

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; Fred & Erika Langman.

Those we remember: John Cousins (14/3/94); Mary MacDonnell (14/3/99); Jean Parke (17/3/87); Marjorie Wright (19/3/02); Noel Barratt (20/3/99); John Dimmick (22/3/71); Patrick Bannerman (23/3/94); Ethel McInnes (24/3/16); Betty Heaton (24/3/17).

Next Sunday – Third Sunday in Lent

Readings: Isaiah 55.1-9; Ps 63.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.31-35

Flowers: None in Lent

8am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn
Liturgical Assistant: Peter Wilson
Readers: Shane Woodburn (1st)
Joseph Lloyd (2nd)

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Welcomer: Richard Griffiths
Sidespeople: Leighton Mann & Volunteer
Music: Colin Forbes
Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty
Readers: Peter Lisacek (1st)
Richard Griffiths (2nd)
Chalice Servers: James Kim & Doreen Sengati-Odom
Morning tea: Doreen Sengati-Odom & Rosemary Knight

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 17 March 2019

Second Sunday in Lent

10am Music

Hymns: 647, 585, 584 (i) & 569

CHRIS CHEAH will cantor the Psalm and the congregation will sing the Response.

Sentence

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.
Philippians 3.20

Prayer of the day

God of our ancestors, whose chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and go our into the unknown: endow your Church with such faith that we may follow you with courage; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.1-9

Today's Rosters

Flowers: None in Lent

8am Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell; Sidespeople: Alison & Alistair Davidson; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Readers: Alison Davidson (1st); Alistair Davidson (2nd).

10am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell; Welcomer: Ros Dalziell; Sidespeople: Anne Mahony & Brian McKinlay; Liturgical Assistant: Peter Wilson; Music: Alison Davidson; Bible Readers: Jeanette

Dundon-Tunks (1st); Kerry-Anne Cousins (2nd); Chalice Servers: James Kim & Leighton Mann; Morning Tea: Volunteers.

Psalm 27



RESPONSE: The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?:
the Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, come upon me to devour me:
they shall stumble and fall.
- 3 If an army encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid:
and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust. **Resp**
- 4 One thing I have asked from the Lord, which I will require:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
- 5 To see the fair beauty of the Lord:
and to seek his will in his temple.
- 6 For he will hide me under his shelter in the day of trouble:
and conceal me in the shadow of his tent, and set me high upon a rock. **Resp**
- 7 And now he will lift up my head:
above my enemies round about me.
- 8 And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary with exultation:
I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.
- 9 O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:
have mercy upon me and answer me.
- 10 My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':
your face, Lord, I will seek. **Resp**
- 11 Do not hide your face from me:
or thrust your servant aside in displeasure;
- 12 For you have been my helper:
do not cast me away or forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 13 Though my father and my mother forsake me:
the Lord will take me up.
- 14 Teach me your way, O Lord:
and lead me in an even path, for they lie in wait for me.
- 15 Do not give me over to the will of my enemies:
for false witnesses have risen against me, and those who breathe out violence. **Resp**
- 16 But I believe that I shall surely see the goodness of the Lord:

in the land of the living.
17 O wait for the Lord; stand firm and he will strengthen your heart:
and wait, I say, for the Lord. **Resp**

From Canon Scott

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

The theme of our Eucharist this morning centres on old father Abraham's faith in God's promises. Likewise St Paul in our Philippians reading encourages us to imitate him as our model of faith, just as he desires to imitate Christ and share in Christ's sufferings. There's a clue for us here as we seek to follow Christ more closely in Lent and let go some of our habitual distractions. An old revival hymn puts it very nicely: "Turn your eyes upon Jesus /look full on his wonderful face/and the things of earth will grow strangely dim/in the light of his glory and grace." Abram is clearly discouraged as God's promises fail to eventuate. Where are the promised descendants? Do you get a whiff of shame here—some status anxiety perhaps? What will the neighbours think? Perhaps this is why God brings a deep and dreadful sleep on Abram in today's Genesis passage. Abram is cut off from all the others whose opinions he's swayed by. This same call to a measure of sensory deprivation has inspired Christians to flee from cities to monasteries in remote deserts or mountains, far from the crowd with its irresistible preoccupations. In our Psalm today this pressure from others takes a different form. The psalmist is anxious and afraid, calling out for refuge, for pity, for help. But when he looks to the Lord, he finds his fear subsiding and his faith returns, courageous and stout-hearted. Here we see a good example of what prayerful mindfulness means: facing our anxieties before God and sitting with them in an attitude of prayer until they begin to subside. Today's Gospel offers a further example of how others can distract and mislead us, as Jesus' hearers refuse his challenge by shifting the blame onto others. They refer to some recent news, about religious pilgrims killed by Pontius Pilate—their blood mingled with their sacrifices. Jesus doesn't even let them finish. You're tempted to blame them for their own misfortune, Jesus tells them. This same malign fascination remains alive and well in our own day: "God's on the side of the successful, and the failures have only themselves to blame". But in truth there's no class of people who deserve the blame and hence the punishment. All of us have sinned and need to repent, and all of us are offered God's mercy. Indeed, the only righteousness worth having for Christians is the righteousness of Jesus, whose blood Pilate certainly mingled with his sacrifice, and upon whom a whole edifice certainly did collapse. So if we're going to condemn people like this, then Jesus too stands accursed with the unrighteous. This is the kind of suffering that Paul recognises in Jesus—the suffering of being numbered with the outsiders. This is what Paul imitates, and encourages us to imitate. Hence in our Eucharist we share in the general confession, which acknowledges our share in human sinfulness, but only in the context of our share in God's mercy.

St Philip's Calendar

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

Today	17 Mar, 11.20-11.40	Training for Welcomers
Thursday	21 Mar, 11am & 7pm	Lenten Studies - prepared by Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon
Friday	22 Mar, 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Saturday	23 Mar, 9am-1pm	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
Thursday	21 Mar, 11am & 7pm	Lenten Studies - prepared by Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon
Friday	29 Mar, 5 – 7pm	Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre <i>Theme: Seafood (for Lent!)</i>
Saturday	30 Mar, 9-11am	Working Bee – clean up for Easter
Sunday	31 Mar, 11.20-11.40	Training for Communion Servers
Wed'day	3 Apr, 7-9pm	Parish Council Meeting – Lamerton Centre
Sunday	14 Apr 11.30am	Food 4 Thought (F4T) – Lamerton Centre. <i>Topic: tba</i>

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.

"From the St. Lawrence to the Hudson"

Cecil B. de ousins' latest epic.

Experience the glorious colours of a Canadian autumn, the majestic Saguenay River fjord, whales in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the delights of French Canada and the wonders of the St. Lawrence Seaway and the Erie Canal. Explore the historic Hudson Valley and enjoy a theatrical entrance at dusk into New York harbour!

Join us for this epic Film Night on Saturday, 30th March, at Chris & Roger's apartment, at 6.00 p.m. Please bring a plate of something themed Canadian/Canadien or American to share. BYO alcohol. RSVP Chris or Roger by Wednesday, 27th March

KEY POINTS FROM MARCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- The new Council elected Ian Cousins as Chair, Shane Woodburn as Treasurer and Rebecca Palethorpe as Secretary. Points of contact responsibilities have been allocated amongst the new Council members and a revised note will be placed on the Noticeboard.
- There is an annual survey of the membership of parish sub-groups: the Liturgy Committee, Pandora's Management Committee, Food & Events @ St Philips and the Children & Youth Ministry Support Group. Parishioners wishing to serve, or to continue to serve, on any of these committees between now and the 2020 AGM should make their interest known to Rev'd Martin, a Warden or any other Parish Councillor.
- The Parish Council also conducts an annual survey of the valuable roles performed for the Parish by various individuals, such as Youth Group Coordinators, Parish Office, Pewsheets, Website, Parish Calendar, Banking, Rosters Coordinator, Linen & Flowers Coordinator. Parishioners wishing to serve in any of these roles, or to continue to serve, in any of these roles between now and the 2020 AGM should make their interest known to Rev'd Martin, a Warden or any other Parish Councillor.
- Key priorities for Rev'd Martin and the Council this year, in addition to the normal running of the Parish, pastoral care and stewardship, will be: the Youth and Family ministry, the Aged Care ministry at Kankinya and Morsehead Village in Lyneham. On maintenance, rectifying persistent leaks in the Kindergarten roof remains a priority.
- Key dates to keep in mind are: Market Day 23 March; Pre-Easter Working Bee 30 March; Easter Celebration Breakfast from 8-9.30am on 21 April. St. Philip's Day will be celebrated on 5 May. A date for the "Spring Fling" will be decided at the April Parish Council meeting.