

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 @ Canberra Aged Care

Prayer Points

For those in need: Gail Langendorf; Linda & Fred Anchell; Peter Andersson; Pat & Colin Forbes.

Those we remember: Ellen Mahony (29/7/00); Jyo Sen (2/8/94); June McKinlay (2/8/04); Mary Reid (6/8/94); Toby Grahame (6/8/12); Michael Sawyer (8/8/14).

Next Sunday – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 15.1-6; 2.18-23; Psalm 33.13-21; Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16; Luke 12.32-40

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Sidesperson: Alison & Alistair Davidson
Liturgical Assistant: Elise Palethorpe
Readers: Alison Davidson (1st)
Alistair Davidson (2nd)

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Welcomer: Jeannette McHugh
Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay
Server: Leighton Mann
Crucifer: Zara Mann
Music: tba
Readers: Louise McKay (1st)
Fiona Dyer (2nd)
Chalice Servers: Jeannette McHugh & Tim Gulliver
Morning tea: Ann Munro & Janene Broere

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 4 August 2019

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music

Hymns: 183, 429, 474 & 666

Sentence

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Colossians 3.1

Prayer of the day

Living God, Judge of us all, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own: through your Spirit give us wisdom that our possessions may not be a curse, but a means of blessing in our lives. Grant this through 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

Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23; Ps 49.1-12; Colossians 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

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

10am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Denise Manley;
Sidespeople: Nirmal Farrington & Judith Swanson; Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Laura Begbie (1st); Noah Palethorpe (2nd); Chalice Servers: Denise Manley & Volunteer;
Morning Tea: Begbie Family.

Psalm 49.1-12

- 1 O hear this, all you peoples:
 give ear, all you inhabitants of the world,
- 2 All children of earth, offspring of Adam:
 both rich and poor alike.
- 3 For my mouth shall speak wisdom:
 and the thoughts of my heart shall be full of understanding.
- 4 I will incline my ear to a riddle:
 and unfold the mystery to the sounds of the harp.
- 5 Why should I fear in the evil days:
 when the wickedness of my deceivers surrounds me,
- 6 Though they trust to their great wealth:
 and boast of the abundance of their riches?
- 7 No one may ransom another:
 or give God a price for them,
- 8 So that they may live for ever:
 and never see the grave;
- 9 For to ransom a life is so costly:
 that it must be abandoned for ever.
- 10 For we see that the wise die:
 and perish with the foolish and the ignorant, leaving their wealth to others.
- 11 The tomb is their home for ever, their dwelling-place throughout all generations:
 though they called estates after their own names.
- 12 The rich without understanding:
 are like the beasts that perish.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

I have recently enjoyed a brief seminar on ethics in ministry. It was from the perspective of military chaplaincy and included providing ethical advice to commanders but nonetheless it provided interesting discussion on the particular Christian take on ethical decision-making. For military folk quite often ethics is utilitarian in nature: 'what is my mission and how can I achieve it with the minimal amount of harm.' Or perhaps for some it is a matter of duties or rules. We can find both these ethical standards applied in Christian living. The Church has throughout history been renowned for burdening folk with rules or being totally focussed on the goal of 'the life to come' at the detriment of this world. There must be another way.

What we read today in the passage from Paul's letter to the Colossians (3:1-11) is one of Paul's most ordered ethical passages. What Paul is telling the Colossians in today's reading is that they must strive to develop, in the present,

the character which will truly anticipate the life of the coming age. It's not all about what we do, but what we are and what we are striving to become. Jesus today in the passage of the rich fool from Luke warns against amassing wealth, not because it is wicked in itself but because of what it makes us become. It turns our attention away from the God who is the source of all good and in whose image we seek to be remade, to be what we are! The foundation of all this is prayer, which we touched on last week; prayer changes us, not God.

Thinking of prayer during this past week I found a poem by RS Thomas, one of my favourite poets, called The Moon in Lleyn. It starts rather gloomily, typically Thomas, but just as he despairs about prayer being heard we get this verse, which I love!

*But a voice sounds
in my ear. Why so fast,
mortal? These very seas
are baptized. The parish
has a saint's name time cannot
unfrock. In cities that
have outgrown their promise people
are becoming pilgrims
again, if not to this place,
then to the recreation of it
in their own spirits. You must remain
kneeling. Even as this moon
making its way through the earth's
cumbersome shadow, prayer, too,
has its phases.*

The 'Spring Fling' will be upon us soon enough! It has over the years been a wonderful occasion for music, hospitality and community. Any help you are able to offer will be much appreciated. Once again Leighton is taking a lead in planning and organising, have a chat with him if you have any bright ideas to make this year's 'Fling' one to remember!

Blessings, **Martin**.

St Philip's Calendar - <http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

Today 4 Aug, 10am

Wed'day 7 Aug, 7-9pm

Friday 9 Aug, 7 – 8.30pm

Sunday 11 August, 11.30

Discussion & shared light lunch by donation. Everyone welcome.

Friday 23 Aug, 7 – 8.30pm

Friday 30 Aug, 5 – 7pm

& Anniversaries'

Sunday Zone

Parish Council Meeting

St Philip's Youth Group

Food 4 Thought – LC Meeting Room

Discussion & shared light lunch by donation. Everyone welcome.

St Philip's Youth Group

Happy Hour – Theme 'Significant Birthdays

& Anniversaries'



**St Philip's O'Connor parish has pledged \$1,500 in
2019**

The Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Youth Engagement project is run by the Anglican Board of Mission which is the national mission agency of the Anglican Church of Australia.

This project works with youth from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds and strives to fund Church initiatives to engage these youth and give them opportunities to flourish.

Indigenous people are 13 times more likely to go to prison than those who are non-Indigenous. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners account for 27% of the total Australian prison population. This project helps prevent children and youth from being brought into the prison system.

Your financial support for the Anglican Board of Mission will be used for projects across Australia to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth. This includes increasing opportunities for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to engage more with church activities and mission.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.