

Prayer Points

For those in need:

Roger Sharp, Ros Dalziell and all affected by the bushfires and storm

Those we remember: Jean Pound (26/1/14); Clare Baker (30/1/03);

Jean Cousins (31/1/87); Stanley Morton (31/1/99); Doug Hobson (1/2/69)

Dear Friends, The Australian Day weekend marks the end of the holidays for many, the academic year begins and thoughts turn to the year ahead. For us here are St Philip's our Annual General Meeting will soon be upon us – Sunday 23rd February. Once again this year we are seeking out folk who are prepared to serve the parish in various ways. We need to appoint three new Parish nominators who would be involved in the selection and appointment of a new incumbent – should that be required. A new session of Diocesan Synod begins this year, so we need to elect three Synod representatives and three alternatives and of course we need to appoint a Parish Council and two Churchwardens as we do every year.

Please give this some thought. If you would like to take on a role, but would like to know more about it, come and see me or chat to someone who is already involved. There are many challenges ahead for the Australian Church as it seeks a new primate to chair the General Synod which meets in the Autumn. No doubt these challenges will be reflected at our own Diocesan Synod and it is important that we are represented. There are of course many other roles within the life of the parish that you may wish to become involved in, please let me know if there is something that you would like to contribute to.

Australia Day remains a contentious day for some within our community. I was reminded during the week of an essay by Fr Brennan who wrote 'I hear the Aboriginal cry for reconciliation and justice across the cultural divide as a reminder you mightn't be one of us, but you won't be free until we are.' We continue to pray for freedom for all. Blessings, Martin

Psalm 27.1-10

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?:
the Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, come upon me to
devour me: they shall stumble and fall.
- 3 If an army encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid:
and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.
- 4 One thing I have asked from the Lord, which I will require:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
5 To see the fair beauty of the Lord: and to seek his will in his temple.
- 6 For he will hide me under his shelter in the day of trouble:
and conceal me in the shadow of his tent, and set me high upon a rock.
- 7 And now he will lift up my head: above my enemies round about me.
- 8 And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary with exultation:
I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.
- 9 O Lord, hear my voice when I cry: have mercy upon me and answer me.
- 10 My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face': your face, Lord, I will seek.

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Third Sunday After Epiphany

Hymns 631 (t.153), 440, 524, 672(ii)

Sentence

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.
Matthew 4.23

Prayer of the day

Loving God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the hearts that service you: help us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may faithfully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 9.1-4; Psalm 27.1-10; 1 Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-25

Today's Rosters

- 8am Presiding & Preaching: The Rev'd Martin Johnson
Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn Reader: Shane Woodburn
~ followed by toast and coffee in the Lamerton Centre ~ all welcome
- 10am Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay Welcomer: Richard Griffiths
Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty Music: Colin Forbes
Readers: Richard Griffiths (1st), Louise McKay (2nd)
Chalice: Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver

St Philip's Calendar

<http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

Sunday	2 Feb		Candlemas/10am Family Service
			AGM reports due – email to the Rector
Sunday	23 Feb	11.15am	St Philip's AGM in the Lamerton Centre
Wed	26 Feb		Ash Wednesday