

This coming week @ St Philip's

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

Those we remember: Robert Dixon (29/9/89); Coralie Sawyer (29/9/91); Clive Lowes (2/10/09); Bruce Holgate (5/10/02).

Next Sunday – Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 2.18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16

Flowers: The Flower Team

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| 8am: | Presiding: | Rev'd Martin Johnson |
| | Preaching: | Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell |
| | Sidesperson: | John Girdlestone |
| | Liturgical Assistant: | Elizabeth Allinson |
| | Readers: | John Girdlestone |
| 10am: | Presiding & Preaching: | Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell |
| | Welcomer: | Denise Manley |
| | Sidespeople: | Sally Adams & Sam Mahony |
| | Music: | Colin Forbes |
| | Liturgical Assistant: | tba |
| | Readers: | tba (1st) tba (2nd) |
| | Chalice Servers: | Denise Manley & Volunteer |
| | Morning tea: | Helen Palethorpe |

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 30 September 2018

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 102, 257 (v1-3), 535, 523 & 594

Sentence

Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can it be seasoned? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.

Mark 9.50

Prayer of the day

O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our eyes to see those who are in need, and teach us to set no store by riches and earthly rewards, so that, in surrendering ourselves to serve you in your children, we may labour for the treasure that endures; through our Lord Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's Readings

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

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: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay OR Volunteers; Liturgical Assistant: tba; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Denise Manley (1st), Jack Adams (2nd); Chalice Servers: James Kim & Volunteer; Morning Tea: Volunteers.

Psalm 19.7-14

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.
- 8 The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:
the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold:
sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can know their own unwitting sins?:
O cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me:
so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.
- 14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight:
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

From the Rector

Dear Friends

Much has been said about last weekend's Spring Fling, it was a great day and we were blessed with good weather and a goodly number of folk turned out to enjoy the festivities. Needless none of us this just 'happens.' Many thanks are due to Leighton for his coordination and to all who contributed in any way. It has been said, but it is worth saying again, that whilst we might judge the success of the day on the amount raised more importantly is the engagement with the community and the pleasure that was clearly evident in folk getting together and enjoying each other's company.

What this does in effect is break down that sense of us and them ie those of us who are part of the St Philip's congregation and community and those who are 'outside.' For centuries the dictum 'No salvation outside the Church' held sway though it was challenged by many writers and thinkers. It is true for me! I am happy to say there is no salvation outside the Church for me personally. But for others - Hans Kung the Roman Catholic theologian wrote 'To be truly catholic the church must think of itself not as synonymous with the world, nor as an exclusive society of those already saved.' He goes on 'Clearly the mission of the Church is look beyond itself. And it is probably therefore more beneficial to adopt the positive axiom 'salvation inside the church' and to work towards being an open community dedicated to serve and work for the salvation of all.' This is our mission and I hope that in some small way our 'Spring Fling' on Saturday was reflective of our calling.

In both the Old Testament and Gospel readings this morning we experience folk who are prophets and exorcists but are, it seems, outside of the 'inner circle.' In both

accounts first Moses and then Jesus recognise that the work of God is being undertaken beyond the formal confines of the community of faith. Jurgen Moltmann one of my favourite theologians writes of responding to the presence of Christ in those who are outside – 'I think that Jesus would have us look away from our own sense of distinctiveness or even privilege and be prepared to find and rejoice in goodness wherever it exists.' The events of recent years and months have perhaps taught something about this. We don't downplay the importance of being disciples of Jesus, but we insist that discipleship is all about costly service rather than privilege or power.

John V Taylor back in the seventies wrote a classic called The Go-between God, (I have a copy on my book shelf today) in it he wrote our first responsibility is: 'humbly watching in any situation in which we find ourselves in order to learn what God is trying to do there, and then doing it with him.'

That's our vocation.

Blessings **Martin**

St Philip's Calendar

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

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| Today | 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.

