

## *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</b>

### *Prayer Points*

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

Those we remember: Rob Lamerton (17/10/08); Marjorie Sheehan (23/10/01); David Reid (27/10/1994); Ted Moore (31/10/03); Marjorie Dixon (2/11/75); Frances Trivett (3/11/88); Keith Sen (4/11/86).

### *For Next Sunday -*

#### *Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

**8am Holy Communion**

**Sidesperson**

**Reader & Readings**

: Habakkuk 1.1-4, 2.1-4;  
2 Thessalonians 1.1-4, 11-12

**Liturgical Assistant**

**10am Holy Communion**

**Flowers**

The Flower Roster Ladies

**Presiding & Preaching**

Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

**Organist**

Colin Forbes

**Chalice**

Denise Manley & Hardy Palethorpe

**Morning tea:**

**Welcomer**

Volunteer

**Liturgical Assistant**

**Sidespeople**

Fred Anchell & Helen Palethorpe

**Readers & Readings**

Kerry-Anne Cousins: Habakkuk 1.1-4, 2.1-4,  
Pat Forbes: 2 Thessalonians 1.1-4, 11-12

Helen Palethorpe & Volunteer



# St Philip's

## *Come & See*

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Sunday 23 October 2016

## *Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

10am Music

**Hymns: 405, 465, 602 & 209**

### *Sentence*

*Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.* Luke 18.17

### *Prayer of the day*

*O God, who alone can probe the depths of the heart, you hear the prayer of the humble and justify the repentant sinner: grant us the gift of humility, that, seeing our own faults clearly, we may refrain from judging our neighbour but rely solely upon your saving grace. We make our prayer through your Son, our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### *Today's Readings*

Joel 2.23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18; Luke 18.15-30

### *Today's Rosters*

Flowers: The Flower Roster Ladies

**8am** Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn; Liturgical Assistant:; Bible Reader: Shane Woodburn;

**10am** Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe; Sidespeople: Brian McKinlay & Hardy Palethorpe; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Fred Anchell (OT), Linda Anchell (NT); Chalices: James Kim & Volunteer; Morning Tea: Manjuni Gregory & Ann Munro.

## Psalm 65

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion:  
to you shall vows be paid, you that answer prayer.
- 2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins:  
when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.
- 3 Blessed are those whom you choose and take to yourself to dwell within your courts:  
we shall be filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.
- 4 You will answer us in your righteousness with terrible deeds, O God our saviour:  
you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the distant seas;
- 5 Who by your strength made fast the mountains:  
you that are girded with power;
- 6 Who stilled the raging of the seas, the roaring of the waves:  
and the tumult of the peoples.
- 7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth are afraid at your wonders:  
the dawn and the evening sing your praises.
- 8 You tend the earth and water it:  
you make it rich and fertile.
- 9 The river of God is full of water:  
and so providing for the earth, you provide grain for us all.
- 10 You drench its furrows, you level the ridges between:  
you soften it with showers and bless its early growth.
- 11 You crown the year with your goodness:  
and the tracks where you have passed drip with fatness.
- 12 The pastures of the wilderness run over:  
and the hills are girded with joy.
- 13 The meadows are clothed with sheep:  
and the valleys stand so thick with corn, they shout for joy and sing.

## From the Locum Tenens Rector

### Psalm 65

This communal hymn of thanksgiving was often associated with autumn harvest festival. It breaks into three parts, almost like three scenes in a one-act play. The first scene (1-4) gives thanks and praise for God's immeasurable forgiveness. God always answers the prayer for forgiveness even when our willful rebellion finally overwhelms us and we are caught in a raging sea of chaos and failure. But God does more than that. In forgiveness he provides the way into His presence, represented here by the temple. Such a God deserves not only our praise but our trust and obedience ("and to you shall vows be performed").

The second scene (5-8) widens the angle of vision from the people of God to the whole of creation; it begins with the Exodus (5) and takes in the whole world. The deliverance of Israel is ultimately for the sake of all creation. It gives hope

to all the earth. That hope is grounded in God's cosmic creative power. The cosmic creator plans universal deliverance for the creation and his power in creation shows that he is able. He controls the chaos (7) that rises with mighty overwhelming force. Unlike fragile humans it does not terrify him as it does us. We are left in awe.

The third scene (9-13) moves to God's acts of gracious provision. In this poem rain symbolizes that blessing and the consequences of growth of grain, hillsides overflowing with flocks and herds and the wilderness's wild beauty a breathtaking sight. Wagons crowd the rutted roads with the overflowing prosperity signs that all will eat in winter.

It is easy to see why people have used this psalm at times of harvest. In the USA it is often used at observances of the national Thanksgiving holiday. About that Reinhold Niebuhr wrote, "Thanksgiving becomes increasingly the business of congratulating the Almighty upon his most excellent co-workers, ourselves.... The Lord who was worshiped was not the Lord of Hosts, but the spirit of Uncle Sam, given a cosmic eminence for the moment which the dear old gentleman does not deserve."

When grace departs life and thanksgiving flees we are left with...?

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### PRAYERS

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. 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>

**Sunday 23 Oct** - St Philip's 2016 International Mission Project - **AI - Ahli Arab Hospital** (an ABM project)

**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**

**Sunday 1 Nov** - **All Saints/All Souls** remembrance/celebration.

**Friday 11 Nov** - 7.00pm - 8.30pm - **St Pip's Youth Group**

**Saturday 19 Nov** - 9.30am - 12.00pm - **Working Bee** - church & grounds

**Saturday 26 Nov** - 10.00am - 1.00pm - **Pandora's Festive Fashions** - more info on website.

**Saturday 26 Nov** - 5 pm - **Thank you Happy Hour** followed by **Advent Dinner**. - more later.....

**Sunday 18 Dec** - 7.30pm - **St Philips Carol Service** Nine Lessons & Carols - **Save the date!!**