

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: Fred Langman; Roger Sharp; Roberta; Margaret & Claude Woodbridge.

Those we remember: Clive Lowes (2/10/09); Bruce Holgate (5/10/02); Rej Allinson (11/10/02).

Next Sunday – Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

Readings: Amos 5.6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90.12-17; Hebrews 4.12-16;
Mark 10.17-31

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Sidesperson: Volunteer
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 Anshell
Crucifer: Leighton Mann
Readers: Ann Munro (1st)
Beck Palethorpe (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 7 October 2018

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 474, 745, 137 & 135

Sentence

Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.

Mark 10.15

Prayer of the day

O God, your Son has taught us that we must receive your sovereign rule like a little child: help us to turn to you in faith and simplicity of heart, so that we may receive your blessing and enter the kingdom your Son has promised; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Today's Readings

Genesis 2.18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16.

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team.

8am Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell; Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: John Girdlestone.

10am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell; Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Sam Mahony; Liturgical Assistant: tba; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: tba (1st), tba (2nd); Chalice Servers: Denise Manley & Volunteer; Morning Tea: Helen Palethorpe.

Psalm 8

- 1 O Lord our Governor:
how glorious is your name in all the earth!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is yet recounted:
by the mouths of babes and sucklings.
- 3 You have founded a strong defence against your adversaries:
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers:
the moon and the stars which you have set in order,
- 5 What are we, that you should be mindful of us:
what are we, that you should care for us?
- 6 Yet you have made us little less than gods:
and have crowned us with glory and honour.
- 7 You have given us dominion over your handiwork:
and have put all things in subjection beneath our feet,
- 8 All sheep and oxen:
and all the creatures of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air and the fish of the sea:
and everything that moves in the pathways of the great waters.
- 10 O Lord our Governor:
how glorious is your name in all the earth!

From Canon Scott

Marriage, Family and Creation

It's hard to know what we think about marriage in Australia today. We have high divorce statistics, while more and more people are marrying later in life or not at all. We have a booming wedding industry, to be sure, but is it all frills and frippery and romanticism—nothing to do with the hard business of establishing a real relationship and making it last? Perhaps we Australians don't take our marriages seriously enough.

But these features of the Australian scene can be read differently. Perhaps we divorce more because we expect more from marriage—not just a provider but a partner; and not just a partner but a soul-mate for life? Does the rising average age of marriage, and the fact that fewer people are marrying, tell us that we know how much commitment being married requires—how it means stability, responsibility, long-term thinking, things that don't come easily, so people know these days that marriage can't be entered into lightly?

So perhaps there is a new appreciation of marriage today—of what it means, beyond the commitments and demands of de facto relationships, and beyond the more taken-for-granted version of marriage and home life that the older among us grew up with. I don't need to tell you that the Church takes marriage very seriously. Certainly, that's because we recognise its deep human significance, and the Church blesses everything human that stands for life and hope. But more than that, we see marriage as a deeply symbolic thing. It reminds us of God's will for human beings from the beginning of creation, from Adam and Eve—the Andy Capp and Flo of the Old Testament—who show us what we're all really like, and who show us moreover that we belong together.

Marriage reminds us that unity and diversity can live together, which is good news for a world rent by petty divisions and endless self-assertion at the expense of anyone different. In fact, the Church takes this so seriously that we see our God in terms of unity and diversity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; three persons, one God. So the new family that begins in marriage becomes nothing less than a sign of what God is like: unity in diversity, a rich fund of relationships that spills over to touch the whole world. And thus it reflects God's dream for our wounded and broken world. This is why we say that marriage is a sacrament: a concrete encounter with the God of Jesus Christ amid the laughter and tears, the blood and sperm and plasm, of real life in the real world.

St Philip's Calendar

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

Today	7 Oct	St Philip's International Mission Project ABM's Myanmar Education Project
Thursday	18 Oct 7pm	St Luke's Day. Sung Eucharist
Friday	19 Oct 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Friday	26 Oct 5-7pm	Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre <i>Theme: Oktoberfest with German BBQ</i>
Sunday	28 Oct 12.30 – 3pm	Home Group – Lamerton Centre All Welcome!
Friday	2 Nov 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Wed'day	7 Nov 7pm	Parish Council – Lamerton Centre

Key Points From October Council Meeting

- Rev. Martin reported to Parish Council on the Goulburn Synod.
- This year's "Spring Fling" was a great community event. Parish Council would like to thank the whole Parish for its support in making the "Spring Fling" such a success.
- St Luke's Day Healing Eucharist will be celebrated at 7pm on Thursday October 8 followed by supper.
- October is our International Mission Month. The international mission project for 2018 is ABM's Myanmar Education Project. Envelopes for donations are available in the foyer.
- A new lockable "post box" has been installed in the foyer near the water cooler. It is to be used for new or amended Parish Permissions Forms and any other mail or papers that require more privacy than the open mail trays.
- There will be a Working Bee on Saturday 17 November from 9-11am for a general clean-up to prepare the church and grounds for Advent and Christmas.
- Canberra Opera will hire the church and Lamerton Centre for an end of year concert on the evening of Friday 7 December.