

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 @ Kankinya

Prayer Points

For those in need: Linda & Fred Anchell; Peter Andersson; Margaret & Claude Woodbridge; Ken Smith & Rosemary Lohman; Fred & Erika Langman.

Those we remember: Howard Done (25/2/87).

Next Sunday - Eighth Sunday After Epiphany

Readings: Isaiah 55.10-10; Ps 92.1-4, 12-15;
1 Corinthians 15.51-58; Luke 6.39-49

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

8am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell
Sidesperson: John Girdlestone
Liturgical Assistant: Peter Wilson
Readers: John Girdleston (1st)
John Girdlestone (2nd)

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Welcomer: Denise Manley
Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Nirmal Farrington
Music: Colin Forbes
Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks
Readers: Joseph Lloyd (1st)
Dominic Lloyd (2nd)
Chalice Servers: Denise Manley & Doreen Sengati-Odom
Morning tea: Rebecca & Steve Palethorpe

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.

WATERING ROSTER: Due to the expected continuance of hot weather, the roster for watering the church gardens has been extended to the end of March. Could parishioners please indicate a time when they could give 1 hour, once in the week, to water the gardens? Thank you - Parish Council.



St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 24 February 2019

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

10am Music

Hymns: 152, 626, 607 & 595

Sentence

Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.
Luke 6.35

Prayer of the day

God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies. In our words and deeds help us to be like him, through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Today's Readings

Genesis 45.3-11, 15; Ps 37.1-11, 40-41; 1 Corinthians 15.35-50;
Luke 6.27-38

Today's Rosters

Flowers: Jo Lloyd

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

10am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Jeannette McHugh; Sidespeople: Brian McKinlay & Anne Mahony; Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Colin Dundon (1st), David Tscharke (2nd); Chalices: Jeannette McHugh & Tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Doreen Sengati-Odom & Helen Palethorpe.

Psalm 37.1-11, 40-41

- 1 Do not vie with the wicked:
or envy those that do wrong;
- 2 For they will soon wither like the grass:
and fade away like the green leaf.
- 3 Trust in the Lord and do good:
and you shall dwell in the land and feed in safe pastures.
- 4 Let the Lord be your delight:
and he will grant you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord:
trust him, and he will act.
- 6 He will make your righteousness shine as clear as the light:
and your innocence as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him:
do not be vexed when someone prospers, when they put their evil purposes to work.
- 8 Let go of anger and abandon wrath:
let not envy move you to do evil.
- 9 For the wicked shall be cut down:
but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.
- 10 In a little while the ungodly shall be no more:
you will look for them in their place, but they will not be found.
- 11 But the meek shall possess the land:
and enjoy the abundance of peace.
- 40 Deliverance for the righteous shall come from the Lord:
he is their strength in time of trouble.
- 41 The Lord will help them and deliver them:
he will save them from the ungodly and deliver them, because they come to him for refuge.

From the Rector

Dear Friends

I was once asked to address a group, I think it was a Cancer Council Morning Tea, on what it was exactly that I did! I endeavoured to explain that my role was threefold. I was involved in Pastoral Care: visiting Hospitals, Nursing homes and folk in their homes as well as dealing with those who call at the Rectory. I was involved in Sacramental Care: the worshipping and prayer life of the Church, rites of passage and the like and I was involved in preaching and teaching. I foolishly confessed to doing very little but that I was called to be Christ, to model my life on that of Jesus. There was a cadet journalist present from the local paper who wrote an interesting article with the headline: 'Local Priest confesses to doing nothing!' That created a stir in the Parish!

Today we gather after the Eucharist for our Annual General meeting. Ah, the dreaded AGM! The death knell for any organization be it a company, a club, a society or a church is complacency. For an organization of any kind to be active and performing well

it needs vibrant participation at all levels. When Jesus returned to his hometown Mark tells us that the complacency or indifference of the people of Nazareth meant that his power to achieve anything was diminished. St Paul tells us that just as the body has members each with a role to play so it is with the Church the Body of Christ. So if you are able to attend today can I encourage you and assure you that you will not find yourself press-ganged onto a committee or given a job! There's far more to it than that.

The AGM helps us to look back at where we've been and forward to where we hope to go. When we look carefully at today's readings we can see that we are on the move from what is perishable, what is passing away to something that is eternal, imperishable. The demands of today's gospel (Luke 6:27-38) seem almost impossible, love your enemies... surely not, how can we? Aren't we sowing seeds of our own destruction? But what Jesus is saying is completely the opposite; by doing this we are sowing the seeds of something eternal. It's very difficult for us to see this, and Paul clearly gets frustrated with his correspondents in Corinth, they can't really understand what he means about this new life, this 'sown in dishonour, raised in glory; this sown in weakness, raised in power.' We are called to 'put ourselves out there' live as if the resurrection has happened to us – it has, at our baptism, our calling now is to live it! I hope we might dwell on this as we consider what we are and what we are called to be as a parish, what we are becoming, in this piece of the Body entrusted to us. We need to do this before we consider what we need to do. It's all about being future focussed, becoming children of the Most High; looking to God's future.

I found this during the week which rather dented my idealism as I prepared for the AGM!

Ah, student of theology and embryonic priest,
Your syllabus of studies isn't valid in the least!
You read about Philosophy and dogma all the week,
Old Testament (in Hebrew) and Apocrypha (in Greek);
Parochial realities prepare a sorry crash,
For all you really need to know is how to raise the cash!

Blessings

Martin



St Philip's Calendar

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

Sunday 24 Feb, 11.15am	St Philip's AGM – Lamerton Centre
Sunday 3 Mar,	Transfiguration
Sunday 3 Mar, 10am	Sunday Zone@ St Philips
Tuesday 5 Mar, 5-7pm	Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Dinner
Wed'day 6 Mar, 10am & 7 pm	Ash Wednesday Eucharist with imposition of ashes
Thursday 7 Mar, 11am & 7pm	Lenten Studies - prepared by Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon
Friday 8 Mar, 7 – 8.30pm	St Pip's Youth Group
Sunday 10 Mar, 11.30am	Food 4 Thought (F4T) – Lamerton Centre
Wed'day 13 Mar, 7-9pm	Parish Council Meeting – Lamerton Centre
Sunday 17 Mar, 11.20-11.40	Training for Welcomers
Friday 22 Mar, 7 – 8.30pm	St Pip's Youth Group
Saturday 23 Mar, 9am-1pm	St Philip's Autumn Market <i>Breakfast BBQ, Morning tea, Garage sale, Books, Kitchen creations and Pandora's</i>
Sunday 24 Mar, 11.20-11.40	Training for Sidespeople
Friday 29 Mar, 5 – 7pm	Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre <i>Theme: TBA</i>
Saturday 30 Mar, 9-11am	Working Bee – clean up for Easter
Sunday 31 Mar, 11.20-11.40	Training for Communion Servers

Rosters

Thanks to those who have volunteered. We still need a couple more people for 8am Bible Readers, 10am Sidepeople & 10am Communion Servers. Please talk to Leighton or email: rosters@stphilipsoconnor.org.au thank you.

Electronic Giving Slips

In January Parish Council instituted electronic giving slips for use by parishioners who provide their regular giving via an electronic payment. Those parishioners are urged to take an electronic giving slip on entering the church and to use it during the offering. This will enable all givers to feel included in all parts of the service. The giving slips will be prominently displayed on the bench in the foyer. If you cannot locate them, please ask a Sidesperson.