

This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue (5/6 & 19/6)	10.30am	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

For those in need: Pat Forbes; Colin Forbes; Fred Langman; Roger Sharp; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley. The soul of Michael Heal, who was committed on 31/5/18, and for his family and friends.

Those we remember: Joyce Miller (28/5/04); Thelma McCaskie (28/5/15); Charles Parke (31/5/96); Jo Johnson (1/6/04); John Carnahan (2/6/17); Marie Lewis (7/6/01); Gordon Arthur (9/6/92).

Next Sunday - Third Sunday After Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 3.8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1; Mark 3.20-35

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am:	Presiding & Preaching:	Rev'd Martin Johnson
	Sidesperson:	Vicki Luker
	Liturgical Assistant:	Elise Palethorpe
	Readers:	Joseph & Dominic Lloyd
10am:	Presiding & Preaching:	Rev'd Martin Johnson
	Welcomer:	Davidson Family
	Sidespeople:	Alison & Alistair Davidson
	Music:	Colin Forbes
	Liturgical Assistant:	Rev'd Linda Anchell
	Crucifer:	Leighton Mann
	Readers:	Louise McKay (1st) Brian McKinlay (2nd)
	Chalice Servers:	Doreen Odom & James Kim
	Morning tea:	Beryl Blaseotto & Doreen Odom



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Sunday 3 June 2018

Thanksgiving for the Holy Communion

10am Music

Hymns: 474, 257 (v1-4), 534 & 545

Sentence

As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
1 Corinthians 11.26

Prayer of the day

O God, in a wonderful sacrament you have given us a memorial of the passion of your dear Son: grant that we may so reverence the sacred mysteries of his body and blood that we may ever know within ourselves the fruits of his redemption; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Exodus 24.3-8; Psalm 116; 1 Corinthians 10.14-21; Mark 14.12-16, 22-26

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team. The flowers this week are in loving memory of John Carnahan, from the McCaskie family.

8am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell; Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: John 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); Chalices: Hardy Palethorpe & James Kim; Morning Tea: Rebecca Palethorpe & Family.

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.

Psalm 116

- 1 I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:
the voice of my supplication;
- 2 Because he inclined his ear to me:
in the day that I called to him.
- 3 The cords of death encompassed me, the snares of the grave took hold on me:
I was in anguish and sorrow.
- 4 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
'O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me!'
- 5 Gracious and righteous is the Lord:
full of compassion is our God.
- 6 The Lord preserves the simple:
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- 7 Return, O my soul, to your rest:
for the Lord has rewarded you.
- 8 For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death:
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.
- 9 I will walk before the Lord:
in the land of the living.
- 10 I believed that I would perish, I was brought very low:
I said in my haste 'Everyone is a liar.'
- 11 How shall I repay the Lord:
for all his benefits to me?
- 12 I will take up the cup of salvation:
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 13 I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people.
- 14 Grievous in the sight of the Lord:
is the death of his faithful ones.
- 15 O Lord, I am your servant, your servant and the child of your handmaid:
you have unloosed my bonds.
- 16 I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 17 I will pay my vows to the Lord:
in the presence of all his people,
- 18 In the courts of the house of the Lord:
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

From the Rector

When I was interviewed for my role here at St Philip's I was asked to describe myself. Not physically or politically or whatever but how I would describe myself in 'church speak.' That's a tricky thing to do; I am not fond of labels as they have the potential to divide. Many in the church would rather describe themselves in terms of what they are not, but this is not helpful either! I had to think on my feet, 'I like to think of myself as a sacramentalist' I believe that our faith calls us to embody the love of God, this is how we follow Christ; I got the job! If we are sacramental in our faith and its practise we point away from ourselves to something greater. If we reach out to the poor we embody

God's love and they in turn are a sacrament to us – 'whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me.' So in church as we gather together what we do is embody what we believe, through word, music, symbol, gesture, vesture, ritual etc.

If you have visited the penal settlement at Port Arthur in Tasmania you would have seen the ruins of a fine old church. But there is another chapel on the site in the 'Separate prison' a part of the settlement reserved for the most difficult prisoners. This separate prison kept inmates apart from each other, they were permanently in solitary confinement. The chapel has cubicles in which each of the men stood, they couldn't see each other, only the minister at the front in his pulpit. During a visit there I stood in one of those cubicles and remember thinking what an appalling travesty of Christian worship this is. As an aside I read that the inmates would communicate by singing conversations under the cover of the hymns!

I have been asked if I believe in the 'real presence', of course I say 'yes indeed.' We desire bodily presence - it's so much better that a letter or a text or an email, yes we seek the real presence of Jesus and our worship is suggestive that Jesus is indeed really present, and so he is. We stand, to greet the gospel, Jesus speaking to us. We greet each other at the peace after hearing the words 'we are the Body of Christ' - you can't get any more real than that! And of course we approach the altar to receive communion with gestures and postures which speak of our faith. It is very communal, hence my horror at the cubicles at Port Arthur.

Today we give thanks for this communion we have with God and with each other, it is the central pillar of our faith. I mentioned Lancelot Andrewes, the Elizabethan Bishop, in last Sunday's sermon he wrote this:

We believe no less than you that the presence is real. Concerning the method of the presence, we define nothing rashly, and, I add we do not anxiously enquire.

We are indeed the Body of Christ...Amen!

Blessings. Martin

PS Speaking of vesture, we have purchased a green chasuble and stole for The Rev'd Peter Kuot who was ordained to the Priesthood at the end of last year. We will present this to Peter very soon as a gift from us and as a reminder to him that we hold him and his community in our prayers. If you would like to make a small donation to the cost please let me know. It will be hanging in the Lamerton Centre for you to see. MJ

St Philip's Calendar

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

Sunday 3 Jun – 10am

Wed'day 6 Jun 7pm

Sunday 10 Jun 12.30 – 3.00pm

Friday 29 Jun 5 – 7 pm

Friday 29 Jun 7 – 8.30pm

Sunday Zone @ St Philip's

Parish Council – Lamerton Centre

Home Group – Lamerton Centre

Happy Hour – Theme: Christmas in June!

St Philip's Youth Group