

This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue	1.30pm	Eucharist @ Leslie Morshead Manor – Not while Martin is on leave.
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; Erika Langman and family.

Those we remember: Fred Langman (19/5/19); Winifred Vollmer (20/5/99); Charlotte Joseph (24/5/02); 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).

Next Sunday – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 16.16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22.12-22;
John 17.20-26

Flowers: The Flower Team

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

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Welcomer: Denise Manley
Sidespeople: Nirmal Farrington & Hardy Palethorpe
Music: Colin Forbes
Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks
Readers: Aiden Tscharke (1st)
Alice Begbie (2nd)
Chalice Servers: Denise Manley & Leighton Mann
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 26 May 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10am Music

Hymns: 398, 412, 497 & 545

Sentence

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you,' says the Lord. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.' John 14.27

Prayer of the day

Great and loving God, your will for us in your Son Jesus is the peace which the world cannot give, your abiding gift, the Advocate he promised. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear, and keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Acts 16.9-15; Ps 67; Revelation 21.10-14, 22-22.5; John 14.23-29

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn; Liturgical Assistant: tba; Bible Readers: Joseph Lloyd (1st); Dominic Lloyd (2nd).

10am Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Welcomer: Ros Dalziell; Sidespeople: Janene Broere & Judith Swanson; Liturgical Assistant: Tim Gulliver; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Jeanette Dundon-Tunks (1st); Kerry-Anne Cousins (2nd); Chalice Servers: James Kim & Hardy Palethorpe
Morning Tea: Helen Palethorpe & Rosemary Knight

Psalm 67

- 1 Let God be gracious to us and bless us:
and make his face shine upon us,
- 2 That your ways may be known on earth:
your liberating power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing:
for you judge the peoples with integrity, and govern the nations upon
earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God:
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness:
and God, our God, will bless us.
- 7 God shall bless us:
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

From the Rector

I think that it is impossible to let the little psalm we read today sink into liturgical oblivion without comment. In its simple, almost naïve poetic way it addresses some very high priority issues for the Christian community.

The psalm has been sung or said in many a harvest festival over the centuries in the Christian community and possibly in ancient Israel too. But that is not my theme today. The main theme of this psalm is that God rules the world and intends blessing for the created order and all the world's peoples. In the modern world that is a big theme, perhaps too big for us to get our heads around.

Verses 1-3 open up the grand theme. It all begins in God and with his blessing and it is embedded in the relationship God has with his people. God's blessing is his gracious presence with his people. That is clear in the picture presented in God's shining face. In ancient Jewish comments on Scripture this little story is told. Two men reported that Rabbi Abbahu had found a treasure. When asked how they knew that to be true, they replied, 'Because his face shines.' It is an expression of delight and pleasure. You can think of a colloquial version of that. That is how God views his people, the nations and his abundant fecund creation. That is the greatest blessing we can have (read Numbers .6.22-27).

Flowing from that single idea is another: The joy and benefit of God's shining face to his people is that his wonderful saving, recreating power can be known in creation and by all peoples. That is why the church exists and only why it exists. God's salvation for the nations or peoples is their joyful life together in equity under the guidance of God's love and justice for each and every one. This is the politics of the rule of God. This is the blessing of God's presence, his shining face on the whole human community.

God's salvation for the creation is that it produces its perfect abundance for the benefit of all. All share in the abundance of the creation and God's face shines. It is these themes that echo through the other readings today. Paul's call to Europe is another major step in the blessing of the nations, calling people to salvation in equity and justice.

Jesus' words in John 14 remind us of God's face shining on us: ... "we will come to them and make our home with them." The Spirit will guide us in the way of truthfulness peace and love. The world cannot give us these things. And then there is the vision of Revelation: a creation renewed and restored bringing forth its abundance for all people: The shining face of God and the Lamb in the midst the peoples, all kinds of peoples, sharing the new creation's fruitfulness in justice and equity.

In our contemporary world, plagued by injustice and inequity and divided by extremes of poverty and wealth Psalm 67 is crucial. We need to commit ourselves to recapture the ancient biblical vision of racial and ethnic pluralism as shaped by the Bible's own universalism.

And as for the non-human creation, all the years of our wilful, exploitative and destructive behaviour towards it points to our view that the created order is there for our greedy gratification. We wish to transcend nature, escape its constraints and remake it to our own design. It is part of our desire to transcend all limits. Yet we remain forever connected to the soil and under the weight of our utilitarian madness we will know its suffering. That is happening now.

Only in the new creation will we see God's face shine again out of his grief and hear the words, "God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good."

Colin Dundon

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

Thursday 30 May

Ascension Day – Martin & Susan return

Friday 31 May 7 – 8.30pm

St Philip's Youth Group

JUNE IS LOCAL MISSION MONTH – Companion House – Envelopes for your giving will be available.

Sunday 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 – LC Meeting Room

Discussion & shared light lunch by donation. Everyone welcome.

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, 5 – 7pm

Happy Hour – Theme 'Rule Britannia'