

This coming week @ St Philip's

Monday	St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre - including Lunch
Tue – Fri	8am Morning Prayer
Tue – Fri	5.30pm Evening Prayer
Thursday	10am Holy Communion
Friday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion
Saturday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion
Saturday	10.30am Holy Communion @ Kankinya
Sunday	9am Holy Communion

Prayer Points

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

Those we remember: Nancy Ingle (9/2/61); Alison Done (10/2/53).

For Next Sunday –

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

8am	Holy Communion
Sidesperson	Reader & Readings David French: Leviticus 19.1-2, 9-18; 1 Corinthians 3.10-17
Liturgical Assistant	Elizabeth Allinson
10am	Holy Communion
Flowers	Welcomer Erika Langman
Flower Roster Ladies	Liturgical Assistant Sarah Gowty
Presiding & Preaching	Sidespeople Peter Andersson & Kerry-Anne Cousins
Rev'd Martin Johnson	Readers & Readings Gail Langendorf Leviticus 9.1-2, 9-18, Kerry-Anne Cousins: 1 Corinthians 3.10-17
Organist	Rosemary Knight & Ann Munro
Ros Dalziell	
Chalice	
Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver	
Morning tea:	



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Sunday 12 February 2017

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

10am Music

Hymns: 111, 552, (during intercessions: 741), 403, & 201

Sentence

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.
Psalm 119.1

Prayer of the day

Almighty God, you gave the law to guide our lives: grant that we may never shrink from you commandments, but, as we are taught by your Spirit, may fulfil your law in perfect love; through Christ our Lord and Master, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 10.12-22; Psalm 119.1-8; 1 Corinthians 3.1-9; Matthew 5.21-37

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster Ladies

8am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson

Sidesperson: Vicki Luker; Liturgical Assistant:; Bible Reader: Rhonda Evans

10am Welcomer: Davidson Family; Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay;

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Linda

Anchell; Crucifer: Leighton Mann; Music: Alison Dasvidson; Bible

Readers: Fiona Dyer (OT), David French (NT); Chalices: Doreen Odom &

Volunteer; Morning Tea: Doreen Odom & Family

Psalm 119.1-8

- 1 Blessed are those whose way is blameless:
 who walk in the law of the Lord.
- 2 Blessed are those who keep his commands:
 and seek him with their whole heart;
- 3 Those who do no wrong:
 but walk in the ways of our God.
- 4 For you, Lord, have commanded us:
 to persevere in all your precepts.
- 5 If only my ways were unerring:
 towards the keeping of your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be ashamed:
 when I looked on all your commandments.
- 7 I will praise you with sincerity of heart:
 as I learn your righteous judgements.
- 8 I will keep your statutes:
 O forsake me not utterly.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

The 'Sermon on the Mount' provides us with some considerable challenges, this week's passage perhaps more than most. It is interesting that when Matthew calls upon us to be 'Salt and Light' he says that this will enable others to see our 'good works.' A couple of things about this. First, and importantly, Matthew stresses the reason our good works may be seen is so that God may be glorified, nothing more! But, St Paul, in Romans and Galatians particularly, tells his correspondents that their salvation is to be found not in good works but in faith in Jesus Christ. This is a central piece of reformed theology, what is known as 'Justification by Faith.' It means that we are justified, made right, before God not by what we do but by what we believe, our faith. Many scholars believe that Matthew's teaching on 'Good Works' is meant to be a counter to Paul and what is sometimes seen as a rather passive spirituality, without a moral or ethical imperative. James of course, in his letter, reminds us that 'faith without works is dead.' So how do we understand all this?

Jesus says in the sermon that he has not come to abolish the law, the Torah of the Hebrew Scriptures, but to fulfil it, he says that not one jot of it will be changed. He also says that unless our righteousness exceeds that of the Pharisees – the keepers of the law, we will not enter the Kingdom. This is demanding and challenging stuff! What I think is significant is our motivation. Jesus distils the law down to love of God and neighbour, it is the law of love. So we keep the law not to be right with God as the Pharisees taught, but we strive to keep the law out of love for God and each other. We love because God loved us first. It's a little like the road rules; why do we stick to the speed limit? Our reaction is generally 'because I don't want to get a fine!' The correct response is 'because I want to keep the roads to be safe for all!' Also important is that Jesus lumps us all in together. We are all potential violators of the law. A number of times he says 'the law says this but I say...' Hence his cry of hypocrisy when

dealing with the scribes and Pharisees and indeed all those who want to isolate others from God because they appear to have failed to keep some law or statute.

Christianity then is a faith not based first and foremost on the law but on the Good News, the gospel. It is a religion that emphasises the attitude of the heart before adherence to a set of laws. This has been an important part of Christian culture and is perhaps one of the issues that we face as we assimilate with folk from other cultures and religions. A greater appreciation of these differences will allow us to understand each other better. Let us pray that all people of faith may live and work together for the greater good.

Martin

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>

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|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Today</b>  | 12 Feb, 12.30-3.00pm | <b>Home Group, Lamerton Centre</b>            |
| <b>Wed</b>    | 15 Feb, 6.30-7.30    | <b>ANU Lecture</b> – details on Notice Board. |
| <b>Friday</b> | 17 Feb, 7 – 8.30pm   | <b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>                |
| <b>Sunday</b> | 19 Feb, after 10am   | <b>Liturgy Group Meeting</b>                  |
| <b>Friday</b> | 24 Feb, 5 – 7pm      | <b>Happy Hour, Lamerton Centre</b>            |
| <b>Sunday</b> | 26 Feb, 11.15am      | <b>St Philip's AGM, Lamerton Centre</b>       |

**Tuesday 28 Feb, 5pm**      **A Shrove Tuesday family gathering will be held in the Courtyard. Come along and enjoy some Pancakes, bring some mixture and a sweet or savoury filling. Some games will be organized. Bring last year's palm cross (if you can find it) for making of the Ashes for next day!**

**Wednesday 1 Mar, 7pm**      **Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes.**

- Details of Lenten Study times and resources shortly.
- Pastoral Care Group and Children's and Young Folk's ministry meetings: details will be advised shortly.

**Saturday 1 Apr, 9am – 1pm**      **St Philip's Autumn Market!! See separate sheet.**

## KEY POINTS FROM FEBRUARY 2017 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- At its meeting on 8 February, the Parish Council considered the agenda and papers for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held at 11.15am sharp on Sunday 26 February in the Lamerton Centre.
- After the normal business and elections, the AGM will have three general business items:
  - Rectory Renovation Project
  - Carola Parke Bequest
  - 2017 Review of Mission Program
- The meeting business will be handled as quickly as possible and it is hoped that as many parishioners as possible can remain for the important general business items.
- On the storm damage front, the tree has been removed and the stump ground. A new sign is being made - only the bottom notice box was retrievable. The costs will be largely covered by insurance.
- Work on the Rectory Renovation Project will resume soon. The principal remaining work is landscaping together with a number of other outdoor items.
- The St. Philips Autumn Market will be held on Saturday 1 April from 9am to 1pm.

## St Philip's *Autumn Market*

**Saturday 1 April, 9am – 1pm**

### Stalls:

#### **Garage sale**

**Baked goods, preserves, produce & plants**

**Pandora's with extra specials**

**Breakfast BBQ/sausage sizzle**

**Morning tea**

### Donations needed

- Please sort out any items you may like to donate to the Garage Sale – household items, books, anything! Please bring them to St Philip's on either Sunday 19 or 26 March or on the day. Please remember we cannot sell electrical appliances.
- Contributions will be greatly appreciated for the produce stall: Baked goods, preserves, surplus produce & plants.

### Help required

- Lots of helpers needed on the day, from 7am setup through to 1pm for pack up. Even just one hour would be great. Tasks include: unpacking and displaying garage sale items, selling, packing & cleaning up.
- Looking for a person(s) to co-ordinate the Cooking, Produce & Plant stall.

Spaces available if you would like to run your own stall or car boot stall.

Further details and info from:

Leighton, *Autumn Market Co-ordinator*

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*This is the first of our two annual events where we invite the wider community to "come & see" and also raise funds for the Parish.*

*You'd be a fool to miss it!*

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