

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 5 - 7pm Happy Hour Lamerton Centre Chinese 'Year of the Monkey'
	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: Winifred Vollmer (20/5/99), Charlotte Joseph (24/5/02), Joyce Miller (28/5/04).

For Next Sunday - Second Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

Volunteer

Reader & Readings

Volunteer: 1 Kings 18.20-39; Galatians 1.1-12,

Liturgical Assistant

10am

Holy Communion

Flowers

Jeannette McHugh

Welcomer

Presiding & Preaching

Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

Liturgical Assistant

Organist

Colin Forbes

Sidespeople

Brian McKinlay & Kerry-Anne Cousins

Chalice

Tim Gulliver & volunteer

Readers & Readings

Fred Anchell: 1 Kings 18.20-39

Volunteer: Galatians 1.1-12

Ann Mahony & Jan Gulliver

Morning tea:



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Sunday 22 May 2016

Trinity Sunday

10am Music

Hymns: 447, 418, 143 & 179

Sentence

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? 'The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.'
Proverbs 8.1,22

Prayer of the day

Father, we praise you, that through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things; you reveal your salvation in all the world through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh; through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love: fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Today's Readings

Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5.1-5; John 16.12-15

Today's Rosters

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn; Bible Reader: Shane Woodburn;

10am Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe; Sidespeople: Kerry-Anne Cousins & Brian McKinlay; Preaching & Presiding: Rev Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible readers: Ashton Robinson (OT), David Tschärke (NT); Chalice: James Kim & Denise Manley; Morning Tea: Jan Gulliver & volunteer

Psalm 8

- 1 O Lord our Governor:
how glorious is your name in all the earth!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is yet recounted:
by the mouths of babes and sucklings.
- 3 You have founded a strong defence against your adversaries:
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers:
the moon and the stars which you have set in order,
- 5 What are we, that you should be mindful of us:
what are we, that you should care for us?
- 6 Yet you have made us little less than gods:
and have crowned us with glory and honour.
- 7 You have given us dominion over your handiwork:
and have put all things in subjection beneath our feet,
- 8 All sheep and oxen:
and all the creatures of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air and the fish of the sea:
and everything that moves in the pathways of the great waters.
- 10 O Lord our Governor:
how glorious is your name in all the earth!
for my joy shall be in the Lord.

From the Locum Tenens Rector

Psalm 8

Did you know that this psalm was the first biblical text to reach the moon? Apollo 11 left a silicon disc containing messages from 73 nations and the Vatican included this text. It has been described as a psalm for stargazers. I remember as a young person lying on my back in a field late at night and letting the stars overwhelm me with wonder.

This is a psalm in praise of God's cosmic sovereignty and it is the first such in the Psalter. The theme is clearly stated in 1a and 10. The centre of the psalm is the question of 5 and the clue to understanding the psalm is to hold the two ends and the centre together.

Psalm 8 begins with an exclamation of praise spoken directly to God so this poem is not a piece *about* God, an objective statement. Instead the writer penetrates the relationship between God and us. The five preceding psalms have cried out to the LORD for help with enemies of various kinds. Now the psalmist compels us to deal directly with the God we address for help. As he wanders out into the night, the wonder of creation strikes awe in the heart of the poet. However the psalmist is not overawed to the point that he feels insignificant or useless as happens much in today's world. Such ecstasy fuels trust and confidence because the poet sees beyond the heavenly beauty to the Beauty itself. These are but the work of God's fingers, not

something to be worshipped nor something to overwhelm us. The psalm asserts the centrality of human beings as God's partners in being stewards of God's created order. Human beings are royalty; the crown of creation. Humans have a true, if bounded, sovereignty within the created order, bounded by God's sovereignty and loving care for the creation. Human sovereignty has the simple purpose of bringing the creation to its fullness in the praise of God. To go beyond this, in self-rule and violent autonomy, is the essence of wickedness. Question: How does this psalm help you reflect on our responsibilities for God's creation?

Colin

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

Sunday 12 June 12-2.30 **Home Group** – Lamerton Centre
Friday 24 June 5–7pm **Happy Hour** – Lamerton Centre
Theme: Significant birthdays & anniversaries 2016

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

- **Final Prayer for Healing service Wednesday June 1st at 7.00pm**
- **Sunday 5 June, 2.00pm. The combined church choir of Holy Cross Anglican and St Margaret's Uniting, Hackett and their friends will sing the choir's favourite church songs from the last 20 years, old and new, from a range of ecumenical backgrounds. Entry by donation. Afternoon tea in the interval. Cnr Phillip Avenue and Antill Street, Hackett. Enter from Antill Street.**

KEY POINTS FROM MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- The following dates have been set as Mission Sundays: 5 June for our local mission Canberra Common Ground homelessness project, 7 August for our national mission Wontulp-Bi-Buya College ABM project in Cairns and 9 October for our international mission the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital ABM project in Gaza.
- Parish Council commended the high standard of the St Philip's website which is a standout amongst Diocesan parishes and is a wonderful repository of information. Council thanked all involved.
- A professional cleaner has been engaged on a month's trial to do the main elements of cleaning. There will remain a few voluntary tasks to be done periodically and at Parish working bees. Parish Council is most appreciative of the voluntary cleaning work done by parishioners over a number of months.
- There remain vacancies for voluntary assistance in the Parish Office and for the cleaning of the church linen. Anyone willing to assist with these duties should speak to Rev. Colin or a Parish Warden.