

## *This coming week @ St Philip's*

Tue – Fri	8am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	10am	Eucharist and Morning Tea
Friday	10am – 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions
Saturday	10am – 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions
	10.30am	Eucharist @ Kankinya

## *Prayer Points*

For those in need: Elizabeth Comino; Pat Forbes; Colin Forbes; Fred Langman; Roger Sharp; James Kim; Brian McKinlay; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley. The repose of the soul of Brenton Holmes and for his family and friends.

Those we remember: Brenton Holmes (10/4/18); Ken Johnson (14/4/01); Irene Keast (17/4/04); Noel Collins (18/4/70).

## *Next Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Easter*

**Readings:** Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3.1-4; Matthew 28.1-10

**Presiding & Preaching:** The Rev'd Martin Johnson

<b>8am:</b>	Sidesperson:	Tim Woodburn
	Liturgical Assistant:	Elizabeth Allinson
	Readers:	Shane Woodburn
<b>10am:</b>	Welcomer:	Helen Palethorpe
	Sidespeople:	Fred Anchell & Hardy Palethorpe
	Music:	Colin Forbes
	Liturgical Assistant:	Rev'd Jeannette McHugh
	Readers:	Fred Anchell (OT) Linda Anchell (NT)
	Chalice Servers:	Hardy Palethorpe & Volunteer
	Morning tea:	Alison Davidson & Rosemary Knight

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

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# St Philip's *Come & See*

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## **Sunday 15 April 2018**

### *Third Sunday of Easter*

**10am Music**

**Hymns: 391, 115, 393 & 380**

### *Sentence*

*Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord..* Acts 3.19-20

### *Prayer of the day*

*Lord of life, by submitting to death, you conquered the grave; by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you; by being raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin: be with us in your risen power, that in word and deed we may proclaim the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.*

### *Today's Readings*

Acts 3.12-20; Psalm 4; 1 John 2.15-17, 3.1-6; Luke 24.36b-48.

### *Today's Rosters*

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

**Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson**

**8am** Sidesperson: Susan Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: Joseph & Dominic Lloyd

**10am** Welcomer: Erika Langman; Sidespeople: Kerry-Anne Cousins & Peter Andersson; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Peter Wilson (OT), Jack Adams (NT); Chalices: Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Anne Mahony & Jan Gulliver.

## Psalm 4

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness:  
when I was hard-pressed you set me free; be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.
- 2 Children of earth, how long will you turn my glory to my shame:  
how long will you love what is worthless and seek after lies?
- 3 Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful kindness:  
when I call to the Lord he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, and do no sin:  
commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.
- 5 Offer the sacrifices that are right:  
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 There are many who say 'Who will show us any good?:  
the light of your countenance, O Lord, has gone from us.'
- 7 Yet you have given my heart more gladness:  
that they have when their corn, wine and oil increase.
- 8 In peace I will lie down and sleep:  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## From the Rector

Dear Friends

Since Easter we have been without a Chief Shepherd in the Diocese. Bishop Stuart has laid up his Pastoral Staff and with it his authority and responsibility. We are fortunate that in the Diocese we have others in episcopal orders who are able to take the reins temporarily and guide the diocese while the process of selecting a new bishop runs its course. This is very important and I urge every one of us to engage in whatever way we can in this process beginning with prayer.

The clergy of this parish and every parish in the diocese function by holding a licence from the bishop, the 'authority' that comes with a licence is 'derived' from the bishop. When the bishop visits a parish there is no need for a welcome because it is the bishop's parish and the clergy of the parish are his or her delegates. When the bishop comes to St Philip's strictly speaking the priests of the parish have no role because they are only here as his or her representatives, unlike the Deacons whose role it is to serve the bishop. So the bishop is the sign of unity within a diocese.

A bishop is also the holder of apostolicity, and there are (primarily) two ways of understanding this. In one school of thought bishops stand in direct line with the apostles of the New Testament. St Peter is by tradition the first Pope and the bishops of today stand in succession to St Peter. In this way of thinking the bishops are the fount from which the Church is created. Another way of thinking is the Cyprianic model named after St Cyprian, a bishop in Carthage (modern day Tunisia) in the mid-3rd Century. In this model apostolicity is maintained wherever the gospel is validly preached and lived out in – as Jude wrote in his

letter: 'the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.' The Church in this model is the fount and the bishops are raised up from within the Church. Whichever model you ascribe to the bishops are central to our understanding of Church in the west and particularly in our Anglican tradition. We having retained the ancient threefold order of Bishop, Priest and Deacon.

So while we think of the bishop as some sort of CEO or manager, above all they are called to be a sign of unity and of continuity with the Church throughout the centuries, that is their primary function and we should be seeking a bishop who will uphold these functions first and foremost; everything else, God willing will flow from that.

We pray for those charged with the responsibility of seeking out worthy candidates to bring before the synod and for the diocese under the care of BP Trevor during this interregnum. If you have any questions or concerns about this process please let me know. I hope you are still basking in the glow of the Easter Candle and finding in it the renewal and energy of resurrection life!

Every blessing,

**Martin**

## St Philip's Calendar

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

<b>Friday</b>	27 Apr 5 – 7pm	<b>Happy Hour</b> – April Fools Theme
<b>Friday</b>	4 May 7 – 8.30pm	<b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>
<b>Wed'day</b>	2 May 7pm	<b>Parish Council</b> – Lamerton Centre
<b>Friday</b>	4 May 7 – 8.30pm	<b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	6 May – 10am	<b>St Philip's Day</b> – Sunday Zone followed by Special Morning Tea. Please bring a plate of food to share.
<b>Sunday</b>	13 May	<b>Ascension Day</b>
<b>Friday</b>	18 May 7 – 8.30pm	<b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	20 May	<b>Day of Pentecost</b>
<b>Friday</b>	25 May	<b>Happy Hour</b> – Theme: Royal Wedding
<b>Sunday</b>	27 May	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>

**There is a real need for more parishioners to read during the services, to be a Lay Reader at 10am, to be a sidesperson and to help with morning tea. If you feel you would be able to do one or more of these things, would you please speak with Martin?**

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