

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

For those in need: Linda Anchell; Sam Mahony; Chris Hudlass; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.
Those we remember: No anniversaries this week.

For Next Sunday – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

Volunteer

Reader & Readings

Volunteer: Genesis 25.19-34;
Romans 8.1-11

Liturgical Assistant

Elizabeth Allinson

10am Holy Communion

Flowers

The Flower Team

Presiding & Preaching

Rev'd Martin Johnson

Organist

Colin Forbes

Chalice

Tim Gulliver & Denise Manley

Welcomer

Erika Langman

Liturgical Assistant

Brian McKinlay

Sidespeople

Peter Andersson & Kerry-Anne Cousins

Readers & Readings

Fred Anchell: Genesis 25.19-34
Susan Johnson: Romans 8.1-11

Morning tea:

Anne Mahony & Jan Gulliver



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Sunday 9 July 2017

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music:

Hymns: 474, 453 137 & 571

Sentence

'Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,' says the Lord. 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.' Matthew 11.28-29

Prayer of the day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us; yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Today's Readings

Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45.10-17; Romans 7.14-25;
Matthew 11.15-19, 25-30

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: Volunteer; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Readers: Russell & Margaret McCaskie.

10am Welcomer: Davidson Family; Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Brian McKinlay; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: tba; Crucifer: Leighton Mann; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Peter Wilson (OT), Brian McKinlay (NT); Chalices: Doreen Odom & James Kim; Morning Tea: Doreen Odom & Beryl Blaseotto.

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

Psalm: 45.10-17

- 10 Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear:
forget your own people and your father's house.
- 11 The king desires your beauty:
he is your lord, therefore bow down before him.
- 12 The richest among the people, O daughter of Tyre:
shall entreat your favour with gifts.
- 13 The king's daughter is all glorious within:
her clothing is embroidered cloth-of-gold.
- 14 In robes of many colours she is led to you, O king:
and, after her, the virgins that are with her.
- 15 They are led with gladness and rejoicing:
they enter the palace of the king.
- 16 In place of your fathers you shall have sons:
and make them princes over all the land.
- 17 And I will make known your name to every generation:
therefore the peoples shall give you praise for ever.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Well our first, or at least revamped 'Family Service' has taken place and now we shall adjust, improve and keep working at presenting liturgy that both includes our younger members and provides an opportunity for them to worship, but also instructs and nurtures them, provides a foundation, a narrative.

At present we are in a Genesis cycle. It is offering us a narrative, a story of the development of a family - beginning with Abraham. The meta-narrative of Judeo-spirituality is the story of the Exodus - that movement from slavery to freedom ritualised in the Passover for the Jewish people and in the Eucharist, our own Passover. The Patriarchal narrative which we are experiencing now offers us the opportunity to explore how that family was formed and the basis on which it was established; that family which would become the people through whom God would work in that event which has shaped our thinking. The Exodus movement from oppression, the giving of the law, the struggles in the wilderness, the heroism and the failure and finally the arrival in the Promised Land.

The Story of the Patriarchs from chapter 12 of Genesis remains enormously controversial. Last week we heard of the near sacrifice of Isaac, surely the most fearful and piteous story in the Hebrew Scriptures. How do we deal with it? How do we deal with Abraham's scheming and his treatment of his wife Sarah and indeed her treatment of Hagar and Ishmael? What about the story today of the 'arranged' marriage of Isaac and Rebecca? What about Rebecca's scheming to take away Esau's birthright? And then the jealousy of the eleven sons of Jacob who threw their brother Joseph into a pit and then decided better of it and sold him into slavery! And I have barely scratched the surface!

We could just ignore them, but that wouldn't do. They are there lurking in our New Testament, we need to engage with them because they are Jesus' narrative. Look at the genealogies in the gospel, they are Jesus' family! We could change them, but where does it end? There are scholars who ask us to read them as they would have been understood by the first hearers, some ask us to read them as literature, some as history, and others say we must read them with 'suspicion.'

There is no definitive answer. I believe that they are the story of a very human family, with all its misunderstandings, failings and foibles as well as its faith and hope and love. We do not model our lives of our faith on theirs, we cannot and we must not. But we can say that living together is always demanding, it always requires of us commitment, forbearance, forgiveness and sometimes it is exhausting, exasperating, at other times it is nurturing and loving. If we can impart anything to our young people it is a spirit of resilience, persistence, penitence, forgiveness, faith, hope and love; we should try to model 'family' to them in whatever form that takes, emphasise its importance and that yes, it is worth all the effort.

We always look back at this family and through them to our own, through the lens of the life of Jesus, who knows and understands and in his life and death gives us the resources to cope and says to us 'come to me all you who are burdened and I will give you rest.'

Happy families, **Martin**

St Philip's Calendar

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

Mission Project Month Myanmar Education. Envelopes and retiring offering bowl at rear of church. We ask the parish to support our commitment to donate \$1500 to this international mission project.

Student Exchange Aust & NZ – required in August. Please see Denise if interested.

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.

Today	After 10am service	Election of Synod Representatives
Today	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.**