

This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue	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

For those in need: Refugee children on Nauru; Sam Mahony; Canon Scott; Fred Langman; Roger Sharp; Roberta; Margaret & Claude Woodbridge.

Those we remember: Ted Moore (31/10/03); Marjorie Dixon (2/11/75); Frances Trivett (3/11/88); Keith Sen (4/11/86); Joyce Webster (10/11/10).

Next Sunday – Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings:

1 Kings 17.8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9.23-28; Mark 12.38-44

Flowers: The Flower Team

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

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: Peter Wilson (1st)
Fred Anchell (2nd)
Chalice Servers: James Kim & Doreen Odom
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 4 November 2018

All Saints

10am Music

Hymns: 455 (v1-3 & 8) 470, 259 & 545

Sentence

And a great multitude, from every nation and tribe and people and language, cried with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'
Revelation 7.10

Prayer of the day

Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love: grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 25.6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21.1-6a; John 11.32-44.

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team.

8am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Readers: John Girdlestone.

10am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Nirmal Farrington; Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: tba (1st), tba (2nd); Chalice Servers: Tim Gulliver & Denise Manley; Morning Tea: Rebecca Palethorpe & Family.

Psalm 24

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:
the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas:
and established it upon the waters.
- 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord:
or who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 Those who have clean hands and a pure heart:
who have not set their soul upon idols, nor sworn their oath to a lie.
- 5 They shall receive blessing from the Lord:
and recompense from the God of their salvation.
- 6 Of such a kind as this are those who seek him:
those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 Who is the King of glory?:
the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 Who is the King of glory?:
the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

From the Rector

Dear Friends

So begins an important week in the life of our Diocese. On Thursday evening the synod will convene to elect a new Chief Pastor, a Bishop who will lead us, guide us, teach us and care for us. The Synod has five candidates to consider and I pray that following a respectful and careful debate a new bishop will be elected.

What I have been doing, other than praying, is trying to answer the question: What are Bishops for? I looked to the writings of the Church Fathers to see what they had to say.

The constant theme of the early Church regarding the episcopacy is that of unity and of the Bishop being the source of that unity. There are a number of crucial strands that we can discover in the writings of Cyprian, Ignatius and Irenaeus regarding this unity.

- The Bishop is the principle liturgical minister of the Church. The Bishop licences me to be their delegate in this place. I act under the Bishop's authority. When I lead worship I do so in the Bishop's stead.
- The Bishop then is the focus of unity because all those priests that are licenced are fulfilling their role as the Bishop's delegate. Therefore

despite our differences we share communion together because of the Bishop.

- The Bishop is the sign of unity between Churches. That includes the other Anglican Dioceses of our Australian Church, the Anglican Communion worldwide and the other Christian Churches.
- The Bishop is a sign of the unity we have with the past. Our apostolic nature is derived through the Bishop as a successor to the apostles. The Bishop is called to hand on the faith securing the unity with those who come after us.

Today just as much as ever we need a Bishop who will be a sign of unity, a great calling in this divided world and Church. As we celebrate All Saints today is it opportune to be reminded of the unity that we need between Gospel and Church. Sometimes we equate the Saints with the Gospel and the Bishops with the Church: the two cannot be separated!

Please pray for the Synod as it gathers this week.

Blessings, **Martin**

St Philip's Calendar

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

Sunday 4 Nov 10am	Sunday Zone – Family Service
Wed'day 7 Nov 7pm	Parish Council – Lamerton Centre
Friday 16 Nov 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Saturday 17 Nov 9 – 11am	Working bee – general clean up for Advent and Christmas
Sunday 25 Nov	Christ the King
Sunday 25 Nov 12.30 – 3pm	Home Group – Lamerton Centre
	All Welcome!
Friday 30 Nov 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Saturday 1 Dec 5pm	'Thank you' Happy Hour – <i>Complimentary drinks to say 'thank you' to everyone who has volunteered throughout the year with all the various tasks and ministries at St Philip's.</i>
	Followed by:
1 Dec 6.30pm	Advent Dinner – Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Everyone is welcome at this evening of fun and fellowship.
Wed'day 5 Dec 7pm	Parish Council – Lamerton Centre
Friday 14 Dec 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Sunday 16 Dec 7.30pm	St Philip's Carol Service – Nine lessons and Carols, followed by supper. Please bring some food to share.

St John's Care, Reid, is looking for donations to their 'Present Room'. This beautiful initiative is open from 4 – 14 December and is still in need of toys for older children and gift cards for teenagers. Please see the

newspaper article on the notice board in the foyer for more information.

A Message from Bishop Trevor

Dear sisters and brothers,

Last week I found out by a very circuitous route about an initiative to ring church bells every Friday to support the release of children from detention in Nauru. Since this was discussed at Synod I immediately asked the Public Issues Commission for urgent practical advice that I could give to our ministry units.

I have now been informed that The Church bells every Friday until Kids Off Nauru initiative is supported by Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR Australia) www.ruralaustraliansforrefugees.org.au. RAR is encouraging Christian communities in Australia to ring their church bells for the number of children remaining on Nauru (presently 52) and continue every Friday until the children are transferred out or until 20 November 2018, which is the United Nation' Universal Children's Day. Some Anglican Churches in Melbourne and rural Victoria (including the cathedral and most churches in Wangaratta) began to do this on 26 October.

This follows recent adverse reports on the physical and mental health of children remaining on Nauru by respected national and international lawyers, doctors and observers including the United National High Commission for Refugees, the UN Committee against Torture, the Australian Medical Association and recently Australian paediatricians Dr David Issacs and Dr Paul Bauert. 6000 members of the AMA have signed a letter to the Prime Minister demanding children be removed from Nauru. The Anglican Diocese of Sydney is a founding member of #kidsoffnauru

Wesley Uniting Church Forrest is hosting an interdenominational Prayer Vigil, a national initiative of World Vision, on Friday 2 November 2018 from 6.00-7.00 pm for those who live in Canberra.

Recently as I have already indicated the 2018 Synod passed a motion of support for asylum seekers and refugees. This proposal is consistent with the expressed will of the Diocesan Synod. Indeed, it is consistent with the overwhelming message of Jesus to show compassion to children and to those who are suffering.

I encourage all parishes with bells, who are able to do so, to ring them 52 times on the next three Fridays (2, 9 & 16 November 2018) but

please advise your parishioners of these initiatives in your newsletters and websites and also let the local community know the reason you are doing it.

Prayerfully yours,

+Trevor