

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

Those we remember: 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 -

All Saints Day

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

John Girdlestone

Reader & Readings

John Girdlestone: Haggai 1.15b-2.9;
2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17

Liturgical Assistant

Elizabeth Allinson

10am Holy Communion

Flowers

Flower Roster Ladies - Jo Lloyd

Welcomer

Denise Manley

Presiding & Preaching

Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

Liturgical Assistant

Sarah Gowty

Organist

Colin Forbes

Sidespeople

Sally Adams & Roger Sharp

Chalice

Denise Manley & Hardy Palethorpe

Readers & Readings

Denise Manley: Haggai 1.15b-2.9,
Gail Langendorf: 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17

Morning tea:

Rebecca Palethorpe & Family



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Sunday 30 October 2016

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 447, 657, 578 & 608(1-2, 5-6)

Sentence

Today salvation has come to this house, for the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost. Luke 19.10

Prayer of the day

Merciful God, righteous Judge of all, who sent Jesus among us to seek and to save those who are lost: grant that we may eagerly seek the Saviour, and joyfully welcome him into our homes and lives. We ask this through 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

Habakkuk 1.1-4, 2.1-4; Psalm 119.137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1.1-4, 11-12; Luke 19.1-10

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster Ladies - Colleen Rischbieth

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

Sidesperson:; Liturgical Assistant:; Bible Reader: Volunteer;

10am Welcomer: Volunteer; Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Helen Palethorpe;

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical Assistant:;

Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Volunteer (OT), Pat Forbes (NT);

Chalices: Denise Manley & Volunteer; Morning Tea: Helen Palethorpe &

Volunteer

Psalm 119.137-144

- 137 Righteous are you, Lord God:
and just are your judgements;
- 138 The commands that you have commanded:
are exceedingly righteous and true.
- 139 Zeal and indignation have choked my mouth:
because my enemies have forgotten your words.
- 140 Your word has been tried in the fire:
and therefore your servant loves it.
- 141 I am small and of no account:
but I have not forgotten your precepts.
- 142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness:
and your law is the truth.
- 143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me:
but your commandments are my delight.
- 144 The righteousness of your commands is everlasting:
O give me understanding, and I shall live.

From the Locum Tenens Rector

Psalm 119.137-144

Psalms 119 is an expansion of Psalms 1 and 19. The poet delights in God's teaching (he uses eight different words for this including law) because it shows him how to walk in God's righteousness. By that the psalmist means that it guides his way in the tricky relationships that make up human life so that those relationships are right. He includes in that the most fundamental relationship of all; the relationship with God.

The verses we read today concentrates on the themes of righteousness and truthfulness. This last word is sometimes translated as faithfulness. The psalmist thus praises the word of God as a word that opens up what is right for human life and relationships. He trusts that because of the nature of God; God is truthful and thus faithful. God can be trusted not to trick us but to show us the way.

Thus the poet is a zealous student of God's story-line. In fact it is a dominating passion of his life. He delights in what he learns because it leads him to live life in the God who is truthful.

His foes who despise him and cause him anguish and trouble may forget God's story. The psalmist does not forget for in God's story alone he will find the wisdom to put things to rights in human life. Thus he prays, "...give me understanding that I may live." He does not ask that he might live a life without trouble but that in the midst of turmoil he will find truth and rightness and thus find life.

The Christian reader listens to this psalm after a long history of the church reading God's story, seeking it, delighting in it and finding life. But it also

has a long history of 'forgetting' and becoming obsessed with power, status, honour, reputation and wealth. The church's story can be read as a long history of failure and reform, surge and retreat. Always God's story in Jesus and the Spirit plays a central role in deconstruction and renewal.

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>

**Sunday 30 Oct** - St Philip's 2016 International Mission Project - **AI - Ahli Arab Hospital** (an ABM project). Final Sunday for official collection for this worthy project.

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

**Sunday 6 Nov - All Saints/All Souls** remembrance/celebration.

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

**Tuesday 15 Nov** - 7.00pm - **1<sup>st</sup> Rehearsal for Carol Service**

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

**Friday 25 Nov** - 7.00pm - 8.30pm- **St Pip's Youth Group**

**Saturday 26 Nov - 10.00am - 1.00pm - Pandora's Festive Fashions - Champagne, fashion & jewellery, please drop in & view all our fashions for the festive season.**

**Saturday 26 Nov - 5 pm - Thank you Happy Hour - Complimentary drinks to say 'thank you' to everyone who has volunteered throughout the year with all the various tasks & ministries at St Philip's followed by:**

**Advent Dinner & Concert** - 6.30pm - All food provided - for a small cost. BYO drinks.

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

Rehearsals for the Carol Service are as follows:

Tuesdays 15th, 22nd, 29th November and 6th an 13th December at 7pm in the church, and Saturdays 10th and 17th December at 2.30pm, also in the church.

Everybody is warmly encouraged to join in the choir for this service. We are always short of male singers, so if you know of any who might like to be involved, please issue a special invitation to them.

If you have even the tiniest desire to sing beautiful Christmas music with a welcoming and enthusiastic group, please speak with Pat Forbes as soon as possible so that she can arrange for enough sets of music for the first rehearsal. **Pat Forbes 6254 3373.**