

This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue (22/5 & 5/6)	10.30am	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

For those in need: Anne Ranse; Pat Forbes; Colin Forbes; Fred Langman; Roger Sharp; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.

Those we remember: Win Volmer (20/5/99); Charlotte Joseph (24/5/02).

Next Sunday – Trinity Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8.12-17; John 3.1-17

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn
Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson
Readers: Shane Woodburn

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Welcomer: Denise Manley
Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay
Music: Colin Forbes
Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty
Readers: Gail Langendorf (1st)
Rosemary Knight (2nd)
Chalice Servers: Denise Manley & James Kim
Morning tea: Rosemary Knight & Alison Davidson

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 20 May 2018

Day of Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 477, 572(ii), 102 & 420

Sentence

'A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you', says the Lord God; 'I will put my spirit within you and you shall live.'

Ezekiel 36.26; 37.14

Prayer of the day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.26-36; Romans 8.22-27; John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Preaching: Rev'd Canon Scott Cowdell; Sidesperson: Susan Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Readers: Volunteer.

10am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Canon Scott Cowdell; Welcomer: Erika Langman; Sidespeople: Kerry-Anne Cousins & Peter Andersson; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Multi Lingual Readers (1st), Denise Manley (2nd); Chalice Servers: Tim Gulliver & James Kim; Morning Tea: Ann Mahony & Jan Gulliver.

Psalm 104:26-36

- 26 Lord, how various are your works:
in wisdom you have made them all, and the earth is full of your creatures.
- 27 There is the wide, immeasurable sea:
there move living things without number, great and small;
- 28 There go the ships, to and fro:
and there is that Leviathan whom you formed to sport in the deep.
- 29 These all look to you:
to give them their food in due season.
- 30 When you give it to them, they gather it:
when you open your hand they are satisfied with good things.
- 31 When you hide your face, they are troubled:
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
- 32 When you send forth your spirit they are created:
and you renew the face of the earth.
- 33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever:
may the Lord rejoice in his works.
- 34 If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble:
if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.
- 35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:
I will praise my God while I have any being.
- 36 May my meditation be pleasing to him:
for my joy shall be in the Lord.

From the Rector

Pentecost Thoughts from Canon Scott

God's dream for humanity is a dream of peace and fellowship that we see coming to birth in our Acts reading today. The Old Testament Tower of Babel story is reversed: where our languages were multiplied and confused, now everyone hears the good news from God in their own languages; where mighty wind and fire brought the law to Israel on Mt Sinai, now wind and fire mark the culmination of Israel's law in a new version of humanity in which differences are no longer feared—a new version of humanity called 'Church'.

Here we see a world of violent hopelessness being put on notice, with the Church gathered by God's Holy Spirit as a sign. This is why Peter preaches an apocalyptic sermon to the crowd in today's Acts reading: not because God hates the world and wants to destroy it, but because God loves the world and wants to free it from the monstrous, evil ways of doing the world that human societies so often prefer. The Bible's apocalyptic language in passages like this is best read as political language, about the regimes and ideologies and economic structures that oppress people being finally brought undone. This scary new world is where the Gospel of Jesus Christ leads us, with the Holy Spirit of God offering a new way for human beings to be together—beyond violence, beyond scapegoating, beyond groupthink, beyond the whole hopeless charade. The apocalypse of the Soviet Union and its satellites in 1989 is a concrete example of how Peter's sermon in today's Acts reading should be read: apocalypse isn't God hating the

world, and punishing it; rather, it's God beginning to liberate our world from the dreadful mess that we so consistently make of it.

I mention our Gospel reading from John in light of all this. The advocate sent from the Father, who we hear about there, is our advocate for the defence. Don't think that God is a harsh prosecutor—the disapproving super-ego that Sigmund Freud accurately identified in our modern Western consciousness, which everyone is desperately trying to offload nowadays. Think rather of the Holy Spirit as God's solidarity with the unjustly condemned, outsmarting and overcoming the accusing voices that threaten us from without, and that haunt us from within.

Jesus explains how the advocate works in today's Gospel. The Holy Spirit shows the world to have been wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement. How? Because Jesus himself was judged by the world to be sinful and unrighteous, yet the Holy Spirit took his side, at work as God the Father raised Jesus from the dead and in so doing vindicated him—and, with Jesus, the rest of us whose sins ought to separate us from God but which don't. As for proving the world wrong about judgement, now it's the resurrection and God's liberating gift of God's Holy Spirit that constitute God's judgement—a judgement we know to be in favour of humanity and our thriving, not against us.

St Philip's Calendar

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

Friday	25 May	Happy Hour – Theme: Royal Wedding
Sunday	27 May	Trinity Sunday
Friday	1 Jun 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Sunday	3 Jun – 10am	Sunday Zone @ St Philip's
Wed'day	6 Jun 7pm	Parish Council – Lamerton Centre
Sunday	10 Jun 12.30 – 3.00pm	Home Group – Lamerton Centre
Friday	29 Jun 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group

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.

SAFETY WARINING

"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".

UPCOMING BAPTISM of our friend, Sam Mahony, will be held next Sunday, 27 May at the 10am service. All are invited to come and celebrate this special time with the Mahony family at the service.