

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.

Those we remember: Lawrie Keast (24/9/90); Robert Dixon (29/9/89); Coralie Sawyer (29/9/91).

Next Sunday – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Amos 6.1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6.6-19;
Luke 16.19-31

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am: Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Preaching: Rev'd Sarah Gibson
Sidesperson: Lloyd Family
Liturgical Assistant: tba
Readers: Dominic Lloyd (1st)
Joseph Lloyd (2nd)

10am: Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Preaching: Rev'd Sarah Gibson
Welcomer: Jeannette McHugh
Sidespeople: Brian McKinlay & Hardy Palethorpe
Liturgical Assistant: Tim Gulliver
Music: Colin Forbes
Readers: Colin Dundon (1st)
Brian McKinlay (2nd)
Chalice Servers: James Kim & Hardy Palethorpe
Morning tea: Helen Palethorpe & 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 22 September 2019

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 140, 245, 137 & 545

Sentence

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.
2 Corinthians 8.9

Prayer of the day

O God, you are rich in love for your people: show us the treasure that endures and, when we are tempted by greed, call us back into your service and make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth that never fails. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Amos 8.4-7; Ps 113; 1 Timothy 2.1-10; Luke 16.1-13

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

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

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

Psalm 113

- 1 Praise the Lord, O sing praises, you that are his servants:
O praise the name of the Lord.
- 2 Let the name of the Lord be blessed:
from this time forward and for ever.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down:
let the name of the Lord be praised.
- 4 The Lord is exalted over all the nations:
and his glory is above the heavens.
- 5 Who can be likened to the Lord our God:
in heaven or upon the earth,
- 6 Who has his dwelling so high:
yet condescends to look on things beneath?
- 7 He raises the lowly from the dust:
and lifts the poor from out of the dungheap;
- 8 He gives them a place among the princes:
even among the princes of his people.
- 9 He causes the barren woman to keep house:
and makes her a joyful mother of children. Praise the Lord.

From the Rector

Dear friends,

Since I penned my last Pew Sheet missive much has happened. On two very different occasions we opened the doors of St Philip's and welcomed folk in to our midst, first for the Spring Fling and then for Pat's funeral. Each in their own way were celebrations of life. It is right and natural that we mourn the passing of our friends, in the beatitudes we hear 'Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.' Paul tells the Romans to 'Rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn.' In the very earliest of New Testament writings in Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians he writes we should 'not grieve as others do who have no hope.' As we grieved we also celebrated the hope that is ours. Both gatherings demonstrated our commitment to life in its fullest, and I hope that those who came among us felt something of that infectious spirit, the spirit of faith, hope and love. Many of you helped during this busy time and many appreciated the hospitality that was offered. Thank you to you all.

Our gospel passage this morning concludes with one of those short pithy sentences that have found their way into our vernacular. It is perhaps better in the old language: You cannot serve both God and Mammon. Clearly in our time debt is an issue and will prove the undoing of many. The biblical scholar NT Wright wrote this a while ago, which still resonates today:

T.S. Eliot asked, fifty-five years ago, whether our modern Western society was founded in fact on anything other than the principle of compound interest; it is a question that looks to me even more urgent today. We live in a society where debt, which used to be regarded as somewhat sordid and shameful, is glitzy and glamorous, with advertisements telling us that when you own a Mastercard 'You've got the whole world in your hands', or alternatively that Visa 'makes the world go round'. Both of them make

claims for Mammon which, at the theoretical level, conflict directly with the claims of Jesus, and which, in practice, are very obviously lies; and yet millions believe them, and live by them. At the global level, the problem of debt is notorious and acute, creating misery for millions while it generates millions for a tiny minority. ... I fail to see why the churches as a whole could not, as a matter of preaching the gospel of the crucified and risen Jesus, join together in naming the idol Mammon for what he is, and celebrating the love of God in Christ in his place."

Next week I am taking some annual leave. Susan and I are heading to Melbourne to visit family and friends. Next Sunday The Rev'd Sarah Gibson will be preaching. Sarah is a senior Army Chaplain working alongside health professionals in welfare policy making. Sarah is to be licensed to the parish and will be coming among us when she is in Canberra. Sarah and her husband Tom have three children Hamish, Sophie, and Bethany. The two girls are preparing for Confirmation and will be presented to Bishop Mark when he visits the parish next month. We are very much looking forward to celebrating with them. Please contact one of the Churchwardens if you are in need of ministry or have any other parish matters that need attending to. Thank you.

Every blessing, **Martin**

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

Today 22 Sep, 11am **Lamington Morning Tea** to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Lamerton Centre. *Please stay and help us celebrate.*
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

Sunday 6 Oct, 10am

Sunday 13 Oct, 11.30

Friday 18 Oct, 7 – 8.30pm

Sunday 20 Oct, 10am

Parish Council Meeting

Sunday Zone

Food 4 Thought – LC Meeting Room

Discussion & shared light lunch by donation. Everyone welcome.

St Philip's Youth Group

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

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.