

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

Those we remember: Joyce Miller (28/5/04); Thelma McCaskie (28/5/15); Charles Parke (31/5/36); Jo Johnson (1/6/04); John Carnahan (2/6/17); Marie Lewis (7/6/01); Gordon Arthur (9/6/92).

Next Sunday – Day of Pentecost

Readings: Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.26-36; Romans 8.14-17;
John 14.8-17

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Sidesperson: Alistair Davidson
Liturgical Assistant: Elise Palethorpe
Readers: Joseph Lloyd (1st)
Alistair Davidson (2nd)

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Welcomer: Janene Broere
Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Kerry-Anne Cousins
Music: Colin Forbes
Liturgical Assistant: tba
Server: Leighton Mann
Crucifer: Zara Mann
Readers: Ros Dalziell (1st)
Louise McKay (2nd)
Chalice Servers: James Kim & Doreen Sengati-Odom
Morning tea: Anne Mahony & Doreen Sengati-Odom

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 2 June 2019

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10am Music

Hymns: 215 (t 470), 231, 520 & 207

Sentence

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.

Acts 16.31

Prayer of the day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Acts 16.13-34; Ps 97; Revelation 22.12-22; John 17.20-26

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

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

10am Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Denise Manley;
Sidespeople: Nirmal Farrington & Hardy Palethorpe; Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Aiden Tschärke (1st); Alice Begbie (2nd); Chalice Servers: Denise Manley & Leighton Mann;
Morning Tea: Begbie Family

Psalm 97

- 1 The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:
let the multitude of islands be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him:
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- 3 Fire goes before him:
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light the world:
the earth sees it and quakes.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax before his face:
from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.
- 6 The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:
and all peoples have seen his glory.
- 7 They are ashamed, all those who serve idols and glory in mere nothings:
all gods bow down before him.
- 8 Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced:
because of your judgements, O God.
- 9 For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth:
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those that hate evil:
the Lord guards the life of the faithful, and delivers them from the
hand of the ungodly.
- 11 Light dawns for the righteous:
and joy for the true of heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:
and give thanks to his holy name.

From Canon Scott

On this Sunday after Ascension I want to reflect with you about perspective. When I was Rector of St Paul's, Manuka, I said my prayers each morning in the front pew of the church, and my eye was continually drawn to the big stained glass window dominating the sanctuary, depicting the Ascension. On a number of occasions, if I'd come to my daily prayer perplexed about something, or a bit frazzled maybe, or too caught up in all the things I had to do, I found myself drawn to that window and sensed that things were being put into perspective.

Jesus ascended as Lord of all, Jesus caught up into the life of God, Jesus raised in triumph over all the malign and destructive powers in the world: this is the perspective of faith to which Ascension recalls me. What it reminds me is that my life and my activities are caught up into something big, something of profound wonder and worth, something cosmic. I have a share in the ministry of this risen, ascended Jesus Christ—me, for God's sake!—and you too, thanks to our baptism. Here we discover the deepest

meaning of our life, along with the sharpest judgement of how we sell ourselves short in life. All of us share this high calling, though the clergy among us have a special identity in helping others to understand and respond to that call.

The meaning of our life isn't 'get and spend', it isn't 'look out for number one', it isn't 'pursue happiness at all costs', it isn't to be popular, or powerful, or desirable, or any of the other dead ends that people pursue—it isn't to be found within the scope of our own doings at all. Rather, the meaning of our life is to be part of this great and universal movement of love and joy and holiness that Ascension enshrines: God is the meaning of our life, Jesus ascended is the pointer to our destiny, and the Church is the context in which these things are revealed to us and take hold of us.

Jesus' ascension to the Father reminds that he isn't with us in a direct way anymore, but we're to see this positively, not negatively. His journey to the Father reveals at last our proper end, and that of that whole world that God loves. This is the perspective that the Eucharist gives us, as we seek in heart and mind there to ascend, and with Jesus continually dwell, as the old Ascension Day Collect puts it. That way, when we go from this Eucharist back into the world we go with enhanced perspective: about who we most truly are, and about what matters most.

The risen, ascended Jesus in that stained glass window at St Paul's reminded me of how much love, how much reassurance, how much challenge and how much adventure is ours from God, each and every day.

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

JUNE IS LOCAL MISSION MONTH – Companion House – Envelopes for your giving are available. Please support this worthy cause.

Today	2 June, 10am	Sunday Zone
Wed'day	5 June, 7-9pm	Parish Council Meeting
Fri 7 Jun-Mon 10 Jun	– Braidwood Book Fair	– see poster in foyer.
Sunday	9 June,	Pentecost
Sunday	9 June, 11.30	Food 4 Thought
	<i>Discussion & shared light lunch by donation. Everyone welcome.</i>	– LC Meeting Room
Friday	14 June, 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Sunday	16 June,	Trinity Sunday
Saturday	22 June, 9-11.30am	End of Autumn Working Bee
Friday	28 June 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Friday	28 June, 5 – 7pm	Happy Hour
		<i>– Theme 'Rule Britannia'</i>