

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 - holiday break
Saturday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion
Saturday	10am - 12pm Rectory Working Bee
Saturday	10.30am Holy Communion @ Kankinya
Sunday	8am Holy Communion
Sunday	10am Holy Communion

Prayer Points

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

Those we remember: Robert Dixon (29/9/89); Coralie Sawer (29/9/91); Clive Lowes (2/10/09).

For Next Sunday -

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

8am	Holy Communion
Sidesperson Vicki Luker	Reader & Readings Rhonda Evans: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; 2 Timothy 2.1-15
Liturgical Assistant	
10am	Holy Communion
Flowers The Flower Roster Ladies	Welcomer Davidson Family
Presiding & Preaching Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon	Liturgical Assistant Linda Anchell
Crucifer:	Leighton Mann
Organist Colin Forbes	Sidespeople Kerry-Anne Cousins & Volunteer
Chalice Denise Manley & Doreen Odom	Readers & Readings Kerry-Anne Cousins: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, Fiona Dyer: 2 Timothy 2.1-15 Doreen Odom & Family
Morning tea:	



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Sunday 2 October 2016

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 422(1-2,5-6); 691, 398 & 154

Introit: Here I Stand; Psalm: 137.1-6; Communion: The King of Love - *Charles Gounod*; Recessional: Aaronic Blessing - all sung by Denise Manley, who is joined for the Introit and Recessional by Patricia Forbes.

Sentence

'Who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? But I am among you,' says the Lord, 'as one who serves.' Luke 22.27

Prayer of the day

Faithful God, have mercy on us your unworthy servants, and increase our faith, that, trusting in your Spirit's power to work in us and through us, we may never be ashamed to witness to our Lord but may obediently serve him all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Lamentations 1.1-6; Psalm 137.1-6; 2 Timothy 1.1-14;
Luke 17.1-10

Today's Rosters

Flowers: Anne Mahony & Rachael Tscharke (in memory of her mother-in-law).

8am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon
Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: John Girdlestone;

10am Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Volunteer;
Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Ashton Robinson (OT),

Jack Adams (NT); Chalices: Tim Gulliver & James Kim; Morning Tea: Rebecca Palethorpe & Family.



Psalm 137.1-6

Response: How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

- 1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept:
when we remembered Zion.
- 2 As for our harps we hung them up:
upon the trees that are in that land. **R**
- 3 For there those who led us away captive required of us a song:
and those who had despoiled us demanded mirth, saying `Sing us one of
the songs of Zion.' **R**
- 4 How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem:
let my right hand forget its mastery. **R**
- 6 Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth:
if I do not remember you, if I do not prefer Jerusalem above my chief
joy. **R**

From the Locum Tenens Rector

Psalm 137

Of all the psalms this must be the most troubling and difficult psalm to use in public worship because of its fearsome desire for revenge and the gruesome final verse (9). It is rarely used and it was quite startling to find it in the lectionary for this week. It is one of several imprecatory psalms, songs that invoke the wrath of God on foes.

One author has said: "The Bible is frequently criticized for exhibiting so much violence in its narratives.... Truly mythical texts are rooted in sacrificial violence, prescribe it, and shield us from awareness of our complicity in it. That is why they do not show it directly. The Bible makes violence visible, and therefore makes its victims uncomfortably visible too.... To wish to avert our eyes reflects a naïve confidence that we are in greater danger of being corrupted by the language than of falling prey to the sin it describes. The sensitivity to victims so often now turned against the Bible is itself rooted there." (S. Mark Heim)
The poet sits beside the rivers of Babylon remembering the violence of the

Babylonians and the treachery of their cousins, Esau's descendants, the Edomites. The psalmist's muse has gone silent in deep dark despair as their captors and tormentors mock them to produce joyful lyrics and tunes for their predator's pleasure (1-4).

Of course they can't. They have experienced rape, pillage, murder, torture, and feel lost, hopeless and helpless. They are like an abducted child in the hands of an abuser who asks the victim to amuse him. But this poet swears that even in the deepest darkest night never to forget the Presence of the God (Jerusalem). Therein lies hope.

This psalm belongs among the victims; of child abuse or abduction, of Aleppo, Mosul or any other vile situations in the world where violent abusers rule. And this is the problem for us. Most of us have never been there. We do not know how we would cry out. This poet goes directly to God. He bundles up all the pain, the rage and the non-existent justice and hurls it at God who will act justly (7-9).

We Christians need to take this to the Cross because it breaks the spell of the myth of violence; that peace will come after violence. The innocent one, God the Word, is the victim of mob violence; and his death and resurrection declare to the world there should be no more victims. Babylon is not overcome by violence but by the Cross and resurrection.

Colin

PRAYERS

. 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. **Amen.**

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

**Saturday 8 Oct** - 10am-12noon - **WORKING BEE – Rectory Grounds**

**Sunday 9 Oct**- St Philip's 2016 International Mission Project - **AI –Ahli Arab Hospital** (an ABM project)

**Friday 14 Oct** – 7.00pm – 8.30pm - **St Pip's Youth Group**

**Sunday 16 Oct** 12.30-3.00 **Home Group** – Lamerton Centre.

**Friday 28 Oct** 5.00 – 7.00pm **Happy Hour** – Lamerton Centre  
Theme: Oktoberfest!

**Friday 28 Oct** – 7.00pm – 8.30pm- **St Pip's Youth Group**