

## Prayer Points

For those in need: Brian Turner; Pat Forbes; Tracy Barralet; Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton

Those we remember: David Reid; Marjorie Sheehan; Charles "Ted" Moore

## Next Sunday - All Saints & All Souls

8am **Holy Communion**  
10am **Holy Communion**  
11.30am Parish Consultation with +Matt Brain

Readings: Isaiah 25.6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21.1-6a; John 11.32-44

Rosters: Flowers: Ethel McInnes

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant; Elizabeth Allinson; Bible reader: John Girdlestone

10am: Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Roger Sharp; Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Andrea de Vaal Horciu; Music: Colin Forbes; Readers: Jack Adams(OT), Ann Munro(NT); Communion Servers: Tim Gowty & Tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Palethorpe family

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

Saturday 7 Nov	8am-10am	Working Bee to complete garden edging work along Macpherson St garden
Sunday 8 Nov	12-2.30pm	Sunday Home Group
Wednesday 11 Nov	7pm	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 21 Nov	9am-12noon	Pre-Advent working/cleaning bee
Saturday 28	5pm	St Philip's Advent Happy Hour & Children's Activities
	6.30pm	St Philip's Advent Dinner & Concert
Wednesday 16	7.30pm	St Philip's Carol Service
Thursday 24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	
	5pm	Children's Christmas Service
	11pm	Carol Singing
	11.30pm	Sung Eucharist
Friday 25	<i>Christmas Day</i>	
	9am	Holy Communion

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# St Philip's Come & See

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## Sunday 25 October 2015

## Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost & Synergy Sunday

### 10am Music

**Hymns: 112, 22** (psalm response), **73, 732 & 210** verses 1,4,5 & 6

### Sentence

The redeemed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

Isaiah 51.11

### Prayer of the day

O God, you give light to the blind and comfort to the sorrowing, and in your Son you have given us a High Priest who has offered the true sacrifice for us and yet can sympathise with us in our weakness: hear the cry of your people and lead us home to our true country, where with you son and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

### Today's Readings

Job 42.1-6, 10-17; Hebrews 7.21-28; Mark 10.46-52

## Today's Rosters

Flowers: Flowers: Jeannette McHugh

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn; Bible reader: Shane Woodburn

10am: Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe; Sidespeople: Fred Anshell & helpers; Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Linda Anshell; Music: Colin Forbes; Readers: Denise Manley(OT), Rosemary Knight(NT); Communion Servers: Andrea de Vaal Horciu & 2 more volunteers; Morning Tea: Jan Gulliver & Rosemary Knight

## Psalm 31.1-8

- 1 I will bless the Lord continually:  
his praise shall be always in my mouth.
- 2 Let my soul boast of the Lord:  
the humble shall hear it and rejoice.
- 3 O praise the Lord with me:  
let us exalt his name together.
- 4 For I sought the Lord's help and he answered:  
and he freed me from all my fears.
- 5 Look towards him and be bright with joy:  
your faces shall not be ashamed.
- 6 Here is a wretch who cried, and the Lord heard me:  
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps round those who fear him:  
and delivers them in their need.
- 8 O taste and see that the Lord is good:  
happy are they that hide in him!

*Sung response:* (TiS 22)

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;  
taste and see the goodness of the Lord

## From the Locum Tenens Rector

PSALM 34.1-8

Someone has suggested worshippers in the synagogue services used this psalm where "the individual's anxieties and hopes, suffering and salvation were dealt with in meditation, adoration and instruction." Therefore you might read the psalm right through this week because today we only read the introduction, which gives us a flavour for its meditative and prayerful content.

The heart of this psalm is the question posed in verse 12, "Which of you desires life..?" A modern question. Keep it in mind as we read our

little portion this morning; for the answers that this poet gives to the question are so different from those supplied in modern acquisitive culture.

In verses 1-3 the psalmist makes it clear that the key answer lies in the LORD'S gracious character. The poet will praise God, offer himself to the LORD, exalt his name above all others and boast of God whatever the circumstances. He will be an example to all Israel.

The psalmist tells of his own experience of God's deliverance and salvation. He has found life (verses 4, 6). He was in trouble and cowed by fear but in God he finds release and liberation. He tells his hearers to look to God not to the psalmist or any other human agency. The beautiful picture of the radiant face tells it all. Only in God can human life shine, burst forth with life and light. Radiance and shame cannot exist together.

The psalmist calls the worshipper to "taste and see that the Lord is good." Experience it for yourselves. There is no other way. Intellectual debates only take us to the god of the philosophers. Tasting takes us to the bread of life. God is found to be good; loving, just and faithful.

The psalmist speaks from the point of suffering and oppression and finds there life.

Colin

## This week @ St Philip's

<b>Monday</b>		<b>St Philip's Care</b> @ Northbourne Community Centre - including Lunch
<b>Thursday</b>	10am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday</b>	10am – 1pm 5-7pm	<b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion – OPEN <b>St Philip's Happy Hour – Oktoberfest</b> All welcome – drinks for sale, food provided
	7pm	<b>Youth Group</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	10am – 1pm 10am 10am–4pm	<b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion – OPEN <b>Holy Communion</b> @ Kankinya <b>Spring Quiet Day</b> at Hall Cottage, arranged by <i>Anam Cara</i> and Charnwood parish, please see Jeannette for further info
	7.30pm	<b>Lady's Mantle Choir</b> presents 'A Million Nightingales': Music for All Hallow's Eve Music by Durufle, Kodaly, Vaughan Williams St Philip's, tickets at the door: \$15 full, \$10 concession.

## *St Philip's 2015 Local Mission Project:*

### *Common Ground Canberra*

Common Ground Canberra is the national capital's first low-cost supportive housing initiative focused on providing quality tenant outcomes for people who have experienced chronic homelessness.

Common Ground Canberra targets the most vulnerable chronically homeless people in the community. These are people who have been homeless continuously for six months or more, or who have experience multiple episodes of primary homelessness over a 12 month period. They often have substantial barriers to housing stability such as a disability, mental illness or substance misuse disorder. Common Ground Canberra also targets low-income earners who are unable to access other affordable housing options.

**Envelopes available today**, if you would like to make a contribution towards St Philip's donation to this project.

### *New Rector: Important news about next steps*

On Wednesday, 30 September, our Parish Clergy Appointment Board (CAB) members Denise, Ian and Chris had an initial meeting with Bishop Matt Brain. Bishop Matt has been asked by Bishop Stuart to chair the selection process for the new rector for St Philip's. The meeting mainly canvassed general process matters, as the CAB has not yet been formally appointed. The next step in the process is that Bishop Matt needs to conduct a formal Parish Consultation. This will assist him to get a better understanding of the Parish and its priorities in what we are looking for in Rector. This will build on the Parish Profile that we have already prepared and consulted on. Bishop Matt's first available Sunday is 1 November, so we are proposing to hold a meeting of the Parish after the 10 am service on **1 November commencing at 11.30 a.m.** It is anticipated that this meeting will last no longer than one hour. This will not only be an opportunity for everyone to contribute your thoughts on priorities, but it will also be an important opportunity for Bishop Matt, who has only been newly appointed, to get to know us and our priorities and style. We strongly urge you to put this date in your diaries and attend if at all possible.

Denise Manley, Ian Cousins, Chris Cheah

## *Update from the Parish Treasurer*

Parishioners over the last few years have been very generous with their time and money as we have developed the Lamerton Centre and carried out various much needed repairs. However, at the same time regular giving to the church has been decreasing relative to the on-going costs of inflation. Currently we are looking at the cost of renovating the rectory as we look forward to the appointment of a new rector. Much of this expense will be met by the Carola Parke bequest but we do not want this bequest to meet the normal day-to-day running costs of the Parish. We have many costs that we are obliged to meet, eg. our Diocesan commitment, insurance policies and stipends. Therefore, Council asks all parishioners to review their giving and consider the amount they regularly donate.

### *Key Points from October Parish Council Meeting*

- Rev'd Andrea will continue with her family ministry until the end of the year. Grant funding from the Pelican Foundation for the family and cross-cultural program was received for 2013, 2014 and 2015 but there will be no extension of the funding into 2016. Parish Council is in discussion with Andrea about her availability in 2016.
- The new Parish Directory is available. Please collect a copy from the foyer. Many thanks to Rev'd Jeannette and Denise Manley for their work. There are 99 families and a total of 200 people listed.
- An application has been lodged with the Snow Foundation for funding for the Northbourne Community Centre program for the next three years. Many thanks to Rosemary Knight assisted by Rev'd Robin, Liz Drysdale and Shane Woodburn for preparing the application.
- A working bee to complete the installation of the concrete sleeper garden edging along the Macpherson Street footpath is planned for Saturday 7 November, 8am-10a.m. Strong helpers needed please.
- A pre-Advent working bee to clean and prepare the church and courtyard for Advent services and events is proposed for 21 November from 9am-12. Many helpers/families needed to help.
- Roger Sharp will be the contact person about cleaning of the church. The current weekly cleaning arrangements only allow a short time in which to carry out a number of cleaning tasks. The status of cleaning will be monitored and re-assessed at the December Parish Council meeting. Cleaning usually occurs on Saturday mornings. Any concerns about cleaning to Roger personally please.