

## This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue (19/6 & 3/7)	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: Kenzo Boyle; Dominic Lloyd; Joseph Lloyd; Jarrah Palethorpe; Noah Palethorpe; Ava Rath.

For those in need: Howard Quinlan; Pat Forbes; Colin Forbes; Fred Langman; Roger Sharp; Ken Smith; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley. The family & friends of Monica Gray, Barbara Dowley's sister.

Those we remember: Monica Gray (7/6/18); Marie Lewis (7/6/01); Gordon Arthur (9/6/92); Rosemary Haseler (11/6/97); Trish Young (13/6/01).

## Next Sunday – Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

**Readings:** Ezekiel 17.22-24; Psalm 92.1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17; Mark 4.26-34

Flowers: The Flower Team

**8am:** Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson  
Preaching: Rev'd Canon Scott Cowdell  
Sidesperson: Volunteer  
Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson  
Readers: Joseph & Dominic Lloyd

**10am:** Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Canon Scott Cowdell  
Welcomer: Erika Langman  
Sidespeople: Peter Andersson & Volunteer  
Music: Colin Forbes  
Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson  
Readers: Ann Munro (1st)  
Beck Palethorpe (2nd)  
Chalice Servers: Denise Manley & James Kim  
Morning tea: Jan Gulliver & Anne Mahony

*Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to [pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au](mailto:pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au) or 0414 309 469*

**FTPOS available in the foyer to assist with your giving.**



# St Philip's Come & See

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## Sunday 10 June 2018

### Third Sunday After Pentecost

#### 10am Music

**Hymns: 137, 548 (t332), 259 & 683 (t525)**

#### Sentence

*Whoever does the will of God in my brother and my sister and my mother.*  
Mark 3.34-35

#### Prayer of the day

*Almighty God, give us such a vision of your purpose, and such an assurance of your love and power, that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in 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

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

#### Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team.

**8am** Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: Vicki Luker; Liturgical Assistant: Elise Palethorpe; Bible Reader: Joseph & Dominic Lloyd

**10am** Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Davidson Family; Sidespeople: Alison & Alistair Davidson; Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Linda Anchell; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Louise McKay (1st), Brian McKinlay (2nd); Chalice Servers: Doreen Odom & James Kim; Morning Tea: Beryl Blaseotto & Doreen Odom.

## Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord:  
Lord, hear my voice;
- 2 O let your ears consider well:  
the voice of my supplication.
- 3 If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong:  
who then, O Lord, could stand?
- 4 But there is forgiveness with you:  
so that you shall be feared.
- 5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him:  
and in his word is my hope.
- 6 My soul looks for the Lord:  
more than watchmen for the morning, more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.
- 7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy:  
and with him is ample redemption.
- 8 He will redeem Israel:  
from the multitude of their sins.

## From the Rector

We are now entering the longest period in the church's year – the season of the Spirit, the Sundays after Pentecost. How often have you been told by someone that they are 'spiritual not religious!' Spirituality has certainly come into vogue as mainstream religion has declined. There is a sense in which many folk see the spiritual as being involved in the higher order of things compared with worldly things. One is inward, the other external; one profound the other superficial; one reflective, the other thoughtless. This division splits life into two dimensions and in the words of the great German theologian Jürgen Moltmann 'quenches its vitality.'

This kind of thinking has no basis in our Biblical tradition, there is certainly nothing of this division in the Hebrew Bible or Judaism. The ruach of Yahweh is the life force of creation and the living space in which all life grows and flourishes. God's blessing enhances vitality and does not quench the joy of living. It is the nearness of God's spirit that makes life worth living, not something to be despised. In the resurrection the final spring-time of the whole creation begins. There is no separation of world and spirit.

In our gospel passage this morning from Mark we read some difficult words of Jesus. *'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin.'* These are strident words that have been mulled over by many a scholar throughout the centuries; what is this unforgivable sin?

Jesus is speaking in the context of a dispute he is having with the scribes. They claim his works are done in the power of the spirit of Beelzebul – The Lord of the Flies. Jesus tells them that to deny that the Spirit of God is at work bringing life, is to fail to know God and therefore to know, among other things, forgiveness. To believe that the life that Jesus brings is somehow from Beelzebul is to deny forgiveness.

Forgiveness lies at the very heart of our faith, it lies at the heart of life, indeed we depend on forgiveness for life itself. Since the dawn of time humanity has trusted that the environment would be resilient and heal itself; we have taken for granted the forgiveness of the natural order – God's creation. There is reason to believe that we are stretching this natural forgivingness to breaking point, will we be unforgiven, discarded by the natural order? Could this be the unforgiven sin that Jesus speaks of?

## Blessings. Martin

## St Philip's Calendar

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

### SAFETY WARNING

"It's acorn time again in Moorhouse St. Please take care when navigating the nature strip and footpath over the next couple of weeks pending the removal of the acorns".

**Saturday** 16 Jun – 10am

**Saturday** 23 Jun – 9-11am

**Sunday** 24 Jun 12.30 – 3.00pm

**Friday** 29 Jun 5 – 7 pm

**Friday** 29 Jun 7 – 8.30pm

**Sunday** 1 Jul – 10am

**Wed'day** 4 Jul - 7pm

**Pandoras - Dress to Impress Yourself**

**Winter Working Bee**

**Home Group** – Lamerton Centre

**Happy Hour** – Theme: Christmas in June!

**St Philip's Youth Group**

**Sunday Zone @ St Philip's**

**Parish Council** – Lamerton Centre

### KEY POINTS FROM JUNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- Bishop Stephen Pickard will visit the Parish at 10am on 12 August for the Confirmation Service.
- For a number of months Parish Council under the leadership of Rebecca Palethorpe has been reviewing how we handle the personal details of parishioners in the pewsheets and on the Parish website and on Facebook as well as the question of photographs taken at St. Philips. The purpose of the review has been to ensure our processes meet new Diocesan standards in respect of privacy.
- A new Media Permission Release Form is being developed which will be integrated in future with the Parish Directory Form. More details will be provided over the next few months.
- The Parish Directory has been updated and copies are available in the foyer.
- An ordination gift of a green chasuble and stole has been acquired for Rev'd. Peter Kuot who has a close connection with St. Philips. Anyone wishing to make a small donation please let Martin know.
- A "Fix My Street" request has been submitted to the ACT Government for the footpath at the corner of Macpherson and Moorhouse Streets. The gradient to the roadway is non-compliant for wheelchair use.
- A Winter Working Bee on the garden will be held from 9-11am on Saturday 23 June.