

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: Ruth Durie; Sam Mahony; Chris Hudlass; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.
Those we remember: Robert Dixon (29/9/89); Coralie Sawer (29/9/91); Clive Lowes (2/10/09); Bruce Holgate (5/10/02).

EFTPOS is available in the church foyer to assist with your giving if needed.

For Next Sunday -

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8am	Holy Communion
Sidesperson Vicki Luker	Reader & Readings Joesph & Dominic Lloyd: Exodus 17.1-7 Philippians 2.1-13
Liturgical Assistant	Elizabeth Allinson
10am	Holy Communion
Flowers The Flower Team	Welcomer Davidson Family
Presiding & Preaching Rev'd Martin Johnson	Liturgical Assistant Rev'd Linda Anshell
Organist Colin Forbes	Sidespeople Alison & Alistair Davidson
Chalice Doreen Odom & Hardy Palethorpe	Readers & Readings Peter Wison: Exodus 17.1-7 Brian McKinlay: Philippians 2.1-13
Morning tea:	Doreen Odom & Family

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



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Sunday 1 October 2017

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Family Service

10am Music :

Hymns: 183, 247 (t 425), 675 & 256
Joseph Lloyd will play during Communion

Sentence

Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.

Hosea 6.1a,2b

Prayer of the day

Grant, O merciful God, that your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus, who emptied himself, and took the form of a servant, and in humility became obedient even to death. For you have highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ, the Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in everlasting glory. Amen.

Today's Readings

Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 78.1-4, 11-16; Philippians 2.1-13;
Matthew 21.23-32

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

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

10am Welcomer: Denise Manley & Sam Mahony; Sidespeople: Sally Adams &

Roger Sharp; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Joseph Lloyd (OT), Dominic Lloyd (NT); Chalice: Hardy Denise Manley & Volunteer; Morning Tea: Rebecca Palethorpe & family.

Psalm: 78.1-4, 11-16

- 1 Give heed to my teaching, O my people:
incline your ears to the words of my mouth;
- 2 For I will open my mouth in a parable:
and expound the mysteries of former times.
- 3 What we have heard and known:
what our forebears have told us,
- 4 We will not hide from their children, but declare to a generation yet to come:
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works.
- 11 For he did marvellous things in the sight of their ancestors:
in the land of Egypt, in the country of Zoan.
- 12 He divided the sea and let them pass through:
he made the waters stand up in a heap.
- 13 In the daytime he led them with a cloud:
and all night long with the light of fire.
- 14 He cleft rocks in the wilderness:
and gave them drink in abundance as from springs of water.
- 15 He brought streams out of the rock:
and caused the waters to flow down like rivers.
- 16 But for all this they sinned yet more against him:
and rebelled against the Most High in the desert.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

It is often said that Golf ruins a good walk, and there is truth in that! I don't play golf very often and I am particularly bad at it, but I do enjoy the 'discipline' of the game, it is as much psychological as physical. In every round there is always that one shot which keeps me coming back. It may be that wonderful drive, straight and long and true, or an approach shot to the green that leaves a dent in the soft turf or a long putt that somehow finds the hole. So among the exasperation and the duffed shots there is always a moment of exhilaration.

It is not a good analogy I know, but sometimes I find myself thinking much the same about Church! We in this part of the Church are not always strong on system, but we are engaged by narrative. Our walk or pilgrimage is one in which we are engaging with the world around us, our brand is deeply incarnational and sometimes that makes it difficult to define. We are both 'The People of God' and The Body of Christ. We are concerned very much with the issues of this world and yet we view them through a particular prism, that of the life and example of Christ. That can make for an uncomfortable place... it can ruin our walk! Many of our fellow pilgrims in other denominations and indeed in other parts of the Anglican world may, if asked to describe the foundation of their faith, point to

scripture, tradition, a particular confession, a catechism or a founding Father. We point primarily to a Prayer Book, our prayers and our worship and from there the way that we live define us and our belief. We are called to participate in the mystery of the faith and not merely articulate it. This participation invites us into a relationship and conversation with those saints who have passed on to glory and also obliges us to adhere to the discipline of that tradition; thus, one could also speak of discipleship. Yes, other denominations and groups do this, but we have made of it an art form! It is exasperating, challenging, plain difficult, but somehow we keep going, keep coming back because we have glimpses of what Michael Ramsey – the 100th Archbishop of Canterbury would simply call 'Glory!'

Why do I mention this? In today's lection we will hear, what I believe to be one of the most profound pieces of scripture concerning the nature of Jesus. It spawned what we call Kenotic Spirituality; Kenoo being Greek for 'to empty.' So Jesus, despite being in the form of God, emptied himself becoming as a slave. It is all about vulnerability and that is part of the walk we have embarked on. It is not an easy walk, there are traditions, protocols and etiquette to be followed which make us walk out of step from time to time, but nonetheless we are in the middle of things, trying to bring to bear the love of God to a world which often does not want to hear. But we keep going because of those glimpses of glory.....oh I've missed the fairway - FORE!!

Blessings, **Martin**

St Philip's Calendar

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

Today 1 Oct	10am	Family Service
Friday 6-Sunday 8		Diocesan Synod <i>in Goulburn</i>
Saturday 7	1pm	Fashion Parade Try-on Day (for models)
Sunday 8	12.30 – 3pm	Home Group <i>Postponed this month</i>
Wednesday	11	7pm Parish Council – Lamerton Centre
Friday 13	7 – 8.30pm	St Pip's Youth Group
Saturday 14	10am - 2pm	SPRING FLING – Don't miss it!!
Friday 27	5pm – 7pm	Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre <i>Theme: Oktoberfest</i>
Friday 27	7 – 8.30pm	St Pip's Youth Group
Sunday 29	10am	Celtic-themed Eucharist

TICKETS FOR THE GOURMET HAMPER RAFFLE CAN BE COLLECTED FROM (AND RETURNED TO) DENISE MANLEY FROM TODAY.

