

## This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue – Fri	8am	Morning Prayer
Tue (8 & 22/5)	10.30am	Sir Leslie Morshead Manor
	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: Anne Ranse; Pat Forbes; Colin Forbes; Fred Langman; Roger Sharp; James Kim; Brian McKinlay; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.

Those we remember: Jeffrey Avery (8/5/84)

## Next Sunday – Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Philip & James, Apostles & Martyrs

**Readings:** Isaiah 30.18-21; Psalm 19.1-6; 1 Corinthians 15.1-8; John 14.6-14

Flowers: The Flower Team

**8am:** Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Professor Canon Scott Cowdell  
Sidesperson: John Girdlestone  
Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson  
Readers: John Girdlestone

**10am:** Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson  
Welcomer: Denise Manley  
Sidespeople: Fred Anshell & Brian McKinlay  
Music: Colin Forbes  
Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks  
Readers: tba (1st)  
tba (2nd)  
Chalice Servers: Tim Gulliver & James Kim  
Morning tea: Special Celebration. Everyone bring and share!!

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

**EFTPOS available in the foyer to assist with your giving.**



# St Philip's Come & See

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## Sunday 29 April 2018

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

10am Music

**Hymns: 104 (t361), 153, 393, 513 & 531**

**Sentence**

*In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.*

*1 John 4.10-11*

**Prayer of the day**

*O God, form the minds of your faithful people, that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that, amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Today's Readings**

Acts 8.26-40; Psalm 22.26-32; 1 John 4.7-21; John 15.1-8.

**Today's Rosters**

Flowers: The Flower Team

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

**10am** Preaching & Presiding: The Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay; Liturgical Assistant: tba; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Kerry-Anne Cousins (1st), Fiona Dyer (2nd); Chalices: Denise Manley & James Kim; Morning Tea: tba.

## *Psalm 22.26-32*

- 26 From you springs my praise in the great congregation:  
I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;
- 27 The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him- may their hearts rejoice  
for ever!
- 28 Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord:  
and let all the families of the nations worship before him.
- 29 For the kingdom is the Lord's:  
and he shall be ruler over the nations.
- 30 How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:  
or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?
- 31 But he has saved my life for himself:  
and my posterity shall serve him.
- 32 This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:  
and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn, that he has  
done it.

## *From the Rector*

Dear Friends

Another ANZAC Day passes with all the commentary that inevitably accompanies such a day. Whatever our feelings about the day, and for many of us they are incredibly mixed, it does provide a rare opportunity to speak publicly in an explicitly Christian way. Bishop Tom Frame describes ANZAC Day as a day of 'civic religion' and has voiced his concerns that increasingly the Christian message is marginalised in such events. I however remain hopeful, because I believe that without the Christian message of redemption and hope ANZAC Day loses its intrinsic meaning. Whilst most of the veterans and current serving Defence members would not readily be able to explain why the Christian message is important, they continue to request a Christian presence. It was well put by a CO I was serving under: 'I don't know exactly what you do Padre, but I know what happens when you stop doing it, so crack on!'

David Wood, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and lifelong pacifist, popularised the term 'Moral Injury' in three widely cited articles published in the Huffington Post during March 2014. He described moral injury as a 'bruise on the soul' experienced by 'almost everyone' who participates in armed conflict. He explained that moral injury is 'a new concept to describe what many veterans feel: a sense that their fundamental understanding of right and wrong has been violated and the grief, numbness or guilt that often ensues'. He drew attention to 'the pain that results from damage to a person's moral foundation'.

It is this 'bruise on the soul' that Chaplains are called to deal with. They are

the modern heir to Philip's task that we read about in this morning's reading from the Book of Acts. They will not encounter a eunuch returning home to Ethiopia and reading with incomprehension a passage in the Hebrew scriptures, no they won't! They will however encounter a soldier returning home and being confounded by their experiences of conflict. If the chaplain is to offer bewildered soldiers what Philip offered the Ethiopian, he or she will have to bring the specifically Christian revelation to bear on these sources of contemporary bewilderment.

The Easter story of the Cross and the Resurrection is *the* Christian response to bruised souls. It is the calling of all of us to point to the cross and express our faith that in it we see God becoming completely at one with the violence and hatred that mars humanity and offering forgiveness and peace. Our Easter journey continues and in our ANZAC commemorations perhaps we can find something of the meaning behind it all.

Blessings

**Martin**

## *St Philip's Calendar*

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

<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>
<b>Sunday</b>	27 May 12.30 – 3.00pm	<b>Home Group</b> – Lamerton Centre

On Sunday August 12, Bp Stephen Pickard will preside and preach at the 10.00am service and will Confirm our candidates. Please speak to Martin if you would like to prepare for Confirmation.

**A number of workshops are taking place throughout the Diocese to provide input to the Episcopal Election Committee as they seek candidates for the next Bishop of our Diocese. The North Canberra Workshop will take place at St John's Reid on May 3 at 7.00pm. There are plenty of resources on the Diocesan website to enable you prepare for the workshop.**