

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

For: Annaliese Mcilwraith and her family and godparents.

For those in need: Fred Langman; Roger Sharp; Roberta; Margaret & Claude Woodbridge.

Those we remember: Lawrie Keast (24/9/90); Robert Dixon (29/9/89); Coralie Sawyer (29/9/91).

Next Sunday – Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Readings: Numbers 11.4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19.7-14; James 5.12-20; Mark 9.38-50

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Sidesperson: Volunteer
Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson
Readers: Margaret & Russell McCaskie

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Welcomer: Denise Manley
Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay OR Volunteers
Music: Colin Forbes
Liturgical Assistant: tba
Readers: Colin Dundon (1st)
Jack Adams (2nd)
Chalice Servers: James Kim & Volunteer
Morning tea: Volunteers

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 23 September 2018

*Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Baptism of Annaliese Mcilwraith*

10am Music

Hymns: 215, 745, 490, 474 & 106

Sentence

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.

Mark 9.35

Prayer of the day

God and Father of all, you have taught us through your Son that the last shall be first, and have made a little child the measure of your kingdom: give us the wisdom from above, so that we may understand that in your sight the one who serves is the greatest of all. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 11.18-20; Psalm 54; James 3.1-12, 14-17 Mark 9.30-37.

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team.

8am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: Shane Woodburn.

10am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe; Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Hardy Palethorpe; Liturgical Assistant: tba; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Louise McKay (1st), Brian McKinlay (2nd); Chalice Servers: James Kim & Hardy Palethorpe; Morning Tea: Volunteers.

Psalm 54

- 1 Save me, O God, by the power of your name:
and vindicate me by your might.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God:
and listen to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the insolent have risen against me:
the ruthless, who have not set God before them, seek my life.
- 4 But surely God is my helper:
the Lord is the upholder of my life.
- 5 Let evil recoil on those that would waylay me:
O destroy them in your faithfulness !
- 6 Then will I offer you sacrifice with a willing heart:
I will praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you will deliver me from every trouble:
my eyes shall see the downfall of my enemies.

From the Rector

Dear Friends

Last weekend a Pastoral Letter was read in church reading the adoption by the Diocesan Synod of the National Redress Scheme for the victims of child sexual abuse. A copy of the letter is on the notice board in the foyer if you wish to read it. The Royal Commission made comment on the difficulty of dealing with the Anglican Church because of our polity – 23 independent dioceses. So the General Synod has formed a body to deal with the redress scheme and individual dioceses can vote to be a part of it, as we have in this diocese. Hopefully there will be a unified approach from the Church.

There are critics of the scheme both from within and outside the Church. It is far from perfect, but in our Diocese and others it does operate alongside an existing scheme which will continue to provide restitution and care to those who come forward. There is no perfect answer to this terrible tragedy.

Jesus speaks about children a number of times in the gospel, Matthew describes a dreadful punishment for those who would 'scandalize any one of these little ones.' He uses the Greek word mikroi – little ones and its use is much discussed. Does he mean children or those who are vulnerable or of insignificant social status? Either way we have a calling to care for those most vulnerable in our community, this includes children and adolescents. In today's gospel reading from Mark Jesus takes a child in his arms and tells the disciples that 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.' I think this is quite clear.

We in the parish have done much to ensure that our policies and procedures meet with modern standards and expectations. I am very grateful to the Parish Council and the Wardens who work hard to ensure our compliance in this area. We have recently completed policy on our privacy measures particularly in regard to Social Media. All this

work takes time and effort, but today's reading reminds us it is of the Gospel.

The congregation at 8.00am has grown over the months and we enjoy Breakfast together after the service. The Thursday morning Eucharist too is a wonderful opportunity for morning tea following the 10.00 service. These times of fellowship are all part of our vocation to offer hospitality and to live out the Eucharistic spirituality we profess. Come along!

As I write we are in the throes of preparation for our Spring Fling. Thank you to all those who have worked so hard to ensure it is a great day. I might even be tempted to pray for good weather!

Blessings **Martin**

St Philip's Calendar

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

Friday	28 Sep – 5-7pm	Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre <i>Theme: Seafood Extravaganza</i>
Sunday	30 Sep 12.30 – 3pm	Home Group – Lamerton Centre All Welcome!
Wed'day	3 Oct 7pm	Parish Council – Lamerton Centre
Sunday	7 Oct 10am	Family Service – Sunday Zone
Sunday	7 Oct	St Philip's International Mission Project
		ABM's Myanmar Education Project
Thursday	18 Oct 7pm	St Luke's Day. Sung Eucharist
Friday	19 Oct 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Friday	26 Oct 5-7pm	Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre <i>Theme: Oktoberfest with German BBQ</i>
Friday	2 Nov 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group

DISPOSAL OF WALL FANS! Four wall fans (which have been replaced in the church) are to be disposed of – free!!!! First come, first served – will separate. Please see Shane, Roger or Denise.

Enormous thanks to everyone who was involved in yesterday's Spring Fling and Fashion Parade. It was a great day made even better by the happy involvement of so many!