

## This coming week @ St Philip's

<b>Monday</b>	<b>St Philip's Care</b> @ Northbourne Community Centre - 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</b> Pre-loved Fashion
<b>Saturday</b>	10am - 1pm <b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion
<b>Saturday</b>	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b> @ 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: Lawrie Keast (24/9/90)

## For Next Sunday -

### Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sidesperson</b> Tim Woodburn	<b>Reader &amp; Readings</b> Shane Woodburn: Exodus 16.2-15 Philippians 1.21-30
<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>	Elizabeth Allinson
<b>10am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Flowers</b> The Flower Team	<b>Welcomer</b> Helen Palethorpe
<b>Presiding &amp; Preaching</b> Rev'd Martin Johnson	<b>Liturgical Assistant</b> Brian McKinlay
<b>Organist</b> Colin Forbes	<b>Sidespeople</b> Louise & Matt McKay
<b>Chalice</b> Hardy Palethorpe & Volunteer	<b>Readers &amp; Readings</b> Louise McKay: Exodus 16.2-15 Brian McKinlay: Philippians 1.21-30
<b>Morning tea:</b>	Helen Palethorpe & Geetha Sekhon



# St Philip's Come & See

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## Sunday 17 September 2017

### Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### 10am Music

**Hymns: 648 (t456); 136; 598 & 569**

#### Sentence

*If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. Psalm 130.3-4*

#### Prayer of the day

*O God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ or Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

#### Today's Readings


Exodus 14.19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14.1-14; Matthew 18.21-35

#### 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: Erika Langman; Sidespeople: Peter Andersson & Volunteer; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Gail Langendorf (OT), Denise Manley (NT); Chalices: Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Ann Mahony & Jan Gulliver.

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

## Psalm: 114

- 1 When Israel came out of Egypt:  
and the house of Jacob from among a people of an alien tongue,
- 2 Judah became his sanctuary:  
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea saw that, and fled:  
Jordan was driven back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams:  
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled:  
O Jordan, that you were driven back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams:  
and you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord:  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the rock into a pool of water:  
and the flint-stone into a welling spring.

## From the Rector

Dear Friends,

During the week we had a small plumbing emergency in the Rectory. I was in church saying Morning Prayer, I dashed back in and ran to the en suite mop in hand. Seeing the water I raised my mop and looked heavenward, the water kept coming, nothing happened. Clearly, unlike Jesus, I am not the new Moses!! Just momentarily I despaired as the water seeped into the bedroom carpet, then I regained my sense of perspective; homes around the world have been destroyed by earthquake, hurricane, flood and mudslide over the past few weeks, this is just a very minor inconvenience.

Today in our Old Testament reading we recount the story of the Hebrew people crossing through the parted waters of the Red Sea 'dry shod' it is the central event of the Hebrew Scriptures. But, like last week's reading of the Passover and the death of the firstborn, we are reminded that for all the world's beauty and joy, this is a world founded on pain and loss.

During the week we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Cross. It has been known in the past as the Triumph of the Cross which I think is helpful and helps to distinguish the feast from the sombre mood of Good Friday, on this day we celebrate the cross as victory. In John's Gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness so will the Son of Man be lifted up – recalling the story in the Book of Numbers of the pain and suffering of the Israelites in the wilderness.

The serpent in the wilderness was offered to allow the people of God to face their terrors. They looked into the pit of the image of death. Christ offers us the image of our worst imaginings, and of all the suffering of nature, the world's disasters so frequently beamed into our lounges through the TV.

The problem of pain remains for many the great stumbling block to faith. But somewhere in this great tradition of ours lies something of a solution. It is far from an intellectually satisfying solution, yet it is played out again and again. Suffering can demean and destroy, and yet on occasion individuals and communities can transcend themselves through it. Our narrative speaks of the story of the bronze serpent and the man on the cross. That promise is about facing the terror of pain and death in the world, and being blessed in the facing of it. That narrative underlies all the other terrors we need to deal with, and if we do not engage with it, make it part of our narrative then we will struggle to deal with the world's disasters and crises. We need to turn and face that serpent because only by looking steadily on its face can we hope to gain healing for our other ills – even a flooded en suite.

Blessings, **Martin**

## St Philip's Calendar

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

**Friday 15 7pm – 8.30pm**

**St Pip's Youth Group**

**Friday 29 5pm – 7pm**

**Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre**

*Theme: Grand Final Fever*

**Sunday 1 10am**

**Family Service**

**Sunday 8 12.30pm – 3pm**

**Home Group** *Postponed this month*

**Wed'day 11 7pm**

**Parish Council – Lamerton Centre**

**DONATIONS FOR THE GOURMET HAMPER WILL CLOSE NEXT WEEK AND  
TICKET SALES WILL COMMENCE THE FOLLOWING WEEK!**

### KEY POINTS FROM SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Council welcomed the feedback from parishioners on the new draft Covenant to be concluded between Rev. Martin, Parish Council and the Bishop. The new Covenant has now been adopted by Parish Council and has been forwarded to the Bishop for his consideration.

Special upcoming services: Celtic Eucharist, All Saints, Family Eucharist, Christ the King.

Parish Council expressed its support and appreciation for Pandora's contributions to Parish mission projects and local charities. Pandora's has recently contributed \$1000 to the *ABM Myanmar education* mission project; \$1000 to the *ABM "Youth Engagement across Top End Remote Communities"* mission project; and \$2000 to Karinya House for mothers and children in crisis. Pandora's has also contributed \$900 towards the cost of new hymn books and \$1068 for the cost of the new folding tables for the Lamerton Centre meeting room. They have also contributed approximately \$2000 toward the purchase and installation of a new stove for the Rectory.