

This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue (3/7 & 17/7)	1.30pm	Sir Leslie Morshead Manor
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

Confirmees: Beth Adams; Jack Adams; Kenzo Boyle; Dominic Lloyd; Joseph Lloyd; Sam Mahony; Jarrah Palethorpe; Noah Palethorpe; Ava Rath.

For those in need: Pat Forbes; Colin Forbes; Fred Langman; Roger Sharp; Ken Smith; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley. The family of baby Arlo Brideoak Berry.

Those we remember: Arlo Brideoak Berry (20/6/18); Marj Lowes (28/6/01); Harold Percival (28/6/01); George Forbes (2/7/04).

Next Sunday – Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Readings: Ezekiel 2.1-15; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Sidesperson: Vicki Luker
Liturgical Assistant: Elise Palethorpe
Readers: Joseph & Dominic Lloyd

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Welcomer: Davidson Family
Sidespeople: Alison & Alistair Davidson
Music: Colin Forbes
Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Linda Anchell
Crucifer: Leighton Mann
Readers: Ashton Robinson (1st)
David Tscharke (2nd)

Chalice Servers: Doreen Odom & James Kim
Morning tea: Doreen Odom & Beryl Blaseotto

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

EFTPOS available in the foyer to assist with your giving.



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Sunday 1 July 2018

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 174 (t83), 620, 529, 545 & 665

Sentence

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3.22-23

Prayer of the day

O Christ for whom we search, our help when help has failed: give us courage to expose our need and ask to be made whole, that, being touched by you, we may be raised to new life in the power of your name. Amen.

Today's Readings

Lamentations 3.22-33; Ps 30; 2 Corinthians 8.7-15; Mark 5.21-43

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 Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Nirmal Farrington; Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: tba (1st), tba (2nd); Chalice Servers: Hardy Palethorpe & Denise Manley; Morning Tea: Helen Palethorpe & Volunteer.

Psalm 30

- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up from the depths:
and have not suffered my foes to triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried to you:
and you have made me whole.
- 3 You brought me back, O Lord, from the land of silence:
you saved my life from among those that go down to the Pit.
- 4 Sing praises to the Lord, all you his faithful ones:
and give thanks to his holy name.
- 5 For if in his anger is havoc, in his good favour is life:
heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.
- 6 In my prosperity I said `I shall never be moved:
your goodness, O Lord, has set me on so firm a hill.'
- 7 Then you hid your face from me:
and I was greatly dismayed.
- 8 I cried to you, O God:
and made my petition humbly to my Lord.
- 9 `What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit:
can the dust give you thanks, or declare your faithfulness?
- 10 `Hear, O Lord, and be merciful:
O Lord, be my helper.'
- 11 You have turned my lamentation into dancing:
you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with joy,
- 12 That my heart may sing your praise and never be silent:
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

From the Rector

Dear Friends

Following last Sunday's Eucharist a member of the congregation commented to me on the second reading. It was from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. That afternoon I retrieved my commentary on this epistle, these are the opening words: Students of Paul know all too well that his second letter to the Corinthians is not easy! So if you struggled through last week's reading and feel the same about this Sunday's offering you are clearly not alone!

This is not the place to provide a complete commentary, but I'd like you to pretend that you have received a difficult letter. Perhaps you are criticised and the letter speaks of a breakdown in relationships, it is challenging stuff. You write back in deeply personal terms, but in your letter you don't directly refer to the letter you received. This is what we have in Two Corinthians, we are eavesdropping on half a correspondence. This is often described as Paul's most personal letter.

This morning Paul begins by commending the Corinthian church: you were knowledgeable and able to communicate Christian knowledge he writes, diligent in doing Christian ministry, faithful and loving. But Paul is about to ask them to go the extra mile, so he offers praise before criticism! By the way that Paul approaches the subject, it seems his correspondents were tight with their money. Either they were generous in spending upon themselves and did not have a heart for mission to other churches, especially those who were struggling, or they were just plain stingy. Paul asks them to add generosity to their resume. For Paul it is a matter of fairness, prosperity should be evenly distributed, and he concludes by quoting a passage from Exodus about the rules for gathering Manna.

It is a reading that applies to all of us in our varying ways. Paul is not suggesting that his correspondents should live in poverty but that in sharing, all will have enough. This applies today in our world as much as ever. The distribution of wealth is a persistent issue and is the root cause of the violence and terror that beset us, it is the root cause of the migrant crises that we read about in the Mediterranean and on the US - Mexico border. It is a problem in our own nation too.

Yes Paul's writing is a little tricky from time to time. He wouldn't pass an English exam, his sentences are way too long; but he has something important to say to us today, if we have ears to listen.

Blessings, **Martin**

St Philip's Calendar

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

SAFETY WARNING

"It's acorn time again in Moorhouse St. Please take care when navigating the nature strip and footpath over the next couple of weeks pending the removal of the acorns".

Sunday 1 Jul – 10am

Wed'day 4 Jul - 7pm

Friday 27 Jun 5 – 7 pm

Friday 27 Jul 7 – 8.30pm

Saturday 28 Jul – 10 – 1pm

Friday 10 Aug 7 – 8.30pm

Sunday 12 Aug – 10am

Sunday Zone @ St Philip's

Parish Council – Lamerton Centre

Happy Hour – Theme: *Resort Time (when you're missing Summer!)*

St Philip's Youth Group

Pandora's Presents: **'Christmas in July'**

Add some sparkle to your winter and join us for festive-themed refreshments while you browse our special fashion treats in the warm and friendly setting of Pandora's.

St Philip's Youth Group

Confirmation Service & Sunday

Zone @ St Philip's (Family Service) followed by special morning tea.

Please bring some food to share.