

## *This coming week @ St Philip's*

<b>Monday</b>	<b>St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre</b> - 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 Pre-loved Fashion</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	10am - 1pm <b>Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	10.30am <b>Holy Communion @ Kankinya</b>

## *Prayer Points*

For those in need: Linda Anchell; Sam Mahony; Anne Mahony; Chris Hudlass; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.  
Those we remember: Tom Jones (21/6/01); Marj Lowes (28/6/01); Harold Percival (28/6/01); George Forbes (2/7/04).

## *For Next Sunday – Third Sunday after Pentecost*

### **8am Holy Communion**

#### **Sidesperson**

John Girdlestone

#### **Reader & Readings**

John Girdlestone: 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

#### **Organist**

Colin Forbes

#### **Chalice**

Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver

#### **Welcomer**

Denise Manley

#### **Liturgical Assistant**

Sarah Gowty

#### **Sidespeople**

Sally Adams & Volunteer

#### **Readers & Readings**

Anne Munro: Genesis 22.1-14  
Ashton Robinson: Romans 6.12-23  
Rebecca Palethorpe & Family

#### **Morning tea:**



# **St Philip's** *Come & See*

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## **Sunday 25 June 2017**

### *Third Sunday after Pentecost*

**10am Music:**

**Hymns: 332, 136, 520 & 595 (Tune 15)**

### *Sentence*

*Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it.*

*Matthew 10.39*

### *Prayer of the day*

*Gracious God, we who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death: we pray that, as you raised him from death, so by the power of the Holy Spirit we may live the new life to your glory, knowing ourselves to be dead in sin but alive for you in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

### *Today's Readings*

Genesis 21.8-21; Psalm 86.1-10, 16-17; Romans 6.1-11;  
Matthew 10.24-39

### *Today's Rosters*

Flowers: The Flower Team

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

**10am** Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe; Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Louise McKay (OT), Brian McKinlay (NT); Chalice: Hardy Palethorpe & Volunteer;

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

Morning Tea: Helen Palethorpe & Geetha Sekhon.

## *Psalm: 86.1-10, 16-17*

- 1 Incline your ear to me, O God, and answer me:  
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Preserve my life, for I am faithful:  
My God, save your servant who trusts in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord:  
for I call to you all the day long.
- 4 O make glad the soul of your servant:  
for I put my hope in you, O Lord.
- 5 For you, Lord, are good and forgiving:  
of great and continuing kindness to all who call upon you.
- 6 Hear my prayer, O Lord:  
and give heed to the voice of my supplication.
- 7 In the day of my trouble I call upon you:  
for you will surely answer.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord:  
nor are there any deeds like yours.
- 9 All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you:  
O Lord, they shall glorify your name.
- 10 For you are great and do marvellous things:  
and you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and be merciful, give your strength to your servant:  
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me some token of your goodness:  
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, because you, Lord,  
are my helper and my comforter.

## *From the Rector*

Dear Friends,

The Church has appointed some difficult texts for us to consider this Sunday. They have been made all the more difficult given the situation in our world at the present time.

The Old Testament reading is taken from the Book of Genesis and it describes the family of the Patriarch Abraham. Sarah and Abraham are elderly and without children, this would have been a source of shame for them. Psalmists say that they are blessed who have children and even more so if they see their children's children. To be barren was a sign of God's displeasure and of the end of the family line. Sarah encourages Abraham to 'spend some time' with their servant Hagar and as a result she gives birth to Ishmael. Sarah then miraculously conceives and gives birth to Isaac. Our account in today's reading describes the two playing; Sarah becomes jealous of fearing that Ishmael will usurp Isaac's rightful place and she sends both Ishmael and his mother away.

Ishmael is by tradition the father of the Arab people. It is through Ishmael that the Moslems trace their ancestry to Abraham. It is an ancestry we share, though we do so through the lineage of Isaac. If you look at Jesus' genealogy in Matthew it begins with Abraham down through Isaac. The people of the Islamic faith, Jews and Christians share this descent from Abraham and yet we are divided and have been for a millennia with often tragic and catastrophic results.

The gospel passage today is from Matthew chapter 10. In this chapter Jesus gathers and names the twelve, he gives them instructions for their missionary journeys and warns them of the difficulties ahead. Prophetically he warns them that he has not come to bring to peace but the sword, there will be division among families and households. Matthew, writing the gospel in the latter part of the first century may well have been seeing division around him as families and households were converted to the new faith; Matthew's gospel is clearly one that would have been read by a Jewish audience, but what of us today. How do we deal with this division?

Ongoing dialogue is central to our understanding of each other and our self-understanding. We cannot, neither should we, try and ignore the difference in our respective theologies, we the children of Abraham. In my experience in Afghanistan speaking with their Army's religious representatives there is an expectation that we should be bold in our faith, as they are. We can proclaim Christ without offence, as one writer put it: One way perhaps in which we need to approach the uniqueness of Christ, is an appreciation that the 'Paradise' of the Islamic faith, like the Moksha of the Hindus and the Buddhist Nirvana are very different to the Christian notions of salvation. Therefore we claim the truth in our notions of salvation, if by salvation we mean the Christian understanding of the term – having a share in the liberation and healing associated with the rule of God, Jesus proclaimed. The division will always remain but the dialogue is both enriching and healing. 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.**

<b>Today</b>	18 - 30 June,	<b>Mission Project:</b> ABM Education Project in Myanmar
<b>Friday</b>	30 June, 5 – 7pm	<b>Happy Hour – Aussie Trivia</b> - Lamerton Centre. ALL ARE VERY WELCOME.
<b>Sunday 9</b>	12 – 2.30pm	<b>Sunday Home Group</b> – Lamerton Centre
<b>Wednesday 12</b>	7pm	<b>Parish Council</b> – Lamerton Centre
<b>Friday 21</b>	7pm – 8.30pm	<b>St Pip's Youth Group</b> – Lamerton Centre
<b>Saturday 29</b>	10am – 1pm	<b>Pandora's presents "Christmas in July"</b>

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.**