

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: Clifton Baker; James Kim; Linda Anchell; Sam Mahony; Chris Hudlass; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.

Those we remember: Charlotte Joseph (24/5/02); Joyce Miller (28/5/04); Charles Parke (31/5/36); Jo Bickford (1/6/04).

For Next Sunday – Day of Pentecost

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

John Girdlestone

Reader & Readings

John Girdlestone: Acts 2.1-21;
1 Corinthians 12.1-13

Liturgical Assistant

Elizabeth Allinson

10am Holy Communion

Flowers

The Flower Roster Ladies

Presiding & Preaching

Rev'd Martin Johnson

Organist

Colin Forbes

Chalice

Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver

Welcomer

Denise Manley

Liturgical Assistant

Sarah Gowty

Sidespeople

Sally Adams & Roger Sharp

Readers & Readings

Kerry-Anne Cousins: Acts 2.1-21
Fiona Dyer: 1 Corinthians 12.1-13
Rebecca Palethorpe & Family

Morning tea:



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Sunday 28 May 2017

Ascension Day

10am Music:

Hymns: 371, 381, 520 & 369

Sentence

'Go and make disciples of all nations,' Jesus commands; 'I am with you always, to the close of the age.'

Matthew 28.19-20

Prayer of the day

God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up into the glory of heaven: clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Acts 1.1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 28.16-20

Today's Rosters

Flowers: Flower Roster Ladies

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

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

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

Pat Forbes (NT); Chalice: Denise Manley & Hardy Palethorpe; Morning Tea: Jan Gulliver & Helen Palethorpe

Psalm 47

- 1 O clap your hands, all you peoples:
and cry aloud to God with shouts of joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared:
he is a great king over all the earth.
- 3 He cast down peoples under us:
and the nations beneath our feet.
- 4 He chose us a land for our possession:
that was the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.
- 5 God has gone up with the sound of rejoicing:
and the Lord to the blast of the horn.
- 6 O sing praises, sing praises to God:
O sing praises, sing praises to our king.
- 7 For God is the king of all the earth:
O praise him in a well-wrought psalm.
- 8 God has become the king of the nations:
he has taken his seat upon his holy throne.
- 9 The princes of the peoples are gathered together:
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 For the mighty ones of the earth are become the servants of God:
and he is greatly exalted.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

This week past, Jeanette, Robin and I along with the clergy of the diocese met at Narooma on the south coast for our annual clergy conference; the theme was 'Resilience.'

Bishop Trevor Edwards led us in a series of studies on the theme of resilience. He challenged us to - Cultivate 'optimistic faith', Deal with 'divine discipline' (tough), Cope with discouragement, and finally Pray when downcast. It was this last session that resonated. He used the refrain from Psalm 42:

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.

Without dismissing the very real issue of depression, he suggested that many of us needed to argue with ourselves and ask the question: Why are you cast down, O my soul... and to deal with it! There was much to challenge and this is no bad thing. Our faith must be both comfort and challenge if it is to be alive, vital and life changing and, of course, if we are to be resilient.

Brian Douglas, the Rector of Manuka, led us in a thought-provoking series of talks about the presence of God in the Eucharist. He use the term 'Mystery',

much used by St Paul, to describe God's presence and we were led on an historical and theological tour de force to help us to find resilience in our participation in the Eucharist. This mystery is revealed in the Eucharist as we 'attend' to God; something we are not always good at and which can lead us to say 'where is God' when indeed it is us that are absent!

As we celebrate the feast of Ascension together it is a time to be mindful that this festival is not about the absence of God, however much we might feel that from time to time, it is more about the very real presence of God in our midst: the God who, because of the life of Jesus, is very present in every part of our lives even if we don't recognize it. And importantly is present in the aspects of our lives where, perhaps, we least expect to find God and, perhaps, least want God there!

Thank you to you all for providing us, your clergy, with the opportunity to gather and learn and be refreshed.

Every blessing for this wonderful feast, **Martin**

St Philip's Calendar <http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

Sunday 4 June,
Friday 9 June, 7-8.30pm
Sunday 11 June,
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We'day 14 June, 7-9pm
Sunday 18 June,

Friday 23 June, 7-8.30pm
Friday 30 June, 5 – 7pm

Day of Pentecost
St Philip's Youth Group
Trinity Sunday
Home Group - Lamerton Centre
Parish Council - Lamerton Centre
Mission Project: ABM Education Project
in Myanmar
St Philip's Youth Group
Happy Hour - Lamerton Centre