

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: Michael Gamble (24/7/97); Portia Vincent (26/7/90); Ellen Mahoney (29/7/00); Jyo Sen (2/8/94); June McKinlay (2/8/04); Mary Reid (6/8/94); Toby Grahame (6/8/12).

For Next Sunday – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8am	Holy Communion
Sidesperson John Girdlestone	Reader & Readings John Girdlestone: Genesis 32.22-31 Romans 9.1-8
Liturgical Assistant	Elizabeth Allinson
10am	Holy Communion
Flowers The Flower Team	Welcomer Denise Manley
Presiding & Preaching Rev'd Martin Johnson	Liturgical Assistant Sarah Gowty
Organist Colin Forbes	Sidespeople Sally Adams & Roger Sharp
Chalice Tim Gulliver & Denise Manley	Readers & Readings Denise Manley: Genesis 32.22-31 Pat Forbes: Romans 9.1-8
Morning tea:	Rebecca Palethorpe & Family



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Sunday 30 July 2017

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music:

Hymns: 179, 430, 501 & 106 (Tune 1)

Sentence

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8.38-39

Prayer of the day

O God, the fount of wisdom, you have revealed to us in Christ the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price: grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment, that, in the midst of the things of this world, we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom, and be ready to renounce all else for the sake of the precious gift you offer. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Genesis 29.15-28; Psalm 105.1-11; Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.44-58

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

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

10am Welcomer: Volunteer; Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: tba; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Geetha Sekhon (OT), Louise McKay (NT);

Chalices: Tim Gulliver & Volunteer; Morning Tea: Geetha Sekhon & Volunteer.

Psalm: 105.1-11

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
tell among the peoples what things he has done.
- 2 Sing to him, O sing praises:
and be telling of all his marvellous works.
- 3 Exult in his holy name:
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.
- 4 Seek the Lord and his strength:
O seek his face continually.
- 5 Call to mind what wonders he has done:
his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,
- 6 O seed of Abraham his servant:
O children of Jacob his chosen one.
- 7 For he is the Lord our God:
and his judgements are in all the earth.
- 8 He has remembered his covenant for ever:
the word that he ordained for a thousand generations,
- 9 The covenant that he made with Abraham:
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
- 10 And confirmed it to Jacob as a statute:
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
- 11 Saying 'I will give you the land of Canaan:
to be the portion of your inheritance',

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

My note in the pew sheet last week stands me at odds with many in the church. Suggesting that folk avoid St Paul in their initial reading of the scriptures is an anathema to some folk. There are those who describe the 'Roman Road' as the way to understanding faith and therefore St Paul should not be avoided and Romans should be the first book to engage with. Today's 'purple passage' from Romans chapter 8 is wonderful and yes I can understand this thinking, Paul's Letter to the Romans is a crucial text in understanding Christian faith. But there is always more, there is always a 'but!'

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. By 1517 this was a movement that already had some impetus but when Martin Luther spoke out against the church selling indulgences to fund the construction of the new Basilica of St Peter in the Vatican and when he nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg the fire was lit under a reform movement. Luther's emphasis on 'Justification by Faith', in other words we are made right with God by our belief, is a central pillar in

Reformed theology. Luther was railing against the medieval Church of his day and the 'purchase' of salvation through indulgences and masses; just as Paul principally in Romans and Galatians spoke about freedom from the Mosaic law as being the only means by which we gain salvation.

The 'but' of course is the Letter of James. So often subordinated to Paul, this letter deserves to be seen as a complementary scriptural voice. The most familiar quote from James is 'Faith without works is dead' and this provides that all important balance that is crucial to a complete 'Biblical' faith.

Perhaps the best way to approach this is to say that we do not have to engage in 'self justification' this leads us into competitiveness, rivalry etc etc. This is not the Christian way of living together, we are justified by God and therefore we live in a new radical way of self-giving and reciprocity.

Faithfulness is the way, revealed in compassion, humility and forgiveness. If we are truly faithful then we can live in no other way!

I still think we need to read the gospels first! There's nothing on TV worth watching, read some gospel!!

Blessings, **Martin**

St Philip's Calendar

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

Friday 4 7pm – 8.30pm

St Pip's Youth Group – Lamerton Centre

Sunday 6 10am

Family Service

Sunday 6

National Mission Project

ABM Youth Engagement Across the Top End

Wed 9 7pm

Parish Council – Lamerton Centre

Sunday 13 12.30pm – 3pm

Home Group – Lamerton Centre

Friday 18 7pm – 8.30pm

St Pip's Youth Group

Friday 29 5pm- 7pm

Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre

Significant birthdays & Anniversaries

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

As we start to plan the Spring Fling, we are needing people to co-ordinate following stalls: the Bar, BBQ (sausage sizzle) & Books. Please see Leighton with any further questions and offers of help (Leighton 0418 686033). Thank you.

