

This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue	1.30pm	Eucharist @ Leslie Morshead Manor – Not while Martin is on leave.
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: Peter Andersson; Pat & Colin Forbes; Linda & Fred Anchell; Fred & Erika Langman.

Those we remember: Violet Pocknall (8/5/84); Margaret Wicks (8/5/15).

Next Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 11.1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21.1-6;
John 13.31-35

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell
Sidesperson: Vicki Luker
Liturgical Assistant: Elise Palethorpe
Readers: Shane Woodburn (1st)
Vicki Luker (2nd)

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell
Welcomer: Janene Broere
Sidespeople: Anne Mahone & Brian McKinlay
Music: Colin Forbes
Liturgical Assistant: Peter Wilson
Readers: Fiona Dyer (1st)
Fred Anchell (2nd)
Chalice Servers: James Kim & Volunteer
Morning tea: Beryl Blaseotto & Doreen Sengati-Odom

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 12 May 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10am Music

Hymns: 125, 224, 497 & 215

Sentence

The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
Revelation 7.17

Prayer of the day

Gracious God, you sent Jesus, the good shepherd, to gather us together: may we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Acts 9.36-43; Ps 23; Revelation 7.9-17; John 10.22-30

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Sidesperson: Nirmal Farrington; Liturgical Assistant: Elise Palethorpe; Bible Readers: Alistair Davidson (1st); Alison Davidson (2nd).

10am Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Welcomer: Richard Griffiths; Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay; Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty; Crucifer: Zara Mann; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: David Tucharke (1st); Denise Manley (2nd); Chalice Servers: James Kim & Doreen Odom; Morning Tea: Volunteers.

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.
- 3 He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

From the Rector

Dear friends,

During this period celebrating the meaning of Easter we sometimes read passages from the Book of Revelation. It is worthy of remark because it occurs rarely and also because the work itself has been the source of division and misunderstanding as well as severe criticism.

I want to share with you a sliver of such criticism, and appreciation.

Liberation theology discerns "God's project in history" in the book. It offers hope and stimulated resistance. The discourse of pictures and symbolic narrative taps the well of human response in those whose experience of struggle, persecution, and death has taught them what it means to wash their robes in the blood of the Lamb. The book challenges the ideology of economic and social power by unmasking the principalities and powers.

Elizabeth Schussler Fiorenza summarises: "Revelation will elicit a fitting response only in those socio-political situations that cry out for justice. When Christian groups are excluded from political power, Revelation's language ... stands against unjust authority and champions the oppressed and disenfranchised." However she warns, "Whenever Christians join the power structures of their society and seek to stabilise, the same rhetorical world of vision serves to sacralise the dominant authorities and preach against their enemies."

On the other hand D.H.Lawrence thought it a work vitiated with a mean spirit of revengeful and self glorifying Christianity contrasting with the tender religion of Jesus.

Richard Bauckham in an essay entitled 'Ecological hope in crisis' suggests, "From the infinite riches of God's future for the world we must draw those that can be transformative for our time. That way we can reenvision the world in the light of hope. That is what happened when John the prophet, in the book of Revelation,

was taken up into heaven in order to see how the critical moment of history in which his first readers were living looked from God's perspective - from the perspective of God's purpose to actualize his kingdom on earth as it already is in heaven. John had to be abstracted in vision from the world of the beast, the world as projected by the imperial propaganda, in order, not simply to see the future goal of God's purposes, but also to see how that goal shed light on the present, how God's people there and then were to live toward the coming kingdom of God and the coming renewal of all creation."

And so much more.

Colin Dundon

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

Today	12 May, 11.30	Food 4 Thought – LC Meeting Room
<i>Discussion & shared light lunch by donation. Everyone welcome.</i>		
Friday	24 May, 5 – 7pm	Happy Hour – Aussies (Reconciliation Day)
Friday	24 May, 7pm	Adults' Vocal Concert – St Philip's. Cost: \$
Friday	31 May 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Sunday	2 June, 10am	Sunday Zone
Wed'day	5 June, 7-9pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sunday	9 June,	Pentecost
Friday	14 June, 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Sunday	16 June,	Trinity Sunday

KEY POINTS FROM MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- A 2019 Governance Notice has been placed on the noticeboard setting out the points of contact/liason responsibilities of Parish Councillors for particular aspects of Parish life. These designations are intended to facilitate contact if you have a matter which you wish to raise with Parish Council.
- As discussed at the AGM, Parish Council are looking to develop a Sustainable Stewardship Package with the four spokes of buildings and grounds, water and energy management. Any ideas or suggestions parishioners have towards our approach to this package would be gratefully received by email to comeandsee@stphilipsoconnor.org.au or through discussion with any of our parish council members.
- There will be an end of autumn Working Bee held on Saturday 22 June from 9-11am.

100 Voices for 100 years BCA! This fund-raising event will be held at St John's Church Hall, Reid on 18 May 2019 from 2 to about 5 pm. Singers from various churches and choirs from Canberra and Yass will participate. We are singing some great old hymns that everyone can sing along. Tickets are now available for \$5 (and \$10 for a family). Please contact David Kennemore (your BCA rep) or Maneerat at maneerat49@gmail.com for tickets. Afternoon tea is provided. For catering purposes, please respond by May 9, 0450 044 307 – Blessings, Maneerat. **Tickets also available from Denise Manley.**