

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:; Margaret Reid; Pat & Alice Nolan; Roger Sharp; Colin Forbes, Carolyn and Amanda Forbes and families.

Those we remember: Athol Barratt (9/9/04); Pat Forbes (10/9/19).

Next Sunday – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Amos 8.4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2.1-10;
Luke 16.1-13

Flowers: The Flower Team

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

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Welcomer: Jeannette McHugh
Sidespeople: Anne Mahony & Janene Broere
Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty
Music: Colin Forbes
Readers: Ashton Robinson (1st)
David Reedy (2nd)
Chalice Servers: James Kim & Jeannette McHugh
Morning tea: Rosemary Knight & Helpers

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 15 September 2019

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 84, 136, 145 & 201

Sentence

I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15.10

Prayer of the day

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God, exultant you bring home the found; touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing love; grant us delight in the mercy that has found us; and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiven sinners. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Exodus 32.7-14; Ps 51.1-10; 1 Timothy 1; Luke 15.1-10

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am Presiding: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell; Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: Volunteer; Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Bible Readers: Margaret McCaskie (1st); Russell McCaskie (2nd).

10am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Volunteer; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Kerry-Anne Cousins; Liturgical Assistant: Peter Wilson; Music: Alison Davidson; Bible Readers: Tim Gulliver (1st); Ann Munro (2nd); Chalice Servers: James Kim & Volunteer; Morning Tea: Janene Broere & helpers.

Psalm 51.1-10

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your enduring goodness:
according to the fulness of your compassion blot out my offences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness:
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my rebellion:
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your eyes:
so you will be just in your sentence and blameless in your judging.
- 5 Surely in wickedness I was brought to birth:
and in sin my mother conceived me.
- 6 You that desire truth in the inward parts:
O teach me wisdom in the secret places of the heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Make me hear of joy and gladness:
let the bones which you have broken rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins:
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God:
and renew a right spirit within me.

From the Rector

Once again we gather to worship with heavy hearts as we mourn the passing of Pat Forbes. What is to be the mark of us in this season in the life of our parish? Can I suggest, among other things, tenacity and persistence? Our gospel reading this Sunday, from Luke chapter 15 concerns a runaway sheep and a misplaced coin. The response of the owners of their missing property seems quite extraordinary. Our everyday ethic in life can tend towards the utilitarian or pragmatic. If I were a shepherd I cannot imagine leaving 99 perfectly good sheep unattended to search out one rather daggy specimen who has seen fit to leave the flock. In the same way if indeed 'time is money' then to spend precious time searching for a coin of low value seems a waste.

The God that we worship however is neither a pragmatist nor a utilitarian. He leaves behind the 99 and seemingly wastes time to seek out the lost. Jesus demonstrates in these parables the tenacious love God has for his world and every person in it, not least the lowest of the low – the daggy sheep and the copper coin and his persistence in searching them out.

In a world in which so many seem troubled by the question of identity and meaning and worth our calling is to reassure them that they have an absolute value in the sight of God, that there is meaning and we can be

confident in our identity as children of God. We must be tenacious and persistent in demonstrating the love of God and I think we have seen this in our community this year as both Linda and Pat have been cared for in the last months of their lives.

As I alluded to at Linda's funeral we tend to want answers, reasons but more often than not this is a fruitless search. During the time spent with these two remarkable individuals I realised that what we need to offer is reassurance. We need to offer the reassurance of 'the love which moves the sun and the other stars' as Dante put it. This is none other than God himself. We are programmed for nothing less; this is why we are homesick, restless, aware of dissatisfaction and incompleteness and strangest of all aware too of a desire to reach out beyond ourselves, to go beyond the narrow world of our own self concern, beyond the simply utilitarian or pragmatic.

We will gather next Wednesday (18th) at 10.30am to celebrate Pat's life in music, prayer and ritual.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Blessings, **Martin**

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

Wed'day 18 Sep, 10.30am **Funeral of Pat Forbes** *Please bring a small plate of something to share – sandwiches provided.*

Sunday 22 Sep, 11am **Lamington Morning Tea** to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Lamerton Centre. *Please bring lamingtons to share*

Friday 27 Sep, 5 – 7pm **Happy Hour** – Theme 'Football Finals'

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

Wed'day 2 Oct, 7-9pm

Parish Council Meeting

Sunday 6 Oct, 10am

Sunday Zone

Sunday 13 Oct, 11.30

Food 4 Thought – LC Meeting Room

Discussion & shared light lunch by donation. Everyone welcome.

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. *Please bring food to share.*

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

Synod Report 2019

The Synod of the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn met last weekend in Goulburn.

Bishop Mark spoke of engaging our world with the love and truth of Jesus by seeing, hearing and feeling what matters to God. Rather than retreating from the world or erecting barriers we need to move out into our neighbourhoods and communities. You can find the Bishop's address at:

<https://anglicancg.org.au/presidential-address-to-synod-2019>.

It was a delight to share in enriching worship and prayer in St Saviour's Cathedral. Bishop Trevor Edwards preached at the Eucharist on Friday evening. He and his wife Dr Ruth Edwards will soon retire. At a dinner on Saturday evening, they were thanked and much applauded for their wise and faithful service to Christ and to us for the past 15 years.

There was only a modest amount of formal business. The agreed motions:

- encouraged us to strengthen relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to reflect carefully about the Uluru 2017 *Statement from the Heart*;
- urged governments, yet again, to more effective action on climate change;
- asked the ACT Government to reverse Minister Berry's decision to withdraw ACT government schools from the school chaplaincy program; and
- asked the Diocese's senior leadership to consider carefully ways to provide Holy Communion to rural churches where there is no resident priest.

There were interesting presentations and reports from a fascinating array of agencies and ministries across the diocese.

St Philip's was represented by Rev'd Martin, Rev'd Robin, Rev'd Sarah Gibson and Brian McKinlay. This was the 5th and final session of the 46th Synod. At our next AGM, we will elect representatives and alternates for the 47th Synod, 2020-22.