

This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue	1.30pm	Eucharist @ 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 @ Canberra Aged Care

Prayer Points

For those in need: Roger Sharp; Linda & Fred Anchell; Peter Andersson; Pat & Colin Forbes.

Those we remember: Thelma Morton (15/8/93); Donald Brown (17/8/88); John Gamble (22/8/93).

Next Sunday – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Isaiah 58.9b-14; Psalm 103.1-8; Hebrews 12.18-29
Luke 13.10-17

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Sidesperson: Lloyd family
Liturgical Assistant: tba
Readers: Lloyd family (1st)
Lloyd family (2nd)

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Welcomer: Judith Swanson
Sidespeople: Anne Mahony & Janene Broere
Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty
Music: Colin Forbes
Readers: Kerry-Anne Cousins (1st)
Fred Anchell (2nd)
Chalice Servers: Leighton Mann & Hardy Palethorpe
Morning tea: Helen Palethorpe & Jan Gulliver

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 18 August 2019

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 392, 609, 522 (t262) & 637 and 594

Sentence

'Is not my word like fire,' says the Lord, 'and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?'
Jeremiah 23.29

Prayer of the day

Everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking sin and all that hinders us, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 23.23-29; Ps 82; Hebrews 11.29-12.2; Luke 12.49-59

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Copwdell; Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn; Liturgical Assistant: tba; Bible Readers: Shane Woodburn (1st); Margaret McCaskie (2nd).

10am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell; Welcomer: Janene Broere; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Kerry-Anne Cousins; Liturgical Assistant: Peter Wilson; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Jack Adams (1st); Jeanette Dundon-Tunks (2nd); Chalice Servers: Rev'd Martin Johnson & Doreen Sengati-Odom; Morning Tea: Doreen Sengati-Odom.

Psalm 82

- 1 God has stood up in the council of heaven:
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement.
- 2 `How long will you judge unjustly:
and favour the cause of the wicked?
- 3 `Judge for the poor and fatherless:
vindicate the afflicted and oppressed.
- 4 `Rescue the poor and needy:
and save them from the hands of the wicked.
- 5 `They do not know, they do not understand, they walk about in darkness:
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 `Therefore I say, "Though you are gods:
and all of you children of the Most High,
- 7 ` "Nevertheless you shall die like a mortal:
and fall like one of the princes."
- 8 Arise, O God, and judge the earth:
for you shall take all nations as your possession.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

We at St Philip's speak often of being a community of inclusion. Indeed if you look at our website we cite five 'marks' which describe our way: Inclusion, Relevance, Caring, Relationship, Worship. The first is inclusion. But Jesus' words today in Luke's gospel highlight something of the difficulty we encounter when trying to live out this element of the Christian life. 'Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!' Oh dear, after all the angels said at Jesus' birth about peace on earth and good will, he appears to up end it all! So what of our ethic?

What we must do is remember that Jesus holds before us a vision of the Kingdom of God. Peace on earth is the stuff of the kingdom, along with all the other things we strive for, love, hope, joy, justice. But getting there is not easy and there are times when division is the inevitable result of our strivings. Even with the best will in the world, with humility and repentance there are times when there will be division, Jesus is nothing if not realistic. So what do we do? Well we hold fast to the vision, the ideal and that means that we understand inclusion as being 'of God.' I think it was Rowan Williams who suggested that we need to be welcoming, inclusion is something that comes later...much later! For all of us!!

I read during the week a piece which has helped. It arrived in my in box from Canon Scott, it was by Sam Webb who is the Vicar of St Martin's in the Fields in Trafalgar Square. He comments on the phrase 'I see where you're coming from' and goes on from there:

If we try to reconcile where we're coming from, we'll never manage it – we'll be defeated by difference, deflated by diversity, discouraged by divergence. That all changes if we follow St Paul and start to concentrate on where we're going. We're going to heaven –

where there is more than enough love for all, more than enough joy, more than enough truth, more than enough space for everyone to flourish.

So we arrive at a definition of the church: a bunch of people who all come from different places but are all going to the same place. Yes, it's interesting where we're coming from. But in the end, that names irreconcilable difference and damaging diversity. What's vital is where we're going: a space where diversity is our biggest asset and a kaleidoscope is a sign of abundance.

Being a Christian transforms our identity. No longer are we trying to assert our assumptions as normal, demanding that everyone hear how much we've suffered to ensure they excuse our eccentricities, imposing our prejudices on others so we never have to be challenged or changed. Now we're a people pooling our resources for a journey we make together to a place none of us have ever been. There are no experts, because we're all citizens of a country we've never visited and longing for a home we've never known.

Living in community will lead to division often because we are struggle to understand someone's position. We need to be a welcoming community of folk, our minds and hearts fixed on where we're going, running with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Blessings, Martin.

St Philip's Calendar - <http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

Friday 23 Aug, 7 – 8.30pm

Friday 30 Aug, 5 – 7pm
& Anniversaries'

Saturday 31 Aug, 9-11am

Sunday 1 Sep, 10am

Wed'day 4 Sep, 7-9pm

Sunday 8 Sep, 11.30

Discussion & shared light lunch by donation. Everyone welcome.

Friday 13 Sep, 7 – 8.30pm

Saturday 14 Sep, 10-2pm

St Philip's Youth Group

Happy Hour – Theme 'Significant Birthdays

Working Bee - Grounds

Sunday Zone

Parish Council Meeting

Food 4 Thought – LC Meeting Room

St Philip's Youth Group

SPRING FLING!!

Following a fire at their home, Philippa Wicks & Peter Wilson are seeking accommodation for 3 adults and 1 pug dog for 3 – 6 months. If you have, or know of, any way to help them with accommodation or house-sitting, please speak with Rev'd Martin.

St Philip's Community Spring Fling

Saturday, 14 September 2019, 10am – 2pm

What to do & how can I help

If you haven't been asked to do a particular task yet, please see Leighton or Susan and let them know what you would like to do.

Curries: If you're able to make a pot of curry, add your name to the list in the foyer please.

Co-ordinators: Jo & Cliff Lloyd

Books: Do you have any that you need to move on? Please bring them into church and we'll store them ready for the Spring Fling.

Co-ordinators: Peter Wilson & Philippa Wicks

Kitchen Creations: Can you bake a cake, make a slice or biscuits, etc? Do you have any preserves, jams? Will you have any fresh produce?

Co-ordinators: Margaret McCaskie & Alison Davidson

Set up: Friday, 13 Sept, 4pm- 6pm - Setting up the Church with Better Bits & Kitchen Creations, Meeting room with Cafe Lamerton & Curries.

Saturday 14 Oct, 8am – Set up everything else – many helpers required

Set up Co-ordinator: Hardy Palethorpe

Pack up: From 2pm on Saturday we need to pack everything up & clean up. Drinks follow for everyone that has helped with the Spring Fling!

Advertising & Promotion:

Facebook: please share the Spring Fling Event with your friends @stphilipsoconnor

Website: please email your friends the link to our website with all the details

Flyers: please put up a flyer at your local shops, workplace etc. Please distribute the flyer to your neighbours' letterboxes if you live in Lyneham, O'Connor & Turner. Flyers available from www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au

All details on www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au

Thanks in advance for all your assistance,
Spring Fling Co-ordinators: Leighton Mann & Susan Johnson