

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: Sam Mahony; Chris Hudlass; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.

Those we remember: Rob Lamerton (17/10/08); Ivor Baldwin (18/10/05); Marjorie Sheehan (23/10/01); David Reid (27/10/94).

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

For Next Sunday -

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Celtic Service

8am	Holy Communion
Sidesperson Volunteer	Reader & Readings Margaret & Russell McCaskie: Deuteronomy 34.1-12 1 Thessalonians 2.1-13
Liturgical Assistant	Elizabeth Allinson
10am	Holy Communion
Flowers The Flower Team	Welcomer Volunteer
Presiding & Preaching Rev'd Martin Johnson	Liturgical Assistant Elizabeth Allinson
Organist Colin Forbes	Sidespeople Louise & Matthew McKay
Chalice James Kim & Hardy Palethorpe	Readers & Readings Volunteer: Deuteronomy 34.1-12 Susan Johnson: 1 Thessalonians 2.1-13 Ann Munro & Anne Mahony
Morning tea:	



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Sunday 22 October 2017

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music:

Hymns: 477 (t 153), 543, 517 & 473

Sentence

Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

Matthew 22.21

Prayer of the day

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory, as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear, until we may look upon you without fear, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Exodus 33.12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10;
Matthew 22.15-33

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

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

10am Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe; Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Volunteer; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Brian McKinlay; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: David Tscharke (OT), Rosemary Knight (NT); Chalices: Tim Gulliver & Volunteer; Morning Tea: Rosemary Knight & Alison Davidson.

Psalm: 99

- 1 The Lord is king, let the nations tremble:
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion:
he is high above all nations.
- 3 Let them praise your great and terrible name:
for holy is the Lord.
- 4 The Mighty One is king and loves justice:
you have established equity, you have dealt righteousness and justice in Jacob.
- 5 O exalt the Lord our God:
and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon
his name:
they called to the Lord and he answered.
- 7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud:
they kept to his teachings and the law that he gave them.
- 8 You answered them, O Lord our God:
you were a forgiving God to them, and pardoned their wrongdoing.
- 9 O exalt the Lord our God:
and bow down towards his holy hill, for the Lord our God is holy.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Earlier this year we commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the death of Bishop Ernest Burgmann. He was consecrated and installed in the then diocese of Goulburn in 1934. The Great Depression, and his reaction to it, would mark his episcopate. Whilst never being a member of any political party he was active in the politics of the day. In 1948 Prime Minister Doc Evatt appointed him to the Australian Delegation of the United Nations Assembly in Paris. Burgmann opposed the attempted banning of the Communist Party of Australia in 1951, a decision which saw the headlines 'The Bishop and the Bolshies!' Robert Menzies, in Parliament cast Burgmann as a 'most meddlesome priest.'

Our gospel reading describes the Pharisees trying to outwit Jesus by posing him a question. Is it right to pay our taxes to the Romans – the occupying foreign force? By answering yes he would enrage the separatists, the zealots who wanted Rome out. By answering no he could be charged with sedition. He takes a coin, asks whose head is on the coin, and speaks those immortal words 'Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.' They are words which are often cited by those seeking to keep the churches out of politics, claiming the doctrine of the separation of Church and state keeps the church out of matters of Government. Burgmann however was the embodiment of the Church at the heart of the Body Politic; championing the rights of the worker and the socially disadvantaged.

Rowan Williams the former Archbishop of Canterbury and self-confessed 'hairy leftie' wrote: So in the gospel story of the tribute money, Jesus refuses to make

a neat opposition between Caesar and God, as his critics want him to. By all means, he says, pay your debts to the political order, give Caesar what belongs to him. If you are profiting from Caesar's government, don't grumble about paying Caesar's taxes. But never forget that the ultimate point of any human political order is giving God what belongs to God - setting human agents free, acknowledging and reinforcing the dignity in which God has clothed them. I am sure that if Burgmann were alive today he would be endeavouring to do just that: upholding and reinforcing the dignity in which every human person has been clothed by God. It remains our calling today.

Thank you to all those who worked so hard to ensure the success of last weekend's 'Spring Fling' a great day was had by all. The faithfulness and quiet joy that sustains our parish community was in evidence to all, thank you.

Blessings Martin

PS The lady who lost her phone found it later...I think it was in the bottom of her handbag with a flat battery!!

PPS I still have Teapot in my study looking for an owner, any Mad Hatters out there?

St Philip's Calendar

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

Friday 27 5pm – 7pm

Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre

Theme: Oktoberfest

Friday 27 7pm – 8.30pm

St Pip's Youth Group

Sunday 29 Both Services

Celtic-themed Eucharist

Saturday 4 Nov 6.30pm

Sung Eucharist Celebration of All Saints

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE SOME INCENSE AT THIS SERVICE.

PLEASE BRING SOME SAVOURY FOOD TO SHARE FOR SUPPER AFTERWARDS

Sunday 5 Nov 10am

Family Service

Wed'day 8 7pm

Parish Council – Lamerton Centre

Friday 10 7pm – 8.30pm

St Pip's Youth Group

Sunday 12

Local Mission Project – Northbourne Community

Sunday 12 12.30pm – 3pm

Home Group – Lamerton Centre

Saturday 18 9am – 11am

Working Bee – general clean up for Advent & Christmas

Friday 24 7pm – 8.30pm

St Pip's Youth Group

Saturday 25 10am – 1pm

Pandora's Festive Fashions

Sunday 24 Both Services

Christ the King – end of the Church's year

Sunday 24 10am

Baptism of Taryn Gowty!

The Gourmet Hamper was won by Robyn Steele who is the Mother of our own Melissa Rath. Congratulations Robyn!