

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: Marjorie Wright (19/3/02); Noel Barratt (20/3/99); John Dimmick (22/3/71); Patrick Bannerman (23/3/94); Ethel McInnes (24/3/16); Betty Heaton (24/3/17); Allan Pound (28/3/93); David Linaker (29/3/96).

Next Sunday – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Readings: Joshua 5.2-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5.16-21; Luke 15.11-32

Flowers: None in Lent

8am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Sidesperson: Nirmal Farrington
Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson
Readers: Margaret McCaskie (1st)
Russell McCaskie (2nd)

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Welcomer: Jeannette McHugh
Sidespeople: Leighton Mann & Volunteer
Music: Colin Forbes
Liturgical Assistant: Tim Gulliver
Readers: Louise McKay (1st)
Pat Forbes (2nd)
Chalice Servers: James Kim & Jeannette McHugh
Morning tea: Denise Manley & 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 24 March 2019

Third Sunday in Lent

10am Music

Hymns: 102, 597, 516 (t411) & 545

DENISE MANLEY will cantor the Psalm and the congregation will sing the Response.

Sentence

'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts,' says the Lord. Isaiah 55.9

Prayer of the day

O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ: stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with joy the wonder of your love. 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

Isaiah 55.1-9; Ps 63.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.31-35

Today's Rosters

Flowers: None in Lent

8am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn
Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Readers: Shane Woodburn (1st); Joseph Lloyd (2nd).

10am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Richard Griffiths; Sidespeople: Leighton Mann & Volunteer; Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Peter Lisacek (1st);

Richard Griffiths (2nd); Chalice Servers: James Kim & Doreen Sengati-Odom; Morning Tea: Doreen Sengati-Odom & Rosemary Knight.

Psalm 63.1-9



RESPONSE: My soul is a-thirst for you as in a dry and thirsty land.

- 1 O God, you are my God:
eagerly will I seek you.
- 2 My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you:
as a dry and thirsty land where no water is.
- 3 So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary:
and saw your power and your glory. **Resp.**
- 4 For your unchanging goodness is better than life:
therefore my lips shall praise you.
- 5 And so I will bless you as long as I live:
and in your name will I lift my hands on high.
- 6 My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness:
my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips. **Resp.**
- 7 When I remember you upon my bed:
when I meditate upon you in the night watches,
- 8 How you have been my helper:
then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings,
- 9 Then my soul clings to you:
and your right hand upholds me. **Resp.**

From the Rector

Dear friends,

The events of Christchurch are a dreadful reminder to us, as if we need one, of the prevalence of extremism in all its manifestations. Extremists of many different stripes seem to evoke some form of deity. The problem is it is a very strange God indeed as Rowan Williams once put it “For the person who resorts to random killing in order to promote the honour of God, it is clear that God is not to be trusted. God is too weak to look after his own honour and we are the strong ones who must step in to help him. Such is the underlying blasphemy at work.” The problem is not that there is too much religion, as so many folk claim, but there is not enough. As Jonathan Swift of ‘Gulliver’s Travels’ fame wrote “We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another.”

During the week we celebrated the life and death of Thomas Cranmer – Archbishop of Canterbury during the turbulent reigns of Henry VIII and Edward VI. Cranmer the

architect of the Book of Common Prayer and one of the founding fathers of Anglicanism was put on trial for Treason and Heresy. He fell afoul of both political and religious extremes and was executed for it in 1556. Cranmer was caught up in the Humanist learning of his day and many wonder today if this thinking went some way to creating some of the issues we face in our time.

We don’t speak much about heresy today, it is not fashionable! But clearly heresy abounds and perhaps the issue at hand is something equally unfashionable – truth. I was reading something by Leslie Newbiggin during the week. He was a Bishop, a great writer, ecumenist, missionary and scholar. He wrote: The relativism which is not willing to speak about truth but only about ‘what is true for me’ is an evasion of the serious business of living. It is the mark of a tragic loss of nerve on our contemporary culture. It is a preliminary symptom of death. This is the heresy that says ‘it’s all about me.’

The heresy of individualism as Thomas Merton wrote is: ‘thinking oneself a completely self-sufficient unit and asserting this imaginary ‘unit’ against all others. The affirmation of the self as simply not the other.’

The true way is just the opposite: the more I am able to affirm others, to say “yes” to them in myself, by discovering them in myself in them, the more real I am. I am fully real if my own heart says yes to everyone.

The modern extremists may often claim to be acting on behalf of a god, but more often than not, it is all about them. Which is why we pray for them as well as the victims of their awful deeds.

Blessings

Martin



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

Today 17 Mar, 11.20-11.40 **Training for Sidespeople**

Thursday 28 Mar, 11am & 7pm **Lenten Studies** - prepared by Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

Friday 29 Mar, 5 - 7pm **Happy Hour** - Lamerton Centre
Theme: Seafood (for Lent!)

Saturday 30 Mar, 9-11am **Working Bee** - clean up for Easter

Sunday 31 Mar, 11.20-11.40 **Training for Communion Servers**

Wed'day 3 Apr, 7-9pm **Parish Council Meeting**

Thursday 4 Apr, 11am & 7pm **Lenten Studies**

Sunday 7 Apr, 10am **Sunday Zone**

Friday 5 Apr, 7-8.30pm **St Pip's Youth Group**

Thursday 11 Apr, 11am & 7pm **Lenten Studies**

Sunday 14 Apr 11.30am **Food 4 Thought (F4T)** - Lamerton Centre
Topic: tba

Thursday 18 Apr- 7pm **Maundy Thursday Service** with
Footwashing, last supper and solemn stripping of the sanctuary

Friday 19 Apr **Good Friday**

9am: Children's Stations of the Cross Service

12noon-3pm: **Good Friday Three-Hour service.**
You can quietly come and go as you need.

Saturday 20 Apr 5pm **Easter Eve - Easter Offering**
Beethoven's Spnata #32, Opus 111 - Colin Forbes

Sunday 21 Apr **Easter Day**

6am Lighting of the new fire

7am **Eucharist**
(incense will be used at this service)

8am-9.30am Easter celebration breakfast

10am Solemn Sung Eucharist

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**Recital Series #1 - 6 Apr 2019 @ 3.30pm** at  
St Philip's. Tickets available at the door.