

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: Janene Broere; Margaret Reid; Pat & Alice Nolan; Roger Sharp. We pray for the family and friends of Peter Andersson

Those we remember: Peter Andersson (1/10/19); Clive Lowes (2/10/09); Bruce Holgate (5/10/02); Rej Allinson (11/10/02).

Next Sunday – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19

Flowers: The Flower Team

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

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Welcomer: Richard Griffiths
Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay
Crucifer: Zara Mann
Server: Leighton Mann
Music: Colin Forbes
Readers: Colin Dundon (1st)
Denise Manley (2nd)
Chalice Servers: James Kim & Doreen Sengati-Odom
Morning tea: Ann Munro & Beryl Blaseotto

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 6 October 2019

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 126, 693, 454 & 578

Sentence

'Who is greater, the one who is at table or the one who serves? But I am among you,' says the Lord, 'as one who serves.'
Luke 22.27

Prayer of the day

Faithful God, have mercy on us your unworthy servants, and increase our faith, that, trusting in your Spirit's power to work in us and through us, we may never be ashamed to witness to our Lord but may obediently serve him all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4; Ps 37.1-9; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

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

10am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell; Welcomer: Jeannette McHugh; Sidespeople: Kerry-Anne Cousins & Nirmal Farrington; Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks; Music: Alison Davidson; Bible Readers: tba (1st); tba (2nd); Chalice Servers: Denise Manley & Volunteer; Morning Tea: Begbie Family.

Psalm 37.1-9

- 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.

From Canon Scott

There are times in life when following Jesus and being true to what Christian faith requires of us proves difficult, and our faith wavers. In today's Gospel, even Jesus' first disciples experience this: 'Increase our faith', they ask, 'equip us to be better Christians, to do all the difficult things you require of us'. But Jesus encourages them, challenging them simply to rekindle the faith they already have.

This is the point of today's odd parables: the one about the mulberry tree replanted in the sea, and the other one, about a slave who's told he shouldn't expect his concerns and his priorities to be centre stage, compared with those of his master. With these parables Jesus is trying to show that even a little faith is enough, even a little perspective is enough; that the Christian life is not all about us and what we're doing, so that we should be daunted by it, but on the contrary it's about having faith in what God's doing, and in what God has done, for us and with us. This is also the point in our Habbakuk passage, for which a better translation has been proposed: that 'the righteous will live by God's faithfulness' rather than by their own faith. This means that God's faithfulness is the centre of gravity, around which we with our own faith can slot into a stable orbit.

And even a little bit of this faith is enough, in fact more than enough—more than enough to do the impossible, like pulling-up that gardener's nightmare the mulberry tree and replanting it in the middle of the sea, which would have made Jesus' hearers in today's Gospel smile, and rightly. Even salt-water hydroponics isn't too hard for God! Or consider the servant in today's second parable: all that servant

has to do is wait on the master, which is simple and direct and clear and uncomplicated—the master runs the estate and looks after the servant's welfare, and the servant has only to wait on him and serve him, and not to worry as if the whole thing depends on him, as if the whole problem is his, and not the master's. Hence there's a very real sense in which we can lay our burdens down as Christians and just do our part, confident that Jesus is looking after things, looking after us, and that with him in charge, anything's possible.

I invite you to lay down any burdens you may be carrying as you come forward to meet Christ at his altar this morning. As the hymn goes, "Low at his feet lay your burden of carefulness / high on his heart he will bear it for you ...".

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

October: International Mission project month – ABM Zambia: Gender & Governance Project

Today	6 Oct, 10am	Sunday Zone
Sunday	13 Oct, 11.30	Food 4 Thought – LC Meeting Room
	<i>Discussion & shared light lunch by donation. Everyone welcome.</i>	
Friday	18 Oct, 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Sunday	20 Oct, 10am	Confirmation Service with Bishop Mark, followed by a special morning tea. <i>Please bring food to share.</i>
Friday	25 Oct, 5 – 7pm	Happy Hour – Theme 'Oktoberfest with German BBQ'
Friday	1 Nov, 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Sunday	3 Nov	All Saints Day
Sunday	3 Nov, 10am	Sunday Zone
Wed'day	6 Nov, 7-9pm	Parish Council Meeting

Christmas Rosters

The December roster will soon be prepared. If you going to be around at Christmas time and would be able to help out at our Christmas services, please let me know. Welcomers, Sidespeople, Bible Readers, Chalice Servers etc. Please email rosters@stphilipsoconnor.org.au and let us know. These services are very important as we have lots of visitors attending and we need to be organised! Thanks, Leighton.

The 2019 St Philip's Parish Directory is (finally) ready for collection for parishioners whose names appear inside. If you wish to have a copy of this document, please see a sidesperson who will be able to help you. Spare copies are stored under lock & key.