

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	Morning Prayer 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: Winifred Vollmer (20/5/99); Charlotte Joseph (24/5/02).

Next Sunday – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 16.9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21.10-14, 21.22-22.5;
John 14.23-29

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon
Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn
Liturgical Assistant: tba
Readers: Joseph Lloyd (1st)
Dominic Lloyd (2nd)

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon
Welcomer: Ros Dalziell
Sidespeople: Janene Broere & Judith Swanson
Music: Colin Forbes
Liturgical Assistant: Tim Gulliver
Readers: Jeanette Dundon-Tunks (1st)
Kerry-Anne Cousins (2nd)
Chalice Servers: James Kim & Hardy Palethorpe
Morning tea: Helen Palethorpe & Rosemary Knight

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 19 May 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10am Music

Hymns: 387 (t 654), 699, 535 & 217(i)

Sentence

'I give you a new commandment,' says the Lord, 'that you love one another. As I have loved you, you should love one another.' John 13.34

Prayer of the day

We behold your glory, O God, in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high: be glorified anew in the love we have for one another as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Acts 11.1-18; Ps 148; Revelation 21.1-6; John 13.31-35

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

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

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

Psalm 148

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:
O praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all his angels:
O praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon:
praise him, all you stars of light.
- 4 Praise him, you highest heaven:
and you waters that are above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for he commanded and they were made.
- 6 He established them for ever and ever:
he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.
- 7 O praise the Lord from the earth:
praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, mist and snow:
and storm-wind fulfilling his command;
- 9 Mountains and all hills:
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples:
princes, and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens:
old folk and children together.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for his name alone is exalted.
- 14 His glory is above earth and heaven:
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.
- 15 Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:
of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

From Canon Scott

Today's readings are about God overcoming human divisions, and hence highly fitting on the morning after a federal election (!).

The heavenly Jerusalem in our Revelations reading is an image of God's new creation, in which all exclusionary boundaries broken. We see a new heaven and a new earth—that's one existing division overcome, between heaven (where God is) and earth (where we are). Instead, God's home will be with human beings. And God will overcome death, which remains a major divide between us and those we love, wiping away every tear. We're even told that the sea will be no more—the sea that spells chaos in the Old Testament, but also the sea that separates places and communities and races from one another. God's new creation, in other words, is one in which no insurmountable barriers divide the human family.

The overcoming of barriers is also all over our Acts reading. Peter reflects on his dream of clean and unclean animals (which he interpreted as a call from God to extend the hand of Christian fellowship across the barrier of religious purity, from Jews to gentiles) and how Cornelius, the Centurion, the quintessential outsider to Jewish faith, was seized-upon by God's Spirit, with his whole household (and of course Peter was as gobsmacked as Cornelius by the whole affair).

This is the context for today's Gospel teaching about Christians loving one another, which is presented as a theological reality, not a sociological one. The content of Christian behaviour isn't about our best efforts at trying to be nice, but about God's best efforts for us and among us in Jesus Christ. That's what all the strange talk at the start of today's Gospel is about. Jesus is soon to be betrayed, the power of night is at its height, and yet he can say that this is the hour of his glorification, revealing his true being as the unique one from God. Further, we hear that God is being glorified in Jesus. That is: God is revealed in the coming cross of Jesus as the God who loves us, who shares our burdens, who overcomes sin in us and among us through God's own sacrificial investment in the human story. But today's Gospel then goes on to make a further statement: that God will, as a result, glorify Jesus in himself, and glorify him at once. That is, the God revealed and glorified in Jesus' suffering love will in turn glorify Jesus, raising him from the dead, taking him up into God's own life and pouring out God's Spirit on the community that gathers in Jesus' name.

The command to love one another in today's Gospel, then, is really quite remarkable, and quite unconventional. There's more to it than meets the eye. It's no less than being caught up in the love between God the Father and Jesus, making us a public sign of God's private life of love within the Holy Trinity.

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

Mon – Thu 20-23 May
Friday 24 May, 5 – 7pm
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Thursday 30 May
Friday 31 May 7 – 8.30pm

Clergy Conference - Narooma
Happy Hour –Aussies (Reconciliation Day)
Adults' Vocal Concert – St Philip's.
Cost: \$25

Susan & Martin return
St Philip's Youth Group

JUNE IS LOCAL MISSION MONTH – Companion House – Envelopes for your giving will be available.

Sunday 2 June, 10am

Wed'day 5 June, 7-9pm

Fri 7 Jun-Mon 10 Jun – Braidwood Book Fair – see poster in foyer.

Sunday 9 June,

Today 9 June, 11.30

Discussion & shared light lunch by donation. Everyone welcome.

Friday 14 June, 7 – 8.30pm

Sunday 16 June,

Saturday 22 June, 9-11.30am

Sunday Zone

Parish Council Meeting

Pentecost

Food 4 Thought – LC Meeting Room

St Philip's Youth Group

Trinity Sunday

End of Autumn Working Bee