

## This coming week @ St Philip's

<b>Monday</b>	<b>St Philip's Care</b> @ Northbourne Community Centre - including Lunch
<b>Tue – Fri</b>	8am <b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Tue – Fri</b>	5.30pm <b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	10am <b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday</b>	10am - 1pm <b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion
<b>Saturday</b>	10am - 1pm <b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion
<b>Saturday</b>	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b> @ Kankinya

## Prayer Points

For those in need: Ruth Durie; Sam Mahony; Chris Hudlass; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.  
Those we remember: John Gamble (22/8/93); John Williams (2/9/04).

## For Next Sunday -

### Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### 8am Holy Communion

##### Sidesperson

John Girdlestone

##### Reader & Readings

John Girdlestone: Exodus 3.1-15

Romans 12.9-21

##### Liturgical Assistant

Elizabeth Allinson

#### 10am Holy Communion

##### Flowers

The Flower Team

##### Presiding & Preaching

Rev'd Martin Johnson

##### Organist

Colin Forbes

##### Chalice

Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver

##### Welcomer

Denise Manley

##### Liturgical Assistant

Sarah Gowty

##### Sidespeople

Sally Adams & Roger Sharp

##### Readers & Readings

(Kerry-Anne Cousins): Exodus 3.1-15

(Fiona Dyer): Romans 12.9-21

Rebecca Palethorpe & family

##### Morning tea:



# St Philip's Come & See

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## Sunday 27 August 2017

### Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

#### 10am Music:

**Hymns: 480, 444, 524 & 547**

#### Sentence

*Martha said, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'*

*John 11.27*

#### Prayer of the day

*O God, fount of all wisdom, in the humble witness of the apostle Peter you have shown the foundation of our faith: give us the light of your Spirit, that, recognizing in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church; 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

Exodus 1.8-2.10; Psalm 124; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20

#### Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

**8am** Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: Shane Woodburn.

**10am** Welcomer: Volunteer; Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Brian McKinlay; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Denise Manley (OT), Pat Forbes (NT); Chalices: Denise Manley & Volunteer; Morning Tea: Candace & Kenny Sheppard.

*Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to [pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au](mailto:pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au) or 0414 309 469*

## *Psalm: 124*

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, now may Israel say:  
if the Lord had not been on our side, when our enemies rose against us,
- 2 Then they would have swallowed us alive:  
when their anger was kindled against us.
- 3 Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, and the torrent gone over us:  
the raging waters would have gone clean over us.
- 4 But praised be the Lord:  
who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.
- 5 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler:  
the snare is broken, and we have gone free.
- 6 Our help is in the name of the Lord:  
who has made heaven and earth.

## *From the Rector*

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday I spoke about the need for us to be faithful to our conscience, with the codicil that the classic point of departure for us as Anglicans in regards our moral or practical living was the sacred scriptures, not a code of canon law. This is of course fine at an academic level and there are overarching themes which will always be relevant - 'Love God and neighbour as yourself' - but there is the difficulty of the vast, and growing, cultural and historical gap between us and the writers of the New Testament, let alone the Hebrew Scriptures! Scripture provides the believer today with little concrete guidance for the ethical dilemmas of modern life. Our modern lifestyles and the scientific and technological advances of today present us with ethical challenges unimaginable in the world of the gospels. So I acknowledge that whilst the primacy of conscience remains crucial, forming that conscience is more difficult and does present significant challenges such as the influences of, for example, the modern media in all its manifestations.

We have over these past few weeks been listening on Sundays to excerpts from Paul's letter to the Romans. It is a Tour de Force but it is not easy and Paul's arguments are sometimes difficult to follow. Up until today we have been hearing Paul's 'gospel'. Now at chapter 12 we move into another phase - the practical implications of living out that 'gospel.'

In the first part of the reading Paul calls upon his readers to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Our lives then are to be lived in a spirit of sacrifice - lives lived through and for others; our lives are to be an act of worship of God. Paul in the term 'spiritual' worship uses the Greek word *logikos* a term that could be translated as logical. The phrase then could be translated - the worship you owe as rational or logical

beings. In the second sentence he speaks of 'renewed minds' which are able to discern the will of God. These renewed minds are those lived in a spirit of God's grace epitomised by Paul's description of God's kingdom as 'righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit'. Again the word translated 'discern'; - in Greek *dokimazein*, has a sense of test, of weighing pros and cons before making a decision.

So, for Paul we are freed from the strictures of the Jewish Law, our lives are lived under grace, this is Paul's 'gospel.' This renewed way of thinking involves seeking the will of God through discernment, through rational testing, rather than simply through the law. I guess it suggests that errors will be made from time to time, and in that sense it is realistic. I hope this helps in some small way as we seek to lives consistent with our Christian calling in our complex world. Paul says it rather well in his first letter to the Thesalonians 'but test everything; hold fast to what is good.'

Blessings, **Martin**

## *St Philip's Calendar*

<http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

<b>Friday 1</b>	<b>7pm – 8.30pm</b>	<b>St Pip's Youth Group</b>
<b>Sunday 3</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>
<b>Sunday 10</b>	<b>12.30pm – 3pm</b>	<b>Home Group – Lamerton Centre</b>
<b>Wed'day 13</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Parish Council – Lamerton Centre</b>
<b>Friday 15</b>	<b>7pm – 8.30pm</b>	<b>St Pip's Youth Group</b>

### **ST PHILIP'S SPRING FLING - Sat 14 Oct, 10am - 2pm**

For the next few weeks we are collecting items for our Gourmet Hamper Basket, which is raffled at the Spring Fling. Non-perishable food items gratefully received.

We are still looking for people to co-ordinate either the BBQ (sausage sizzle) or the Bar & Tapas. Thank you to those who have already volunteered their services. Please see Leighton with any further questions and offers of help (Leighton 0418 686033).

### **Giving / Offerings @ St Philip's**

We now have 3 ways available for you to give to St Philip's

1. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to our bank account - leaflet available in the Foyer with details, this is our preferred method as we don't have to handle cash & no fees apply to St Philip's
2. Cash or Envelopes can placed in the Offertory bags during the service.
3. EFTPOS facilities will now be available in the foyer, before, during & after each service. Please follow the simple instructions near the machine if you wish to use the EFTPOS machine.