

## This coming week @ St Philip's

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| Tue (17/7 & 31/7) |            | 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.

Those we remember: George Forbes (2/7/04).

## Next Sunday – Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

**Readings:** Amos 7.7-14; Psalm 85.8-13; Ephesians 1.1-14; Mark 6.14-29

Flowers: The Flower Team

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| <b>8am:</b>  | Presiding:             | Rev'd Martin Johnson                      |
|              | Preaching:             | Rev'd Sathianathan Clarke                 |
|              | Sidesperson:           | Volunteer                                 |
|              | Liturgical Assistant:  | Elizabeth Allinson                        |
|              | Readers:               | Volunteer                                 |
| <b>10am:</b> | Presiding & Preaching: | Rev'd Sathianathan Clarke                 |
|              | Welcomer:              | Erika Langman                             |
|              | Sidespeople:           | Peter Andersson & Kerry-Anne Cousins      |
|              | Music:                 | Colin Forbes                              |
|              | Liturgical Assistant:  | Elizabeth Allinson                        |
|              | Readers:               | Peter Wilson (1st)<br>Erika Langman (2nd) |
|              | Chalice Servers:       | Tim Gulliver & James Kim                  |
|              | Morning tea:           | Jan Gulliver & Ann Mahony                 |

*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 8 July 2018

### Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

#### 10am Music

**Hymns: 227, 453, 520 & 473**

#### Sentence

*Of Jesus many said, 'What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!'*

Mark 6.2

#### Prayer of the day

*O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them; and more willing to give than we desire or deserve: in our every need, grant us the first and best of all your gifts, the Spirit who makes us your children. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.*

#### Today's Readings

Ezekiel 2.1-15; Ps 123; 2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13

#### Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team.

**8am** Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: Volunteer; Liturgical Assistant: Elise Palethorpe; Bible Readers: Joseph & Dominic Lloyd.

**10am** Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Davidson Family; Sidespeople: Alison & Alistair Davidson; Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Linda Anchell; Crucifer: Leighton Mann; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Jack Adams (1st), David Tscharke (2nd); Chalices: Doreen Odom & James Kim; Morning Tea: Doreen Odom & Beryl Blaseotto.

## Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes:  
you who are enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master:  
or as the eyes of a maid toward the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God:  
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have had our fill of derision.
- 5 Our souls overflow with the mockery of those at ease:  
and with the contempt of the proud.

## From the Rector

Dear Friends

A few years ago now the Bible Society of England and Scotland decided to rewrite the King James Bible! What they wanted to do was to ask folk from all walks of life to write a couple of verses in their own handwriting. A digital pen was used so the publishers were able to reproduce this Bible entirely in handwritten form. I haven't actually seen the finished product but I'm sure it makes for an interesting edition to any Bible collection, I just hope they didn't ask too many doctors!

It seems that more famous folk were asked to begin the project and they were able to choose their text. The Prince of Wales chose Genesis 1.1 "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." Perhaps this reflects HRH's interest in all things environmental; the beginning of the created order in all its complexity and beauty. The singer Aled Jones naturally enough chose Psalm 96.1 "O sing unto the Lord a new song; Sing unto the Lord all the earth." The then Prime Minister David Cameron wrote out Philippians 4.8 "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." After hearing some of the comments made this week in our Parliament it is a text perhaps all folk in politics would do well to consider.

Rowan Williams then Archbishop of Canterbury chose a text from the epistle we hear this morning from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians: "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

On one level this text seems to be naïve in the extreme. We cannot operate like this

can we? Surely we'll be overrun by the strong and powerful, it's foolishness. Paul would agree with us yes it is foolish, but it has to be our way. This is the way of the Crucified God. Jurgen Moltmann penned a book of the same name, in it he wrote:

*'A God who is only omnipotent is an incomplete being, for such a being cannot experience helplessness and powerlessness. Omnipotence can indeed be longed for and worshipped, but omnipotence is never loved; it is only feared. What sort of being, then, would be a God who was only 'almighty'? God would be a being without experience, a being without destiny and a being who is loved by no one. A person who experiences helplessness, who suffers because they love, a person who can die, is therefore a richer being than an omnipotent God who cannot suffer, cannot love and cannot die.'*

This is the God we worship, the God whose strength is perfected in weakness. This is the incarnate God of our faith who is placed in our hands and in Mark's gospel today we are told calls us to faith that deeds of power might be done!

Blessings, **Martin**

## St Philip's Calendar

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

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|------------------------|-------------|---|
| <b>Sunday</b> 22 Jul   | 12.30 – 3pm | <b>Home Group</b> – Lamerton Centre<br>All Welcome!   |
| <b>Friday</b> 27 Jul   | 5 – 7 pm    | <b>Happy Hour</b> – Theme: <i>Resort Time</i><br>(when you're missing Summer!)  |
| <b>Friday</b> 27 Jul   | 7 – 8.30pm  | <b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>  |
| <b>Saturday</b> 28 Jul | 10 – 1pm    | Pandora's Presents: <b>'Christmas in July'</b> 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. |
| <b>Wed'day</b> 1 Aug   | 7pm         | <b>Parish Council</b> – Lamerton Centre   |
| <b>Sunday</b> 5 Aug    | 10am        | <b>Sunday Zone @ St Philip's</b> and<br>Baptism   |
| <b>Friday</b> 10 Aug   | 7 – 8.30pm  | <b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>  |
| <b>Sunday</b> 12 Aug   | 10am        | <b>Confirmation Service &amp; Sunday Zone @ St Philip's (Family Service)</b> followed by special morning tea.<br><i>Please bring some food to share.</i>  |

## Key Points from July Parish Council Meeting

- As mentioned last month Parish Council has been reviewing how we handle the personal details of parishioners in the pew sheet and on the Parish website and on Facebook as well as the question of photographs and video clips taken at St. Philips. The purpose of the

review has been to ensure our processes comply with the law and meet new Diocesan standards in respect of privacy.

- A new personal particulars form has been developed. It is a combined Parish Permissions Form and a personal information form for compiling the Parish Directory. An explanatory note from Parish Council will be available with the new form in the foyer.
- Parish Council would be grateful if all parishioners could complete the form by Sunday 19 August and place it in the marked box in the foyer so that we can start the new practice with an updated database.
- Parish Council have recently and unexpectedly received a cheque for additional funds from the Carola Parke estate. These new funds will be handled in accordance with the decisions by successive AGMs concerning this bequest.
- The three Parish mission projects for 2018 are the Northbourne Community Centre ministry of Rev. Robin Moore, the ABM program "Youth Engagement across Top End Remote Communities" and the ABM Myanmar Education project. The Northbourne Community Centre program, as we have known it, has come to an end. Pandora's has generously contributed \$1000 to the final expenses of the program.
- The month of August will be our national mission month focussing on the Top End Remote Communities project and the month of October will be our international mission month focusing on the Myanmar Education project.