

This coming week @ St Philip's

Monday	St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre - including Lunch
Thursday	10am Holy Communion
Friday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion 7 - 8.30pm St Pip's Youth Group
Saturday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion
Saturday	10.30am Holy Communion @ Kankinya
Sunday	8am Holy Communion
Sunday	10am Holy Communion

Prayer Points

For those in need: Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley (thanks for healing so far and pray for continued improvement).

Those we remember: Thelma Morton (15/8/93); Donald Brown (17/8/88); John Gamble (22/8/93).

For Next Sunday -

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

Volunteer

Reader & Readings

Volunteer: Jeremiah 2.4-13; Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Liturgical Assistant

10am

Holy Communion

Flowers

The Flower Roster Ladies

Presiding & Preaching

Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

Organist

Colin Forbes

Chalice

Tim Gulliver & James Kim

Morning tea:

Welcomer

Helen Palethorpe

Liturgical Assistant

Elizabeth Allinson

Sidespeople

Brian McKinlay & Hardy Palethorpe

Readers & Readings

David French: Jeremiah 2.4-13;

Pat Forbes: Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Gheeta Sekhon & volunteer



St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 21 August 2016

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 121, 417(1-3/4-5), 87 & 179

Sentence

You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust from my youth. Upon you have I leaned since my birth. Psalm 71.5-6

Prayer of the day

O God, the Judge of all, through the saving blood of your Son you have brought us to the heavenly Jerusalem and given us a kingdom which cannot be shaken: fill us with reverence and awe in your presence that in thanksgiving we and all your Church may offer you acceptable worship; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives to intercede for us, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 1.4-10; Psalm 71.1-6; Hebrews 12.18-29;
Luke 13.10-17

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster People - Kerry-Anne Cousins

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Sidesperson:; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: David French;

10am Welcomer: Erika Langman; Sidespeople: Peter Andersson & Volunteer; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical Assistant: Brian McKinlay; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Volunteer (OT), Fiona Dyer (NT); Chalices: Leighton Mann & Hardy Palethorpe; Morning Tea: Anne Mahony & Helen Palethorpe

Psalm 71.1-6

Pewsheet deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to pewsheet@stphilipsoconnor.org.au or 0414 309 469

- 1 To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:
let me never be put to shame.
- 2 In your righteousness rescue and deliver me:
incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:
for you are my high rock, and my stronghold.
- 4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked:
from the grasp of the pitiless and unjust.
- 5 For you, Lord, are my hope:
you are my confidence, O God, from my youth upward.
- 6 On you have I leaned since my birth:
you are he that brought me out of my mother's womb, and my praise is
of you continually.

From the Locum Tenens Rector
Psalm 71.1-6

This prayer for help is a fine response to Jeremiah's call and ministry. If you read the whole psalm carefully you may discern that this is a prayer for help by an older person (5, 9, 17-18). Someone has suggested it may be the lament of an ageing musician! The writer has experienced something of the illness associated with old age and his enemies have taken advantage of that time of weakness. They have used his time of illness to humiliate and persecute him. It is possible that the 'enemies' were very pious people who believed that illness was a punishment for sin and that the sufferer was a sinner who deserved punishment (see verse 11 and compare it with Job 19.13-21).

In the section we read today the pleas for help are interspersed with expressions of trust as a basis for hope in God's action (1-6). The first three verses express the nature of living faith as counter-intuitive trust and its grounds in the character of God for whom the right is everything (Psalm 31.1-3a). The poet looks to God as a rock of habitation or refuge, a place in which to live as a refugee from the wicked, a place of protection and safety.

The wicked, unjust and the cruel may be on his case and they may be too strong for him, but from his earliest days he has found God to be a sure stronghold (4-6). Like Jeremiah he knows that his trust is exercised and proclaimed on contested ground. The wicked will not just go away but will live their lives and have their victories publicly; they even control the public arena. Faith lives amid adversity as in Jeremiah and Jesus so it must be lived in hope. Hope is linked to trust and confidence which means the author believes that he still has a future in God. Hope in the Psalms is not wishful thinking but is a God-inspired certainty that God will help and deliver, be a place of habitation and rescue (Jeremiah 29.11).

Question: Read the whole psalm. What does it tell you about the spiritual tasks of older people? How does that challenge or encourage you? We like to think of God as our refuge, our safe habitation. Apply that to refugees in this country?

Colin

PRAYERS

. We pray for our children and young families and youth. We pray we find someone to minister to them and we give thanks for the opportunities we have in this Parish. **Amen.**

. Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will love and care for us all, who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

. God of mercy, we know that you remember the homeless, the destitute, the disadvantaged and those who have no-one to care for them. In our efforts to minister to their needs we thank you for the ministry of Revd. Robin Moore at Northbourne Community Centre and we pray that you will guide us to secure funding in this time of great financial stress. For Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

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**St Philip's Calendar**

<http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

- Today** 12.30-3.00 **Home Group** – Lamerton Centre  
 Friday 26 Aug 5-7pm **Happy Hour** – Lamerton Centre  
 Theme: Brazil Olympics  
 Friday 9 Sep – Sunday 11 Sep – **Canberra & Goulburn Synod**, Goulburn  
 Sunday 11 Sep 12.30-3.00 **Home Group** – Lamerton Centre  
 Saturday 17 Sep 10.00-2.00 **Spring Fling**

**Notices** Please see below and separate page.

The CANBERRA BACH ENSEMBLE – choir, orchestra and soloists, directed by Andrew Koll - will be performing four Bach Cantatas, BWV 119, 131, 138 and 34 on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm, and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm at St Christopher's Cathedral, Franklin Street, Manuka. For more info and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.canberrabachensemble.com](http://www.canberrabachensemble.com)

**You are invited to a workshop**  
**Disability 101 Foundations for Enabling the Church – run by Rev'd Andrea de Vaal Horciu**  
 Details: 10am-4pm on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September Black Mountain School, Dryandra St, O'Connor.

Please see registration forms in the foyer, on the bench near the back door.

**Notices** Please see the website, [www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au](http://www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au) or the noticeboard in the foyer.

Our **Spring Fling** is on Saturday 17 September, 10am – 2pm.

**Better Bits Stall:** If you have any treasures such as jewellery, china or other small items, please bring them to church from Sunday 21 August or advise Kerry-Anne if they need to be collected. It is hard to believe, I know, but stocks have got low!

**Gourmet Food Hamper:** We need contributions to make a hamper to raffle. Please bring to church over the next 2 weeks, please, any gourmet-style items, eg chocolates, gourmet olive oils, any other high-end, quality goods (not tins of baked beans etc this time, please). The Hamper Basket will be on the back pew ready and waiting for your kind deposits!

**Kitchen Creations:** Please think about what items you could make for this stall or do you have some preserves, jams etc in the cupboard you could donate? We need cakes, biscuits, home-made lollies etc. Please speak with Rebecca Palethorpe.

**Curries:** Think about what sort of curry you could cook for the event. Jan Gulliver is coordinating this stall. Please see her with your offers.

**Helpers:** Please think about what you could do on the day, helping with the setup, serving on a stall or assisting with the cleanup. We'll be starting to call for volunteers over the next few weeks. Leighton Mann or Helen Palethorpe are your contacts to advise help in this area.

## SYNERGY SUNDAY

28 AUGUST 2016

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August is Synergy Sunday. A time to celebrate and support Synergy's ministry to children and young people across our Diocese. There will be an opportunity to offer support on the day.**

**This year we have a range of support material, all of which are downloadable from our website [www.synergy.org.au/support](http://www.synergy.org.au/support).**

### **THIS MONTH: National Mission Project 2016 – [Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns \(an ABM project\)](#)**

The main purpose of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College is to support the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders through study programs leading to awards in theology & community development.

Based in Cairns, the College provides leadership training for Indigenous people in Queensland and beyond. The College has grown substantially in recent years with five courses running. If you would like to contribute towards St Philip's donation to the college please use the envelopes provided or EFT to BSB: 702389, Acc No: 05202512, Name: St Philip's Anglican Church, Ref: National Mission Project.

There are various **job opportunities** available at the Diocese. Please see the notice board for details.

- A chorus of women presents **Mission Climate**. See notice board for details.