

This coming week @ St Philip's

Monday	St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre
Tue – Fri	8am Morning Prayer
	5.30pm Evening Prayer
Thursday	10am Eucharist and Morning Tea
	11am Lenten Study – Lamerton Centre
	7pm Lenten Study - Lamerton Centre
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: Fred Langman, Roger Sharp; James Kim; Brian McKinlay; Ken Smith; Rosemary Lohmann; Chris Hudlass; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.

Those we remember: Daphne Hall (5/3/95); David Gowty (6/3/13); John Cousins (14/3/94); Mary MacDonnell (14/3/99); Jean Parke (17/3/97).

Next Sunday – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Readings: Jeremiah 31.31-34; Ps 119.9-16; Hebrew 5.5-14; John 12.20-33

Presiding & Preaching: The Rev'd Martin Johnson

No flowers in Lent

8am:	Sidesperson:	Volunteer
	Liturgical Assistant:	Elizabeth Allinson
	Readers:	Volunteer
10am:	Welcomer:	Erika Langman
	Sidespeople:	Peter Andersson & Kerry-Anne Cousins
	Music:	Colin Forbes
	Liturgical Assistant:	Elizabeth Allinson
	Readers:	Louise McKay (OT) Volunteer (NT)
	Chalice Servers:	Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver
	Morning tea:	Ann Mahony & Jan Gulliver

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 11 March 2018

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10am Music

Hymns: 216, 600 (i), 519 & 351

Sentence

The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
John 3.14-15

Prayer of the day

*Everlasting God in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness prevent us from doing it; that in your light we may see light, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

Today's Readings

Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21

Today's Rosters

Flowers: None in Lent

8am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: Vicki Luker; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: Dominic & Joseph Lloyd.

10am Welcomer: Davidson Family; Sidespeople: Alison & Alistair Davidson; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Linda Anchell; Crucifer: Leighton Mann; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Gail Langendorf (OT), Denise Manley (NT); Chalice: Doreen Odom & Volunteer; Morning Tea: Candace & Kenny Sheppard.

Psalm 107 - 1-3, 17-22

Andrew Moore

Response
cf. v. 1 Give thanks to the Lord, give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.



Response: Give thanks to the Lord, give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.

- 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: **Resp**
- 17 Fools were far gone in transgression:
and because of their sins were afflicted.
- 18 They sickened at any food:
and had come to the gates of death.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their distress:
and he took them out of their trouble. **Resp**
- 20 He sent his word and healed them:
and saved their life from the Pit.
- 21 Let them thank the Lord for his goodness:
and for the wonders that he does for the children of Adam;
- 22 Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving:
and tell what he has done with shouts of joy. **Resp**

From the Rector

Dear Friends

Today is a day traditionally set aside in Lent for us to look beyond the cross, it is Refreshment Sunday or Laetere Sunday, Laetere meaning 'Rejoice!' In years past the first word heard at the Mass would have been 'Laetere' from Isaiah chapter 66:

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her—

We will continue that tradition today as we open with the Introit 'Rejoice the Lord is King!'

It is a reminder to us that whilst the cross looms large it is indeed a sign of hope for us, hence those rather paradoxical words: 'rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her.' Today we will hear this idea of the cross being our hope in some of the most famous words in the scriptures. Martin Luther called the words of John 3:16 a gospel within the gospel:

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.'

The expression 'to lift up' that Jesus speaks of today and in a number of other places in the gospel of John can also be translated as 'to exalt.' For John the cross is the place where Jesus is exalted and a place to which all people will be drawn. John's theology of cross helps us to understand the term 'Good' Friday.

The other way that the celebration linked with Laetere Sunday is that of Mothering Sunday. On this day in the past, folk have been encouraged to visit their mothers, particularly if they were in service and usually busy from dawn to dusk, visit their 'Mother Church' the Cathedral or meditate on the life of the Blessed Virgin. Today is a day when we can hold our mothers in prayerful thanks. As I write it is International Woman's Day and an opportunity to pray for those women, particularly those who are mothers, in such places as Palestine (the topic of this week's Lenten Study), Syria, Sudan and our own remote indigenous communities, indeed in all places where there is violence, discrimination or inequality based on gender.

Blessings, **Martin.**

Learning about Palestine

You are invited to Holy Cross Anglican Church (cnr Phillip Avenue & Antill Street, Hackett) to learn more about the Palestinian situation. There will be two speakers:

Ros Harper, a member of the City Uniting Church congregation and the secretary of the Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network, was the World Council of Churches' Communications Officer for its Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel. She will talk about the experience of being in the field with Ecumenical Accompaniers.

Ahmed Abadla is a Palestinian from Gaza and currently doing a PhD at ANU. He will speak about the situation of his family in Gaza.

Wednesday, 14th March at 7.00pm. Please come.

St Philip's Calendar

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

Colin and Jeanette will be having an open house at their new home, 21 Cashman St., Denman Prospect on 7 April beginning at 2pm. All are welcome. We will open for business at 2pm and the stragglers will be hosed out at about 5pm. Martin has kindly agreed to bless the house at about 3pm. 0414 250 698, cdundon@inet.net.au. **Colin Dundon**

Wed'day 14 Mar, 7 – 9pm	Parish Council – Lamerton Centre
Friday 23 Mar, 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Sunday 25 Mar, 8 & 10am	Palm Sunday
Thursday 29 Mar, 7pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday 30 Mar, 9am	Children's Stations of the Cross
Friday 30 Mar, 12 – 3pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday 31 Mar, 7pm	Easter Vigil & Service of Light (with incense)
Sunday 1 Apr, 7am	Eucharist (with incense)
Sunday 1 Apr, 8 – 9.30am	Easter celebration breakfast
Sunday 1 Apr, 10am	Solemn Sung Eucharist
Friday 6 Apr, 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Saturday 14 Apr, 9am – 1pm	Autumn Market Morning
Friday 27 Apr 5 – 7pm	Happy Hour – <i>April Fools Theme</i>

As our Archdeacon, Erica Mathieson, has announced her retirement after Easter, a card is available in the foyer for signing by members of this Parish, in deep gratitude to both her and her husband, the Rev' Dr Ray Williamson, who both looked after us during and after the final illness of our dear rector, Rob Lamerton and for her ongoing care of us as our Archdeacon.

There is a real need for more parishioners to read during the services, to be a Lay Reader at 10am, to be a sidesperson and to help with morning tea. If you feel you would be able to do one or more of these things, would you please speak with Martin?

St Philip's Easter Celebration Breakfast

Our tradition continues again this year with our Easter Celebration Breakfast. 8am till 9.30am (following 7am Eucharist & before 10am Eucharist). Please place your name against the items you are able to contribute to the breakfast (list in foyer). Please ensure all contributions are ready by 8am. See Denise or Leighton for further info.