

## This coming 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 <b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion 7 - 8.30pm <b>St Pip's Youth Group</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	10am - 1pm <b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion
<b>Saturday</b>	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b> @ Kankinya
<b>Sunday</b>	8am <b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	10am <b>Holy Communion</b>

### 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: Portia Vincent (26/7/1990); Ellen Mahony (29/7/00); June McKinlay (2/8/04); Jyo Sen (2/8/94); Mary Reid (6/8/94); Toby Grahame (6/8/12).

### For Next Sunday - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

**8am Holy Communion**

**Sidesperson**

**Reader & Readings**

John Girdlestone: Isaiah 1.1, 10-20; Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-28

**Liturgical Assistant**

Elizabeth Allinson

**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**

Denise Manley

**Liturgical Assistant**

Philippa Wicks

**Sidespeople**

Sally Adams & Roger Sharp

**Readers & Readings**

Geeta Sekhon: Isaiah 1.1, 10-20

Jack Adams: Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-

Rebecca Palethorpe & family



# St Philip's Come & See

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## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

**10am Music**

Hymns: 454, 642(t156), 598 & 153

**Sentence**

*If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God* Colossians 3.1

**Prayer of the day**

*Living God, Judge of us all, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own: through your Spirit give us wisdom, that our possessions may not be a curse, but a means of blessing in our lives. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Today's Readings**

Hosea 11.1-11; Psalm 107.1-9, 43; Colossians 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21

**Today's Rosters**

Flowers: The Flower Roster Ladies - Jeannette McHugh

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

**8am** Sidesperson: ; Liturgical Assistant: ; Bible Reader: Volunteer;

**10am** Welcomer: Volunteer; Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Helen Palethorpe; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty; Music: Alison Davidson; Bible readers: David Tscharke (OT), Rosemary Knight (NT); Chalice: Volunteers; Morning Tea: Rosemary Knight & Volunteer

**Psalm 107.1-9, 43**

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:

for his loving mercy is for ever.  
 2 Let the Lord's redeemed say so:  
 whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,  
 3 And gathered in from every land, from the east and from the west:  
 from the north and from the south.  
 4 Some went astray in the wilderness and in the desert:  
 and found no path to an inhabited city;  
 5 They were hungry and thirsty:  
 and their heart fainted within them.  
 6 Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:  
 and he took them out of their trouble.  
 7 He led them by the right path:  
 till they came to an inhabited city.  
 8 Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:  
 and for the wonders that he does for the children of Adam;  
 9 For he satisfies the thirsty:  
 and fills the hungry with good things.  
 43 Whoever is wise, let them observe these things:  
 and consider the loving-kindness of the Lord.

## From the Locum Tenens Rector

### Psalm 107.1-9, 43

What a wonderful liturgical response this psalm is to Hosea; "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever." The psalm is a thanksgiving liturgy in which four different experiences of distress are described (travellers 4-9; released prisoners 10-16; those recently healed from illness 17-22; and seafarers 23-32) and God's positive response to the cry for help is recounted. There is a concluding hymn (33-43) that extols God sovereignty over social and natural life. God is the God of reversals who turns every expectation we have of God on its head.

Psalm 107 is the first psalm in Book V of the Psalter and is a response to the theological crisis of the exile as expressed in Psalm 89, for example in 89.49 "Where is your steadfast love of old?"

A problem for those whom God has liberated from exile is that now they do not know how to experience God in their new situation. They have no freedom, temple, and king. The response of Psalm 107 is that God's steadfast love is always there and only needs to be called upon.

The first verse makes that affirmation and verses 2-3 are the response of the redeemed or those who have experienced God's power of reversal freeing them from their troubles and enemies and bringing them together from all corners. Return from exile creates a redeemed people who know God's steadfast love is forever. This affirmation and response is followed up by examples of god's great reversals.

The first example is a story of wilderness wanderings recalling the Exodus and return from exile (4-9) and the experience is that God leads, feeds, and slakes thirst in response to the cry for help. God provides the pathway and the city of refuge in which they find hospitality and safety. God's steadfast love is never far away. All that needs to be done is that people cry to the LORD.

The last verse of the psalm (43) requires a response from the reader. Have we understood the preceding hymn? Then we must apply it to our way of life. This is the path of wisdom. Dependence on the LORD'S steadfast love must become the basic principle of life. Living in God's loyal love, crying out to God, depending on God's power of reversal is life itself.

Question: This psalm sounds quaint in a world where we are taught that our security must be in planning, investment and management; that we must be in control. Where does the God of steadfast love fit in your life? How wise are you? How much is crying to God part of your life?

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## PRAYERS

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. We pray for our children and young families. 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.**

**From Bishop Stuart** - A call to prayer: Let us now pray as we bring these deeply vexing matters before our Heavenly Father:

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us through his death and resurrection.

Lord Jesus, shepherd of peace, comfort all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them; hear our cries as we agonise over the harm done to our sisters and brothers.

Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith: Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform our brokenness. Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Anglican Cycle of Prayer

**National Council of Churches in Australia:** General Secretary: Elizabeth Delaney

**Council of the Church in South-East Asia** (Anglican) and the **Christian Conference of Asia** (Ecumenical)

**Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia:** The Order of Saint Benedict, The Society of the Sacred Mission, The Society of Saint Francis, The Little Brothers of Francis, The Society of the Sacred Advent, The Community of the Holy Name, The Community of Sisters of the Church, The Community of Christ the King, The Sisters of the Incarnation, The Community of Saint Barnabas and Saint Cecilia

**Pray for:** Partner relationships between our Church and other Churches of Asia and the Pacific.

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

Our **Spring Fling** is approaching very fast. This is one of two annual events, where we invite the wider community into our space and raise some needed funds for our parish. Looking for new ideas and interested people to help plan the event.  
Looking for music acts for entertainment and any new stall ideas. Please talk to Leighton or Helen.

**MU Australia C&G** is holding a Celebration Service at 2pm on Friday 23 September in St Saviour's Cathedral. Further information on Notice Board

## St Philip's Calendar

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

### ALL WELCOME TO THESE ACTIVITIES!

Sunday 7 Aug 4pm **Spring Fling Planning Mtg** @ Palethorpe's  
Please see Leighton or Helen (cheese & wine on offer)

Wed 10 Aug 7pm **Parish Council Mtg** – Lamerton Centre

Sunday 14 Aug 12-2.30 **Home Group** – Lamerton Centre

Friday 26 Aug 5-7pm **Happy Hour** – Lamerton Centre  
Theme: Brazil Olympics

Sat 17 Sep 10am-2pm **SPRING FLING** incorporating  
**PANDORA'S FASHION PARADE** and launch of Summer clothes!!