

## This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue	1.30pm	Sir Leslie Morshead Manor
Tue – Fri	8am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	10am	Eucharist & 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: Roger Sharp, Ros Dalziell, Rebecca Palethorpe.

Those we remember: Alison Done (10/2/53).

### Next Sunday - Transfiguration

**Readings:** Exodus 24.12-18, 9-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9

Flowers: The Flower Team

**8am:** Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson  
Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn  
Liturgical Assistant:  
Readers: Shane Woodburn (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Shane Woodburn (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**10am:** Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson  
Welcomer: Jeannette McHugh  
Sidespeople: Janene Broere & Helper  
Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty  
Music: Colin Forbes  
Readers: Rosemary Knight (1st)  
Tim Gulliver (2nd)  
Chalice Servers: Jeannette McHugh & Hardy Palethorpe  
Morning tea: Helen Palethorpe & Rosemary Knight

*Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to [pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au](mailto:pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au) or 0414 309 469*

**EFTPOS available in the foyer to assist with your giving.**



# St Philip's Come & See

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## Sunday 16 February 2020

### Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

#### 10am Music

**Hymns: 477, 87, 454 & 630**

#### Sentence

*Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.*  
Psalm 119.1

#### Prayer of the day

*Almighty God, you gave the law to guide our lives: grant that we may never shrink from your commandments, but, as we are taught by your Spirit, may fulfil your law in perfect love; through Christ our Lord and Master, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.*

#### Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 10.12-22; Psalm 119.1-8; 1 Corinthians 3.1-9;  
Matthew 5.21-37.

#### Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team.

**8am** Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell; Sidesperson: Lloyd Family; Liturgical Assistant: Lisa Carley; Bible Readers: Dominic Lloyd (1<sup>st</sup>); Joseph (2<sup>nd</sup>).

*~ Followed by toast & coffee in the Lamerton Centre ~ all welcome*

**10am** Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell; Welcomer: Judith Swanson; Sidespeople: James Kim & Brian McKinlay; Liturgical Assistant: Peter Wilson; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Richard Griffiths (1<sup>st</sup>), Ann Munro (2<sup>nd</sup>); Chalice Servers: Rev'd Martin & James Kim; Morning Tea: Janene Broere & Ann Munro.

## Psalm 119.1-8

- 1 Blessed are those whose way is blameless:  
    who walk in the law of the Lord.
- 2 Blessed are those who keep his commands:  
    and seek him with their whole heart;
- 3 Those who do no wrong:  
    but walk in the ways of our God.
- 4 For you, Lord, have commanded us:  
    to persevere in all your precepts.
- 5 If only my ways were unerring:  
    towards the keeping of your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be ashamed:  
    when I looked on all your commandments.
- 7 I will praise you with sincerity of heart:  
    as I learn your righteous judgements.
- 8 I will keep your statutes:  
    O forsake me not utterly.

## Parochial Thoughts From Canon Scott

With our Parish AGM coming up next Sunday, I offer a few thoughts on what being an Anglican parish means. It's in our parishes that we have the opportunity to experience Christian life together under the guiding star of Christ's incarnation. God in Christ blesses our world by abiding in it, experiencing its joy and sadness from within, knowing habit and discipline, laughter and conflict, all testifying to God's patient investment. Here we have the earthly city opening its heart and mind to the heavenly city, and the heavenly city drawing near to the earthly city. Here, in a global world of fast-moving winners and slow-moving losers, we celebrate the local, with a range of people we might not normally encounter.

Such an approach to Christian life and fellowship once came far more naturally than it does for us in the third Christian millennium. In the first millennium, being Christian was a far more integral reality. Our faith, our life and our worship were woven together in ways that seem very foreign today. Christ's body was not divided. Christ himself was present in his body the Church, and present in his body and blood on the church's altar—one Christ, one integral body. And that integral abiding manifested itself in the geographical diocese with its parish system, as a Roman Empire of administrative provinces and jurisdictions was matched by a Church of dioceses and parishes. If no place or person was meant to evade the imperium, so no place or person could evade God's grace.

The Anglican version of traditional Catholic parish polity emphasized this local belonging of Christians even more. We were not a confessing Church like the key Continental protestant movements (Lutheran, Calvinist, Baptist). We were the traditional Church of the English people that had undergone some key reforms, yielding a result that was quite distinctive.

The identity of this Catholic-but-Reformed Church of England was found in the way it lived and prayed together locally, with a form of life shared by the laity and their newly-married clergy, and with an official book of common prayer designed to keep a range of doctrinal perspectives all together in the one tent. It was not an ideological version of Church. Central to the Elizabethan Settlement of 1559 was the Queen's refusal, as she put it, to make a window into men's souls. Instead, if we could pray and live together, that was a sufficiently defining mark of our Christian commitment.

The twentieth-century theologian and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote that "He who loves his dream of a community more than the Christian community itself becomes a destroyer of the latter, even though his personal intentions may be ever so honest and earnest and sacrificial." The Anglican parochial system at its best is faithful to this prophetic challenge, in which the actual Church is what matters and not anyone's preferred ideological version of the Church—a warning that Evangelicals and Anglo-Catholics at their best have always respected.

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

<b>Sunday</b> 23 Feb, 11.15am	<b>St Philip's AGM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 25 Feb, 5-7pm	<b>Shrove Tuesday</b> - Pancake Dinner
<b>Wed'day</b> 26 Feb, 10am	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> with Imposition of Ashes
<b>Thursday</b> 27 Feb, 11am or 7pm	<b>Lenten Studies</b>
<b>Friday</b> 28 Feb, 5 – 7pm <i>Theme: Multicultural Festival All Welcome</i>	<b>Happy Hour</b> – Lamerton Centre
<b>Wed'day</b> 4 Mar, 7-9pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>
<b>Friday</b> 6 Mar, 7 – 8.30pm	<b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 8 Mar, 12.00	<b>Food4Thought</b> – Lamerton Centre
<b>Thursday</b> 12 Mar, 11am 7& 7pm	<b>Lenten Study</b> – Lamerton Centre
<b>Saturday</b> 14 Mar, 9am – 1pm	<b>Autumn Market</b>
<b>Friday</b> 20 Mar, 7 - 8.30pm	<b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>

The diocese is conducting Safe Ministry training in Canberra on 14-15 March. Further details are available from Roger Sharp. If you need to update your training, please see him.