

This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue	1.30pm	Eucharist @ 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: Linda & Fred Anchell; Fred & Erika Langman.

Those we remember: Suzanne Lewis (2/4/99); Rose Anchell (6/4/10); Beryl Day (8/4/01); Kiran Sen (8/4/90); Ken Johnson (14/4/01).

Next Sunday – Palm Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 43.16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3.3-14; John 12.20-33

Flowers: None in Lent

8am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Sidesperson: Cliff Lloyd
Liturgical Assistant: Elise Palethorpe
Readers: Shane Woodburn (1st)
Rebecca Palethorpe (2nd)

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Welcomer: Janene Broere
Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay
Music: Colin Forbes
Liturgical Assistant: *Server required please*
Readers: Ros Dalziel (1st)
Tim Gulliver (2nd)
Chalice Servers: James Kim & Doreen Sengati-Odom
Morning tea: Jan Gulliver & Beryl Blaseotto

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 7 April 2019

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10am Music

Hymns: 442 (i), 660, 474 & 462

CATRIONA BRYCE will cantor the Psalm and the congregation will sing the Response.

Sentence

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.
Psalm 126.6

Prayer of the day

O God, the Redeemer of all who trust in you: heed the cry of your people, and deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 43.16-21; Ps 126; Philippians 3.3-14; John 12.20-33

Today's Rosters

Flowers: None in Lent

8am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell;
Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Peter Wilson; Bible Readers: Vicki Luker (1st); John Girdlestone (2nd).

10am Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell; Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Nirmal Farrington; Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Laura Begbie (1st); Matt Begbie (2nd); Chalice Server: Denise Manley; Morning Tea: The Begbie Family.

Psalm 126



RESPONSE: The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced.

- 1 When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:
then were we like those restored to life.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter:
and our tongue with singing. **Resp.**
- 3 Then said they among the heathen:
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- 4 Truly the Lord has done great things for us:
and therefore we rejoiced.
- 5 Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:
as the streams return to the dry south. **Resp.**
- 6 Those who sow in tears:
shall reap with songs of joy.
- 7 They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:
shall come again in gladness, bringing their sheaves with them. **Resp.**

From the Rector

Dear friends,

Our Lenten journey is drawing to a close this week. Next Sunday we will gather with our Palms to re-enact the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem before we begin Holy Week. I hope you feel that the Lenten season has given you the opportunity to prepare for this great season.

Our Lenten Studies this year have formed part of our year of learning together. Our studies have engaged us in the great narrative of our faith and asked us to use our imaginations as we journey together. We have had the scriptures held up to us like a mirror and we have been challenged... what have we seen reflected back at us? We heard that the 'The drama of God's future must be embodied and implemented by human imagination.' We were asked to imagine a new city, one which was not dependant on commerce, power, authority, law, but one that that was dependent upon God's grace and mercy. So our learning together is not so that we can amass knowledge and then try and explain, it is so that we can fire our imaginations and then transform. All

this is to help create a vision for the future, God's future. Our calling is to continually 'imagine' God's love in our time with its own demands, distractions and issues and then embody that love.

What we are being called to do is to write ourselves into the script, the script being the gospels. In today's passage from John we are reunited with Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary. For the two girls not much has changed. Martha, we are told, served. Mary her sister stays close to Jesus anoints his feet and in an act of extraordinary intimacy dries them with her hair. It is an act of thanksgiving, Jesus has given life to her brother at what will soon be the cost of his own life. Mary shows she appreciates the cost and that she is prepared to offer something costly in return. Might we all say 'I am' Lazarus, in that Jesus left his 'safe country' to enter this world placing his life in mortal danger; to communicate, at the cost of his own life, eternal life to me. I am the friend of Jesus whom he loved, for me Jesus has wept and called me to life stripping away the bands of death. So I am able to engage in the forthcoming passion and death of Jesus with intimate personal involvement, knowing that Jesus in undergoing all this insult and suffering for the love of me and to live to me.

I hope too that in this season we, like Mary, can offer something costly in thanksgiving with our time and devotion.

Every blessing , **Martin.**

St Philip's Calendar

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

Today 7 Apr, 10am	Sunday Zone
Friday 5 Apr, 7-8.30pm	St Pip's Youth Group
Thursday 11 Apr, 11am & 7pm	Lenten Studies - prepared by Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon
Sunday 14 Apr, 11.30am	Food 4 Thought (F4T) – Lamerton Centre. <i>Topic: tba</i>
Thursday 18 Apr, 7pm	Maudy Thursday Service with footwashing, last supper and solemn stripping of the sanctuary
Friday 19 Apr - Good Friday	Children's Stations of the Cross Service
9am:	Good Friday Three-Hour service. You can quietly come and go as you need.
12noon-3pm:	Meditative Easter Offering – Beethoven's Sonata #32, Opus #111 – Colin Forbes
Saturday 20 Apr, 5pm	
Sunday 21 Apr - Easter Day	
6am	Lighting of the new fire
7am	Eucharist (<i>incense will be used at this service</i>)
8am-9.30am	Easter celebration breakfast
10am	Solemn Sung Eucharist

Key Points from April Parish Council Meeting

- Parish Council is very grateful for the parishioners who have taken on, or who will continue to serve in, valuable parish roles until the next AGM in 2020.
- Parish Council is also very grateful for the many parishioners who volunteered to be part of the summer watering program for the gardens. Parish Council will be discussing what solutions there might be for next and subsequent summers given the drying of the climate.
- We will focus on the Mission projects agreed at the AGM at the following points during the year - our local mission "Companion House", Canberra in June; our national mission "ABM project: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth Engagement" in August and our international mission "ABM project: Gender and Governance in Zambia" in October. Cliff Lloyd is the missions coordinator on Parish Council
- This year's *Spring Fling* will be held on Saturday 14 September. This event is our major fundraising and community outreach event of the year. Please put the date in your diaries.
- On maintenance, all broken windows on the lower level of both sides of the church have now been replaced; the leaking sink in the disabled toilet has been fixed and the liquidambar in the Rectory garden has been pruned.
- The time has come to check your entry for the upcoming 2019 Parish Directory. Sheets with details are available until the end of April and may be found at the rear of the church. Please check your entry and amend if necessary and, if you know of someone who is no longer coming to St Philip's, please advise the Rector or a Parish Councilor.