

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: Dean Phillip Saunders & Sue; Sam Mahony; Canon Scott; Fred Langman; Roger Sharp; Roberta; Margaret & Claude Woodbridge.

Those we remember: Marjorie Sheehan (23/10/01); David Reid (27/10/94); Ted Moore (31/10/03); Marjorie Dixon (2/11/75); Frances Trivett (3/11/88); Keith Sen (4/11/86).

Next Sunday – All Saints

Readings:

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

Flowers: The Flower Team

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

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

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 28 October 2018

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

Baptism of Neveah Rose Jones

10am Music

Hymns: 187, 579, 588, 584 & 687

Sentence

The redeemed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads. Isaiah 51.11

Prayer of the day

O God, you give light to the blind and comfort to the sorrowing, and in your Son you have given us a High Priest who has offered the true sacrifice for us and yet can sympathise with us in our weakness: hear the cry of your people and lead us home to our true country, where with your Son and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 31.7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7.21-28 Mark 10.46-52.

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team.

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

10am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Erika Langman; Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Hardy Palethorpe; Liturgical Assistant: tba; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Ashton Robinson (1st), David Tscharke (2nd); Chalice Servers: James Kim & Hardy Palethorpe; Morning Tea: Rosemary Knight & Alison Davidson.

Psalm 126

- 1 When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:
then were we like those restored to life.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter:
and our tongue with singing.
- 3 Then said they among the heathen:
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- 4 Truly the Lord has done great things for us:
and therefore we rejoiced.
- 5 Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:
as the streams return to the dry south.
- 6 Those who sow in tears:
shall reap with songs of joy.
- 7 They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:
shall come again in gladness, bringing their sheaves with them.

From the Rector

Dear Friends

When the Army posted me to the Recruit Training Centre at Kapooka we decided on our first Sunday, before the recruits returned from their Christmas break and the Chapel ministry began in earnest, to visit the local church. It was called St Cuthbert's. When Susan and I turned up parking was difficult and we were surprised to see plenty of people at the door of this little church. We made our way in and found a seat with some difficulty. We quickly realised why it was so busy, there was to be a baptism. At the appointed time the priest entered and greeted us warmly, he announced the first hymn and then went to the organ to play, I was impressed – multi-skilling, you need that in a country parish! I did wonder though why he was wearing his sunglasses! Then I noticed there was no music or hymn book at the organ, and that when he returned to the lectern he did so carefully and then did not appear to be looking directly at us. The service continued. He knew all the words, even the long prayers at the baptism, without looking at a prayer book. He preached well and at the end of the service we realised he was profoundly blind. As we got to know him we learnt that he had insight in a way that we could only marvel at. He could tell by the tone of someone's voice how they were, it was extraordinary to watch him moving among the people of his congregation. I got to know him well during that posting and I was reminded of him as I prepared for today reading the story of Bartimaeus - a man of insight!

Outsiders, like Bartimaeus, and on the other he most certainly was, often have an insight that an insider doesn't quite have. The disciples certainly lacked his insight and that is important for us to remember as we consider the nature of our community of faith. I think we are generally wary of outsiders and that is natural. But we must also recognize that quite often they can offer insights that we might miss. Bartimaeus certainly did just that! The papers for the Episcopal Electoral Synod

have been disseminated. There are five candidates for us to ponder, outsiders, one of whom we will invite into our midst to lead us. Let us pray for a person of insight.

This week we enter the month of remembrance – November. On Thursday we will celebrate the feast of All Souls at the 10.00am Eucharist. If there are folk who you would like remembered on that day please let me know. Next Sunday we will keep the feast of All Saints and the following Sunday 11th November we will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of the Great War. These are occasions in which we can see remembrance in all its aspects, looking back with thanksgiving, with sadness, with joy and in doing so committing ourselves to the future with hope: that is our calling.

Blessings, **Martin**

St Philip's Calendar

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

Today	21 Oct	St Philip's International Mission Project ABM's Myanmar Education Project Envelopes for your giving can be found at the rear of the church.
Today	28 Oct 12.30 – 3pm	Home Group – Lamerton Centre All Welcome!
Thursday	1 Nov 10am	All Souls' Day - We will be remembering those gone before us. If there are any names of loved ones you would like mentioned at this Eucharist please let Martin know.
Friday	2 Nov 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Sunday	4 Nov	All Saints' Day
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 – 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. 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.
Sunday	16 Dec 7.30pm	St Philip's Carol Service – Nine lessons and Carols, followed by supper. Please bring some food to share.

A note from Bp Trevor: Dean Phillip Saunders has agreed to me sharing with you that he is going to have an emergency hip replacement tomorrow, Thursday 25 October 2018. He will be in Canberra. This means that the Dean will be on leave recovering and having rehabilitation for several months. Please pray for Dean Phillip and Sue at this demanding time.