

This coming week @ St Philip's

Monday		St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre - including Lunch
Tue - Fri	8am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	10am	Eucharist and Morning Tea - Lamerton Centre
Friday	10am - 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions
	7pm - 8.30pm	St Pip's Youth Group
Saturday	10am - 1pm	Pandora's Festive Fashions
	10.30am	Eucharist @ Kankinya
	11.am	Ordination of Priests

St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn. Deacon Peter Kuot from the Sudanese community will be ordained. We assure Peter of our prayers and good wishes as he takes on greater responsibilities in the Dinka Community.

Prayer Points

For those in need: Ken Smith; Rosemary Lohmann; Chris Hudlass; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.

Those we remember: William Trivett (15 Nov 90); Stanley Vincent (16 Nov 02); Constance Morton (25 Nov 2001)

Next Sunday - Christ the King

10am - Eucharist and Baptism of Taryn Gowty

Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46

Presiding & Preaching: The Rev'd Martin Johnson

8am	Sidesperson:	Tim Woodburn
	Reader:	Shane Woodburn
10am	Sidespeople	Louise & Matt McKay
	Music:	Colin Forbes
	Liturgical Assistant:	Brian McKinlay
	Readers:	Members of the Gowty Family
	Chalice Servers:	Tim Gulliver & Denise Manley
	Morning tea:	Alison Davidson & Rosemary Knight



Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au or 0418 686033



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Sunday 19 November 2017

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music Hymns: 592, 437, 474 & 596

Sentence

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.
1 Thessalonians 5.9, 11

Prayer of the day

Everliving God, before the earth was formed, and even after if shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Judges 4.1-10; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson

8am Eucharist followed by breakfast in the Lamerton Centre - all welcome.

Welcomers: Rhonda and Susan Reader: Susan Johnson

10am Eucharist Welcomer: Erika Langman; Sidespeople: Peter Andersson

& Kerry-Anne Cousins; Music: Colin Forbes; Liturgical assistant: Philippa

Wicks; Readers: OT - Linda Anchell, NT - Tim Gulliver; Chalice Servers:

Hardy Palethorpe & James Kim; Morning tea: Ann Mahony & Jan Gulliver

EFTPOS available in the foyer to assist with your giving.

Psalm: 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes:
you who are enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master:
or as the eyes of a maid toward the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God:
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have had our fill of derision.
- 5 Our souls overflow with the mockery of those at ease:
and with the contempt of the proud.

From the Rector

Last week in the pew sheet I asked every one of us to lend a hand that we might fittingly celebrate the years' end, looking back with gratitude and forward with hope. We are, at St Philip's, so very fortunate in so many ways. The parish has been gifted with people of talent, energy and above all, faith; gifted is the operative word!

The danger is of course that we keep our gifts for ourselves, but that is not our calling. Our 'difficult' gospel passage this morning from Matthew 25 is clear we are to deal wisely with the talents we have been gifted. This is a passage that requires some care, it does not provide a warrant for rampant capitalism! Jesus is saying that we have all been gifted, we are to nurture those gifts, invest our time, energy and love into them that they may bear fruit.

What are they then these talents? Well Rowan Williams suggests that they are relationships. We are called into relationship with God in Christ...he goes on *Build relationships, serve that vision of humanity, as that's the gift that's given and that is what will multiply and make us alive. And there's one very significant word that Jesus uses in that parable - faithful. He says to the first two servants: "You've been faithful with small things". Why faithful? Surely because those servants are following what their master's faithfulness is like. God is faithful. God keeps his promises and God acts consistently. And how does God act? By reckless giving of Himself. By building relationships even at the cost of suffering and death on the cross. How does God act? By speaking to each and every one of us as if we were already the true, full human beings he's called us to be. How does God act? By spreading abroad and multiplying relationship, love and hope. And a human being who acts like that is a human being acting faithfully, in consistency with the kind of God that God is, and the kind of action that God performs.*

Our calling is to build relationship with God and with each other. We at St Philip's have been gifted with relationships, they are evident in our parish community and in so many ways they spill out into the community

around us – and beyond. How do we further this mission? This is the question that we will wrestle with as we begin this new year together.

Next Sunday we will celebrate the feast of Christ the King and the Baptism of Taryn Gowty, a wonderful way of crowning the year and the opportunity for each of us to begin to prayerfully consider what our role might be in this mission. Blessings, Martin

Our 2017 Local Mission Project Donation envelopes are available today
"St Philip's Care – Northbourne Community Centre"

Kankinya (Canberra Aged Care Facility) will be holding their *Christmas Fair* on Saturday, 2 December at 11am. Stalls include cakes, plants, books, craft, jams & preserves and a sausage sizzle – everyone welcome!
48 Archibald Street, Lyneham

St Philip's Calendar

Please check our website calendar for the latest information

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

Saturday 2 Dec	5pm	'Thank You' Happy Hour <i>Complimentary drinks to say 'thank you' to everyone who has volunteered throughout the year with all the various tasks and ministries at St Philip's.</i> <i>Please bring some nibbles to share</i>
Saturday 2 Dec	6.30pm	Advent Dinner <i>Please bring a salad or dessert to share. RSVP on list in foyer please</i>
Sunday 3 Dec		<u>First Sunday of Advent</u> Family Service
	10am	
Friday 8 Dec	7pm – 8.30pm	St Pip's Youth Group
Sunday 17 Dec	7.30pm	St Philip's Carol Service <i>Nine Lessons & Carols, followed by a bring and share Christmas supper.</i>
Sunday 24 Dec		<u>Fourth Sunday of Advent</u>
	9am	Eucharist (combined 8am and 10am)
Sunday 24 Dec		<u>Christmas Eve</u>
	5pm	Children's Christmas Service
	11pm	Carol Singing
	11.30pm	Sung Eucharist
Monday 25 Dec		<u>Christmas Day</u>
	9am	Sung Eucharist

Christmas Rosters

If you are able to assist with any of the Advent/Christmas services on the 24th & 25th December - Sidespeople, Readers, Chalice Servers etc. Please email rosters@stphilipsoconnor.org.au and let us know which service(s) you will be attending, so we can prepare a Roster. These services are very important as we have lots of visitors attending and we need to be organised!