

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: Linda & Fred Anchell; Peter Andersson; Pat & Colin Forbes.

Those we remember: Dot Mayo (22/7/02); Merv McInnes (22/7/11); Michael Gamble (24/7/97); Portia Vincent (26/7/90); Ellen Mahony (29/7/00); Jyo Sen (2/8/94); June McKinlay (2/8/04).

Next Sunday – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23; Psalm 49.1-12; Colossians 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21

Flowers: The Flower Team

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

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Welcomer: Denise Manley
Sidespeople: Nirmal Farrington & Judith Swanson
Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty
Music: tba
Readers: Laura Begbie (1st)
Noah Palethorpe (2nd)
Chalice Servers: Denise Manley & Hardy Palethorpe
Morning tea: Begbie 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 July 2019

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: Separate sheet, 444, 237 & 411

Sentence

Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. Luke 11.9

Prayer of the day

Provident Father, with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips, we ask, we seek, we knock at your door: help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, and so to knock that the door of mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's Readings

Genesis 18.20-32; Ps 138; Colossians 2.6-15; Luke 11.1-13

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn; Liturgical Assistant: tba; Bible Readers: Shane Woodburn (1st); Vicki Luker (2nd).

10am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Judith Swanson; Sidespeople: Janene Broere & Brian McKinlay; Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks; Music: Alison Davidson; Bible Readers: Colin Dundon (1st); David Tucharke (2nd); Chalice Servers: James Kim & Doreen Sengati-Odom; Morning Tea: Jan Gulliver & Doreen Sengati-Odom.

Psalm 138

- 1 I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:
even before the gods will I sing your praises.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name:
because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness, for you have made your name and your word supreme over all things.
- 3 At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer:
and put new strength within my soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord:
for they have heard the words of your mouth;
- 5 And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord:
that the glory of the Lord is great.
- 6 For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly:
and he comprehends the proud from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of danger, yet will you preserve my life:
you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies,
and your right hand shall save me.
- 8 The Lord will complete his purpose for me:
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; do not forsake
the work of your own hands.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

In most religious bookshops there seem to be more books about prayer than anything else; clearly there is a hunger to know more about prayer. But I do wonder if sometimes this a diversion; we cannot really learn to pray by reading a book, we can only really learn to pray by doing it.

Praying is a little like trying to lose weight or get fit, there are endless books written about it and most of them say pretty much the same thing and they sit largely unread on our bookshelves. Who has said: "I'll start my diet on Monday" or "I'll wait till summer to get fit"? Like changing eating habits or trying to get fit, when we do get going it is often because of a shock, perhaps we're told by our doctor that we need slim down, or just the horror of finding that your favourite jeans are a little tight! So we begin with great vim and vigour, we get a new pair of runners and we're off! The trouble is that whilst we might feel good in ourselves initially, very soon we realise that gains are hard won. We can become discouraged very quickly and soon we make excuses for not exercising or eating correctly. The same is true of prayer, all too often we pray in response to something that has happened. It might be as trivial as losing your car keys or it may be as serious as the loss of someone you love or it might be because we

have had good news. We can become quite fervent but after a while, once again, our prayers fall silent.

What to do! Well it is possibly a waste of time to suddenly try and formally pray with any kind of meaning. That would be like setting a tough exercise regime when you haven't done much for years. We first need to acknowledge that God is ever present to us. One writer speaking of 'being in the moment' put it 'if we don't find God in the actual world around us, and in ourselves at this moment, then we can't expect to find him in our so-called spiritual times of prayer.' 'We need to practise seeing God in the everyday, in the here and now and give that our attention so that our lives become a communion with the divine.' This is how we begin. Once we have begun to master this then we can move onto more advanced exercises.

The next step perhaps could be the Lord's Prayer. Simone Weil once wrote 'The Our Father contains all possible petitions...it is impossible to say it once through, giving the fullest possible attention to every word without a change, infinitesimal perhaps but real, taking place in the soul.' Clearly in the cultivation of our lives of prayer we need to first be attentive to God's presence. Simone Weil again, 'the faculty of attention directed toward God, is the very substance of prayer.'

This is your mission...Good Luck!

Blessings, **Martin**.

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

Friday	26 July, 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Sunday	4 Aug, 10am	Sunday Zone
Wed'day	7 Aug, 7-9pm	Parish Council Meeting
Friday	9 Aug, 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Sunday	11 August, 11.30	Food 4 Thought – LC Meeting Room
<i>Discussion & shared light lunch by donation. Everyone welcome.</i>		
Friday	23 Aug, 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Friday	30 Aug, 5 – 7pm	Happy Hour – Theme 'Significant Birthdays & Anniversaries'

Extra verse for Hymn 237

Eucharist King, what love
Draws thee daily from above
Clad in signs of bread and wine
Feed us, lead us, keep us thine.