

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: Sam Mahony; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley (thanks for healing so far and pray for continued improvement).

Those we remember: John Williams (2/9/04); Beryl Collins (8/9/06); Athol Barratt (9/9/04).

For Next Sunday –

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

Reader & Readings

Rhonda Evans: Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28;
1 Timothy 1.1-2, 12-19a

Liturgical Assistant

10am Holy Communion

Flowers

The Flower Roster Ladies

Presiding & Preaching

Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

Crucifer:

Organist

Colin Forbes

Chalice

Doreen Odom & Hardy Palethorpe

Morning tea:

Welcomer

Davidson family

Liturgical Assistant

Linda Anchell

Leighton Mann

Sidespeople

Fred Anchell & Manjuni Gregory

Readers & Readings

Denise Manley: Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28;
Brian McKinlay: 1 Timothy 1.1-2, 12-19a
Doreen Odom & family



St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 4 September 2016

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 61, 602, 547 & 351

Sentence

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple.
Luke 14.27

Prayer of the day

God of the ages, you call the Church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times: grant us the wisdom that your Spirit bestows, so that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word, and complete the work you have set before us; through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 18.1-11; Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18; Philemon 1-25;
Luke 14.25-37

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster Ladies – Colleen Rischbieth

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: John Girdlestone;

10am Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Roger Sharp; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Jarrah Palethorpe (OT), Dominic Lloyd (NT); Chalices: Tim Gulliver & Denise Manley; Morning Tea: Rebecca Palethorpe & family.

Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18

1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
you know when I sit or when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long

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before.

2 You discern my path and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways.

3 For there is not a word on my tongue:
but you, Lord, know it altogether.

4 You have encompassed me behind and before:
and have laid your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot endure it.

12 For you have created my inward parts:
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will praise you, for you are to be feared:
fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.

14 You knew my soul, and my bones were not hidden from you:
when I was formed in secret, and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect:
and in your book were all my members written;

16 Day by day they were fashioned:
and not one was late in growing.

17 How deep are your thoughts to me, O God:
and how great is the sum of them!

18 Were I to count them, they are more in number than the sand:
were I to come to the end, I would still be with you.

From the Locum Tenens Rector Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18

This psalm of the inescapable God has inspired many beautiful hymns and some striking poetry. But there is another side to this psalm; the writer desires that God should examine his or her heart and test its true devotion. It is a psalm that can generate great comfort but it may also warn us that coming close to God means an openness of heart and mind that can be painful and agonising. The message is simple; our lives derive their being from God and find their true purpose in doing God's will.

All human actions are known and it does not matter where we may find ourselves or try to hide ourselves. God's knowledge is an aspect of God's care for the created order. Where I am there God is. We always need to be asking, "Where is God in this moment?" Even the innermost parts of our life that we can hide from others we can not hide from God because he has lovingly woven us together as a whole being, beautifully crafted. God took raw 'being' like a weaver takes a pile of unconnected fronds and with patience and skill produces beauty. How much God cares for individuals on whom he has lavished such labour! Because we are so made not only can God know us but also we can know God even if the thought overwhelms us. We can never be out of the Weaver's presence: he does not leave us when we sleep so that in our awakening God is there.

Question: How can we open our hearts to God even if we may find it painful? Do we look for God in each moment? What do we 'hide' from God?

Colin

PRAYERS

. We pray for our children and young families and youth. We pray we find someone to minister to them and we give thanks for the opportunities we have in this Parish. **Amen.**

. Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will love and care for us all, who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

. God of mercy, we know that you remember the homeless, the destitute, the disadvantaged and those who have no-one to care for them. In our efforts to minister to their needs we thank you for the ministry of Revd. Robin Moore at Northbourne Community Centre and we pray that you will guide us to secure funding in this time of great financial stress. For Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

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

**This Sunday – Australian Songs & Duets (mostly!). 6.00pm @ St Philips. Soloists: Janene Broere, Charles Hudson, Rosemary Lohmann, Judith Swanson. Entry: \$15.00 donation – Kids Free**

Friday 9 Sep – Sunday 11 Sep – **Canberra & Goulburn Synod**, Goulburn  
Sunday 11 Sep 12.30-3.00 **Home Group** – Lamerton Centre

Saturday 17 Sep 10.00-2.00 **Spring Fling**

Friday 30 Sep 5-7pm **Happy Hour** – Lamerton Centre

Theme: Footy Fever (Footy Food!)

**Notices** Please see below and separate page.

The CANBERRA BACH ENSEMBLE – choir, orchestra and soloists, directed by Andrew Koll - will be performing four Bach Cantatas, BWV 119, 131, 138 and 34 on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm, and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm at St Christopher's Cathedral, Franklin Street, Manuka. For more info and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.canberrabachensemble.com](http://www.canberrabachensemble.com)

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Our **Spring Fling** is on **Saturday 17 September, 10am – 2pm.**

**Better Bits Stall:** If you have any treasures such as jewellery, china or other small items, please bring them to church from Sunday 21 August or advise Kerry-Anne if they need to be collected. It is hard to believe, I know, but stocks have got low!

**Gourmet Food Hamper:** We need contributions to make a hamper to raffle. Please bring to church over the next 2 weeks, please, any gourmet-style items, eg chocolates, gourmet olive oils, any other high-end, quality goods (not tins of baked beans etc this time, please). The Hamper Basket will be on the back pew ready and waiting for your kind deposits!

**Kitchen Creations:** Please think about what items you could make for this stall or do you have some preserves, jams etc in the cupboard you could donate? We need cakes, biscuits, home-made lollies etc. Please speak with Rebecca Palethorpe.

**Curries:** Think about what sort of curry you could cook for the event. Jan Gulliver is coordinating this stall. Please see her with your offers.

**Helpers:** Please think about what you could do on the day, helping with the setup, serving on a stall or assisting with the cleanup. We'll be starting to call for volunteers over the next few weeks. Leighton Mann or Helen Palethorpe are your contacts to advise help in this area or please see the notice board in the Lamerton Centre where you can put your name in the section you choose!

### **Raffles**

**And the Lord said unto John, "Come forth and receive eternal life." But John came fifth and won a toaster.**

Rest assured there are no toasters to be won in the Spring Fling raffles! But there are several Next Gen membership prizes on offer which could be the secret to eternal life. Raffle tickets will be on sale at Pandora's from tomorrow (Friday 2 September). Ask a Fling team member on Sunday if you would like tickets to sell to friends but if you do this you may like to have the Raffle mini poster (attached) handy as it explains the raffles in detail so people can make an informed decision about which raffle to enter.