

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

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

For Next Sunday –

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

Reader & Readings

Rhonda Evans: Jeremiah 8.18-9.1;
1 Timothy 2.1-10

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

Erica Langman

Liturgical Assistant

Linda Anchell

Leighton Mann

Sidespeople

Fred Anchell & Manjuni Gregory

Readers & Readings

Denise Manley: Jeremiah 8.18-9.1;

Brian McKinlay: 1 Timothy 2.1-10

Doreen Odom & family



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Sunday 11 September 2016

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 143, 145 (1-3/4-6), 456 & 129

Sentence

I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.
Luke 15.10

Prayer of the day

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God, exultant you bring home the found: touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing love; grant us delight in the mercy that has found us; and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiven sinners. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1.1-2, 12-19a
Luke 15.1-10

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster Ladies

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Sidesperson: ; Liturgical Assistant: ; Bible Reader: Rhonda Evans;

10am Welcomer: Davidson Family; Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Manjuni Gregory; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical Assistant: Linda Anchell; Crucifer: Leighton Mann; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Denise Manley (OT), Brian McKinlay (NT); Chalices: Doreen Odom & Volunteer; Morning Tea: Doreen Odom & family.

Psalm 14

1 Fools have said in their hearts `There is no God':
they have all become vile and abominable in their doings, there is not

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- one that does good.
- 2 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of Adam:
to see if there were any who would act wisely and seek after God.
 - 3 But they have all turned out of the way, they have all alike become corrupt:
there is none that does good, no not one.
 - 4 Are all the evildoers devoid of understanding:
who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not pray to the Lord?
 - 5 They shall be struck with terror:
for God is with the company of the righteous.
 - 6 Though they frustrate the poor in their hopes:
surely the Lord is their refuge.
 - 7 O that deliverance for Israel might come forth from Zion:
when the Lord turns again the fortunes of his people, then shall Jacob
rejoice and Israel be glad.

From the Locum Tenens Rector Psalm 14

The psalm continues the themes found in the reading from Jeremiah being itself a prophetic sermon rather than a song of praise, a prayer or a lament and leads into the reading of 1Timothy1. The Psalm is almost identical to Psalm 53, which originates from a different collection of Psalms, so it indicates reflection on an endemic problem.

The psalmist draws the link between evil deeds and the practical (not philosophical) atheism of the society. Some philosophers in our own day have noted the same thing; let God, who holds us accountable, go and anything is thinkable and doable. Ignoring God's sovereignty means that humans seek only their own advantage rather than seeking the presence of God who holds them accountable.

The fool of this psalm is not a person with a low IQ but the person who has closed their mind towards God and so instead of seeing life from God's perspective they see it only from their own. In the Psalms and Proverbs the fool is a common character (see Psalm 1 and also Isaiah 32.6). The wise person seeks after God (See Amos 5.4-6, 7, 10-11, 14-15). Seeking God means trusting, living under and furthering God's rule of right for all and worshipping God.

These fools eat up God's people (4-6) try and confound the lives of the poor as they go about their subsistence living (6) and do not observe the 'right' (see Amos). The fools have their plans for life and the poor and God's justice have no place in it. At the root of the problem is that they have no knowledge (see the Jeremiah reading). This is not the sort of knowledge that one might obtain in a theological degree (as helpful as that might be) but it is the knowledge of God at work in human life to bring about God's agenda.

Bu there is always hope because God never abandons his poor (7) and will always act in justice towards them and the fool.

The corruption of humans as expressed in this Psalm is not a universal birth defect but the consequence of a moral and theological choice. The choice leads to the corruption of human life (see Genesis 6.12 and Exodus 32.7-8 where this idea comes from) in which evildoers pursue and devour those who want to live

by the values of the kingdom; mercy, truth, justice, faithfulness, right relations especially for the vulnerable poor. Who will save Israel? God alone will rescue, because God is present in the company of those who pursue God's agenda for human life.

Question: What does it mean to seek after God? Practical atheism is a much more significant problem than intellectual atheism. What do you think? Why might it be so? How can we gain a working knowledge of God?

Colin

NEW RECTOR ANNOUNCEMENT!!

The Clergy Appointment Board of Chris Cheah, Ian Cousins and Denise Manley are very happy and excited to advise that Bishop Stuart has appointed our choice of candidates to be our new rector. He is MARTIN JOHNSON. He is married to SUSAN and they will be coming from Brisbane to live in the rectory. At present Martin is a Chaplain in the Australian Army so we're currently unsure of when he will be able to join us but they are very pleased to be moving here so we must be patient for a little longer while events evolve. We give great thanks to God for his grace and mercy in leading Martin to our Parish and to Bishop Stuart for his discernment of God's will.

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.**

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

THIS WEEKEND – **Canberra & Goulburn Synod**, Goulburn

Today 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)

**Notices** Please see the website, [www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au](http://www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au) or the noticeboard in the foyer.

CES Public Forum: Speaker: Dr Helen Szoke, CEO, Oxfam, Australia. Topic: Strategy, Not Charity: Why We Need Effective Aid Now. Chair: Bishop George

Browning. At Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 7.30 pm Wednesday 21 September. Donation: \$5. Supper provided.

Our [Spring Fling](#) is on [Saturday 17 September, 10am – 2pm.](#)

**Publicity:** If you live in Turner, O'Connor or Lyneham please take a handful of fliers and distribute along your street.

If you use Facebook, please share the Event from the St Philip's page and invite your friends.

Email your friends with a flier from [www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au](http://www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au)

**Better Bits Stall:** Please bring your unwanted treasures such as jewellery, china or other small items, and give to Kerry-Anne or Ian

**Gourmet Food Hamper:** Thank you for all the wonderful donations to this hamper. It is now complete and tickets can be purchased through Pandora's or in the Lamerton Centre on Sunday.

**Kitchen Creations:** Please think about what items you could make to for the stall or do you have some preserves, jams etc in the cupboard you could donate? Please see Rebecca for further info or ideas.

**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 check the whiteboard in the Meeting room and put your name down where you can help on the day.

[Looking forward to a fabulous event and weather!](#)

## **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.