

This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue	1.30pm	Sir 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 @ Kankinya

Prayer Points

Confirmees: Beth Adams; Jack Adams; Kenzo Boyle; Dominic Lloyd; Joseph Lloyd; Sam Mahony; Jarrah Palethorpe; Noah Palethorpe; Ava Rath.

For those in need: Pat Forbes; Colin Forbes; Fred Langman; Roger Sharp; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.

Those we remember: Michael Gamble (24/7/97); Portia Vincent (26/7/90); Ellen Mahoney (29/7/00); Jyo Sen (2/8/94); June McKinlay (2/8/04); Mary Reid (6/8/94); Toby Grahame (6/8/12); Michael Sawer (8/8/14).

Next Sunday – Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Readings: 1 Kings 19.4-8; Psalm 34.1-8; Ephesians 4.25-5.2; John 6.35, 41-51

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Sidesperson: Vicki Luker
Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson
Readers: Volunteer

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rt.Rev'd Professor Stephen Pickard
Welcomer: Davidson Family
Sidespeople: Alison & Alistair Davidson
Music: Colin Forbes
Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Linda Anchell
Crucifer: Leighton Mann
Readers: Fred Anchell (1st)
Fiona Dyer (2nd)
Chalice Servers: Doreen Odom & James Kim (if required)
Special Morning tea: Beryl Blaseotto & Doreen Odom

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 5 August 2018

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 183, 509, 490, 526 & 106

Sentence

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Isaiah 55.2

Prayer of the day

Living God, whose Son Jesus fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us with your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78.22-28; Ephesians 4.1-16; John 6.24-35.

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team.

8am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Canon Scott Cowdell; Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: Jophn Girdlestone.

10am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Nirmal Farrington; Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: tba (1st), tba (2nd); Chalice: Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Rebecca Palethorpe & Family.

Psalm 78.22-28

- 22 Then he commanded the clouds above:
and opened the doors of heaven.
23 He rained down manna for them to eat:
and gave them the grain of heaven.
24 So they ate the bread of angels:
and he sent them food in abundance.
25 He stirred up the south east wind in the heavens:
and guided it by his power.
26 He rained down meat upon them thick as dust:
and winged birds like the sands of the sea.
27 He made them fall into the midst of their camp:
and all about their tents.
28 So they ate and were well-filled:
for he had given them what they desired.

From the Rector

Dear Friends

Our second reading today from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians is a wonderful statement on Christian life and living, very pertinent today as we celebrate the baptism of Olive McNeill. Indeed our liturgy this morning at ten o'clock begins with a quote from this letter. As we experience baptism this morning it is worth being reminded of our identity.

Being Christian means, first, being baptized. One writer put it: "baptism takes us where Jesus is." To be baptized is to be "dropped" both into the depths of the mystery of Christ's Passion — and therefore into solidarity with all human suffering.

Being Christian is to listen to God by reading (or hearing read) the Bible with others, because "the Bible is the territory in which Christians expect to hear God speaking." To read it well you must let it work on you, ask where you are in its story.

Being Christian is to know yourself as a guest, those who accept the invitation of the risen Jesus to eat and drink with him and who are set free to share in his hospitality. In the Eucharist, Christians see Jesus' suffering and death as "the final, the definitive, sign of God's welcome and God's mercy...an open door into the welcome of the Father."

And finally being Christian is, "to let Jesus' prayer happen in you." Understanding prayer in terms of growing to be more like Jesus, growing into "the measure of the full stature of Christ" (Eph. 4:13). Prayer also has to do with the healing of relations and is intimately bound up with justice and reconciliation.

We welcome Olive this morning, her parents, Godparents, family and friends as she is baptized and begins the journey of Christian living: growing with us all into 'the measure of the full stature of Christ.'

I was reading a newspaper article during the week about the appointment in the UK of the first Minister for Loneliness. This is a world first, and I felt it was a sad indictment on our modern society. Clearly the issue is endemic in developed countries and is related

closely to the issue of mental health. It is an issue in which we, the church by our very nature, should have something to say. At this year's AGM I encouraged us all to be mindful of loneliness in our communities, workplaces etc.; Can I reiterate that call? Today's second reading is a wonderful call to unity, in fact much of Ephesians is about ending isolation. Much of the ministry of Jesus was antidote to loneliness; what of us, can we seek out the lonely?

Blessings, **Martin**

St Philip's Calendar

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

Today 5 Aug **Collection for our National Mission Project**

Friday 10 Aug 7 – 8.30pm **St Philip's Youth Group**

Sunday 12 Aug – 10am **Confirmation Service & Sunday**

Zone @ St Philip's (Family Service) followed by special morning tea.

Bishop Stephen Pickard will celebrate. **Please bring some food to share.**

Friday 24 Aug 7 – 8.30pm **St Philip's Youth Group**

Sunday 26 Aug 12.30 – 3pm **Home Group – Lamerton Centre**

All Welcome!

Friday 31 Aug – 5-7pm **Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre**

Theme: Major Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Pandora is looking for good quality children's clothes as our stocks have run low. Don't forget too if you have any clothes that are not making you a star, perhaps they might do it for some-one else. All donations of good clothes gratefully received. Leave them at Pandoras Friday or Saturday morning or give them to a Pandora person on Sundays.

A Big thank you to all our volunteers and supporters – we had a great Exotic Christmas in July Fashion Event and made \$795.00. The Pandora Committee.

The Anglican Church of St Paul's, Ginninderra at Mt Rogers Community Centre (old Spence Primary School) - Curley St entrance (where our Dinka friends now worship) is having a fund raising Bush Dance and Singalong on Saturday, 22 September at 7.30pm (with proceeds going to their various mission projects). Entry is by donation and a light supper is provided. Everyone is very welcome to join in. This should be a fun night for a good cause.

ACCC QUIET DAY: TEILHARD DE CHARDIN AND THE DIVINE MILIEU

The Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture (15 Blackall Street, Barton) extends an open invitation to its Quiet Day on Saturday, 18 August 2018 from 9:30 AM to 3 PM. Theologian and spiritual director Kerrie Hide will immerse participants in the prayers, poetry and wisdom of Teilhard de Chardin, drawing on his invitation to see and experience creation as a divine milieu. Cost: \$25 cash on arrival includes morning tea —BYO lunch. RSVP by 12 August if possible to Alice-Anne aamacnaught@iinet.net.au or 0414 790 201.

Key Points from August Parish Council meeting

- The Confirmation Service will be held at 10am on Sunday 12 August. Bishop Stephen Pickard will celebrate. The service will be followed by a special morning tea with parishioners asked to contribute something.
- Parishioners are reminded to complete the new Parish Directory and Permissions form by Sunday 19 August and place it in the marked box in the foyer. Copies of the form are available in the foyer.
- August is our National Mission Month. The national mission project for 2018 is the ABM program "Youth Engagement across Top End Remote Communities". It is a very worthwhile project and continues St. Philips' ongoing support for reconciliation. Envelopes for donations are in the foyer.
- Parish Council is working on a number of maintenance items. The globes in the non-functioning lights in the church are being replaced. The window ledge on the wall facing the courtyard will be thoroughly cleaned and a barrier to exclude pigeons from both sides of the church will be installed. A handrail will be installed outside the pulpit door. Advice is being sought on the replacement of a number of cracked window panes in the church. The reverse cycle units in the Lamerton Centre are to be serviced.
- Planning has started on this year's "Spring Fling" to be held from 10am to 2pm on Saturday 22 September. The "Spring Fling" is our major annual fundraising and outreach event. Information on the various stalls is now available for parishioners to indicate how they would like to contribute. If you have any questions, please speak to Leighton or Rev'd Martin.
- Due to unavailability, there is a vacancy in St. Philips' representation at the Synod in Goulburn from 7-9 September. Anyone interested in attending should speak to Rev. Martin.

St Philip's National Mission Project

AUSTRALIA: YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ACROSS THE TOP END REMOTE COMMUNITIES



This is part of the Reconciliation Program:

**Youth Engagement Program: in 2018 the
program needs \$50,000.**

St Philip's O'Connor parish has pledged \$1,500 (approx. 3%)

This project funds Church initiatives which engage young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners account for 27% of the total Australian prison population. Indigenous people are 13 times more likely to go to prison than those who are non

Indigenous. (ABS 2016)

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC) has called for more to be done to care for and support our nation's children, to prevent them from getting into the prison system in the first place.

In 2017 donations to this project funded the production of culturally appropriate Sunday School material for children to provide support to remote children's ministry leaders.

Funds also supported the development of the young church on Bickerton Island. The Ministry Development Officer for the Diocese of the Northern Territory, the Rev Kate Beer, said "Despite the desire of the many young people gathering regularly for fellowship, the young church on Bickerton Island struggles with literacy in either Anindilyakwa (the locally-spoken language) or English."

"This severely limits their ability to read the Scriptures or conduct regular church services for themselves. Thanks to the generosity of ABM supporters, the diocese has been able to support a group of mature believers from Groote Eylandt to travel across to Bickerton every few weeks to help to teach these skills."

It has been wonderful to see the progress of those who have attended Nungalinga College foundations courses and who have been followed up with these regular visits.

"At the most recent visit, we read together the story of Moses. It was remarkable to realise that for some in the group, it was the first time they had ever heard the story of Moses! In addition, we joined in the worldwide movement to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' as we read the part of the gospel of Luke where Jesus taught his disciples the Lord's prayer."

Please continue to pray for young people in remote communities and for those who teach and learn in the community of Milyakburra on Bickerton Island.