

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

Prayer Points – by Cate Dyer

For those in need: Linda Anchell; Sam Mahony; Chris Hudlass; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.

Those we remember: Marj Lowes (28/6/01); Harold Percival (28/6/01); George Forbes (2/7/04).

For Next Sunday – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

Volunteer

Reader & Readings

Russell & Margaret McCaskie: Genesis 22.1-14;
Romans 6.12-23

Liturgical Assistant

Elizabeth Allinson

10am Holy Communion

Flowers

The Flower Team

Presiding & Preaching

Rev'd Martin Johnson

Crucifer

Organist

Colin Forbes

Chalice

Doreen Odom & James Kim

Morning tea:

Welcomer

Davidson Family

Liturgical Assistant

Linda Anchell

Leighton Mann

Sidespeople

Fred Anchell & Brian McKinlay

Readers & Readings

Peter Wilson: Genesis 22.1-14

Brian McKinlay: Romans 6.12-23

Doreen Odom & Beryl Blaseotto



St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 2 July 2017

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Family Service

During Communion : Elise Palethorpe

Recessional: Jack Adams

10am Music:

Hymns: 183, 650, 658 & 687

Sentence

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6.23

-- Read by Dominic Lloyd

Prayer of the day

O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our hearts to the needs of your children, and in all things make us obedient to your will, so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift, eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's Readings

Genesis 22.1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6.12-23; Matthew 10.40-42

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: John Girdlestone.

10am Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Volunteer; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant:

Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au or 0414 309 469

Philippa Wicks; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Joseph Lloyd (OT), Aiden Tscharke (NT); Offertory: Dominic & Ingrid Lloyd; Chalice: Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Rebecca Palethorpe & Family.

Psalm: 13

- 1 How long, O Lord, will you so utterly forget me:
how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long must I suffer anguish in my soul, and be so grieved in my heart day
and night:
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me, O Lord my God, and answer me:
lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say 'I have prevailed':
lest my foes exult at my overthrow.
- 5 Yet I put my trust in your unfailing love:
O let my heart rejoice in your salvation.
- 6 And I will make my song to the Lord:
because he deals so bountifully with me.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

When I looked at the Lectionary for this Sunday it reminded me, as if I need reminding, that God does have a sense of humour. The very day we decided to re-launch our Family Eucharist and the readings are the near sacrifice of Isaac and a portion of Romans chapter 6 that is very difficult to decipher! But when I thought again I realised that these readings, difficult as they are, present us - along with the gospel - an opportunity to reassert the very basics of what the Christian faith is all about.

When I was in Afghanistan I celebrated ANZAC Day at the Mirwais Forward Operating Base in the Chora Valley in the heart of Oruzgan province. It was a dangerous place, the valley was notorious for insurgent activity; the Diggers regarded it as Badlands. During my time an AusAid worker was seriously injured by a thirteen year old suicide bomber. I was trying to explain to an Afghan Army Officer what lay behind the commemoration of ANZAC Day, not just the history of the landings in Gallipoli but the way that the legend of ANZAC has found its way into the mythology of our nation. He seemed puzzled, but then said like 'Corbani.' I remembered the word 'Corban' from Mark's Gospel; Jesus hears that some Pharisees have not been caring for their parents, but rather telling them that any support they might have received is Corban - offered to God. For this Army officer the idea of sacrifice was still one that had strong Old Testament resonances.

Our readings remind us that the time of sacrifice to God, epitomised by the story of Isaac, is over and that what we do for each other is indeed offered to God. As Jesus tells his followers in Matthew chapter 25 "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." In

Matthew's gospel today we hear Jesus say "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." That is the first of the important issues. The second is that of reward. The issue of the law in Paul's writings is a vexed one, are we called to keep the law or not! For the Pharisees keeping the law was paramount in their understanding of being at one with God. Paul says that we are saved not by law but by faith, Jesus says I have not come to do away with the law but to complete it! Confused? I believe it to be a matter of motivation; is our ethic bound up with doing the right thing to gain salvation? This is not the gospel. Our ethic is bound up with 'loving because God has loved us first.' Our motivation is not to win God's favour but to demonstrate the love of God.

So perhaps all is not lost, our lections today are important for us all including our young folk. Whatever we do for someone in need, even just a glass of cold water, we do for God. And we do the right thing not to avoid punishment - that is not the gospel; we do the right thing because we are called to love those around us, as God does..."Whoever welcomes you welcomes me..." This is a message for all ages, we care, we respect those around us, particularly those in authority over us, not out of fear but out of love.

Blessings, **Martin**

St Philip's Calendar

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

Additional Melody (\$40) and Harmony (\$88.00) Edition copies of *Together In Song* (hymn book) have been purchased. If anyone would like to purchase a copy for their own use or to donate to the church, please see Martin or a Warden for details.

Sunday 9 After 10am service

Election of Synod Representatives

Sunday 9 12 – 2.30pm

Sunday Home Group – Lamerton Centre

Wednesday 12 7pm

Parish Council – Lamerton Centre

Friday 21 7pm – 8.30pm

St Pip's Youth Group – Lamerton Centre

Friday 28 5pm - 7pm

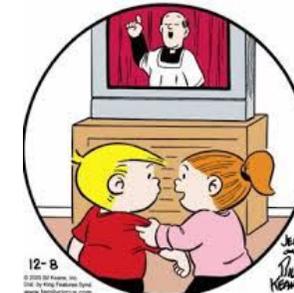
Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre –

Theme: Christmas in July (first of two in a row!)

Saturday 29 10am – 1pm

Pandora's presents "Christmas in July"

Add some sparkle to your winter and join us for festive-themed refreshments while you browse our special fashion treats in the warm and friendly setting of Pandora's. All welcome! **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.**



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"Hear that? People in heaven have ever-laughing life."