousins

Presiding & Preaching

Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

Organist

Colin Forbes

Chalice

Hardy Palethorpe, James Kim & volunteer

Morning tea:

Welcomer

Erika Langman

Liturgical Assistant

Brian McKinlay

Sidespeople

Peter Andersson & volunteer

Readers & Readings

Rebecca Palethorpe: Acts 2.1-21

Stephen Palethorpe: Romans 8.14-17

Helen Palethorpe & Manjuni Gregory



St Philip's *Come & See*

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Sunday 8 May 2016

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10am Music

Hymns: 517, 204, 474, 411

Sentence

'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.

Acts 16.31

Prayer of the day

Almighty god, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Acts 16.16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22.12-22; John 17.20-26

Today's Rosters

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Sidesperson: Bible Reader: Rhonda Evans

10am Welcomer: Davidson Family; Sidespeople: Jan & Tim Gulliver; Preaching & Presiding: Rev Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical assistant: Linda Anchell; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible readers: Tim Gulliver (OT), Ann Munro (NT); Chalice: Doreen Sengati-Odom & Tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Odom family

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

Psalm 97

- 1 The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:
let the multitude of islands be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him:
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- 3 Fire goes before him:
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light the world:
the earth sees it and quakes.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax before his face:
from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.
- 6 The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:
and all peoples have seen his glory.
- 7 They are ashamed, all those who serve idols and glory in mere nothings:
all gods bow down before him.
- 8 Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced:
because of your judgements, O God.
- 9 For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth:
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those that hate evil:
the Lord guards the life of the faithful, and delivers them from the
hand of the ungodly.
- 11 Light dawns for the righteous:
and joy for the true of heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:
and give thanks to his holy name.

From the Locum Tenens Rector

Psalm 97

Like all the psalms in Book IV (90-106) this psalm is answering some of the problems of identity and integrity posed by the trauma of the exile of the people of God. Psalm 89 poses the questions most poignantly as the conclusion to Book III; how can we live without the Davidic King, what has happened to the covenant, no temple, no land, no king. So who is in charge?

Psalm 97 affirms the theology at the heart of the Psalter: God reigns. The psalm celebrates God's cosmic reign; the whole created order is God's kingly, glorious garment (1-5). God's reign is a cause of rejoicing for the world but it is contested. God has adversaries who wish to bring down his rule of righteousness and justice and thus destroy joy in the world. Even the gods pay homage to the Lord for they are of the creation, not its maker (6-9). But this same God creates relationships that are just and right

and loving, opposed to all evil and destruction, because that is the creator's nature.

Evil there most certainly is and God's people suffer under it but such evil cannot stand against the just God (10-12; see the story in Acts 16.16-34). God's love and justice still have their adversaries. The task of the disciple is to live life under the banner, God reigns.

The resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate demonstration of the sovereignty of the just and loving God. God delivered him from the thrall of the wicked and light shone in the darkness and joy filled the hearts of those who heard the news and believed.

Question: How does God reign in our lives? Is it a cause of rejoicing? What do justice and righteousness mean for us? Ponder the pain that lack of justice and righteousness brings to humankind.

Colin

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

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'
Sunday 12 June 12-2.30	Home Group – Lamerton Centre

Notices

Please see the website, www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au or the noticeboard in the foyer:

- Hugh Mackay – new book: *Beyond Belief*
- Camp Pelican notice
- <http://www.acrt.com.au/mothers-day-national-day-of-prayer-for-the-mothers-of-asylum-seekers-in-australian-detention/>

Our Church will be Perfect When We Hear:

1. "Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew."
2. "I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before."
3. "Since we're all here, let's start the service early."