

This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue – Fri	8am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday	1.30pm	Sir Leslie Morshead Manor
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: Howard Done (25/02/87)

Flowers @ St Philip's

Lent is a time to prepare for Easter and it is also when we have a break from displaying flowers in the Sanctuary and in church generally. If you wish to contribute to the Easter flowers at St Philip's you will find envelopes in the Narthex which can be placed in the offertory bag. Thank you for your donation.

Next Sunday – Second Sunday in Lent

Readings: Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3.1-17

8am:	Presiding & Preaching:	Rev'd Martin Johnson
	Sidesperson:	Alison & Alistair Davidson
	Liturgical Assistant:	Elise Palethorpe
	Readers:	Alistair Davidson (1 st) Alison Davidson (2 nd)
10am:	Presiding & Preaching:	Rev'd Martin Johnson
	Welcomer:	Denise Manley
	Sidespeople:	Kerry-Anne Cousins & Judith Swanson
	Liturgical Assistant:	Peter Wilson
	Music:	Colin Forbes
	Readers:	Ann Munro (1 st) Ashton Robinson (2 nd)
	Chalice Servers:	Denise Manley & Leighton Mann
	Morning tea:	Ann Munro & Beryl Blaseotto

Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au or 0414 309 469

FTPOS available in the foyer to assist with your giving.



St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 1 March 2020

First Sunday in Lent

10am Music

Hymns: 461, 691, 675, 591

Sentence

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Matthew 4.4

Prayer of the day

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin: give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your will, that, as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5.12-12; Matthew 4.1-11

Today's Rosters

- 8am** Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell; Sidespeople: Margaret & Russell McCaskie; Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Martin; Readers: Margaret & Russell McCaskie
~ Followed by toast & coffee in the Lamerton Centre ~ all welcome
- 10am** Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell; Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Nirmal Farrington; Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks; Music: Colin Forbes; Readers: Joseph & Dominic Lloyd; Chalice Servers: Denise Manley & Doreen Sengati-Odom; Morning Tea: Stephen Palethorpe & Family

Psalm 32

- 1 Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven:
whose iniquity is put away.
- 2 Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame:
and in whose spirit there is no guile.
- 3 For whilst I held my tongue:
my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.
- 4 Your hand was heavy upon me day and night:
and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you:
and my iniquity I did not hide;
- 6 I said `I will confess my transgressions to the Lord':
and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.
- 7 For this cause shall everyone that is faithful make their prayer to you in
the day of trouble:
and in the time of the great water-flood, it shall not come near them.
- 8 You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble:
you will surround me with deliverance on every side.
- 9 `I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go:
I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.
- 10 `Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding:
whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'
- 11 Great tribulations remain for the ungodly:
but whoever puts their trust in the Lord, mercy embraces them on
every side.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad:
and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.

From the Rector

Dear Friends

Thank you to all those who came along to last Sunday's Annual General meeting. Thanks are due to all those who were nominated to various roles in the Parish. We are blessed in this parish and I am very grateful. In the coming weeks we will finalise the nominations of the new Synod Representatives and Supplementaries and bring the names forward for ratification.

It is perhaps significant that we hold our meeting on the cusp of Lent. The meeting raised issues important in the life of the parish as we strive together to live out our mission to 'Come and See.' Lent is a time when we should ask ourselves what is it that people see when they come among us? At Youth Group in recent times we have been considering the writings of CS Lewis. Whilst he wrote some time ago and it is true his thinking can appear a little dated the Narnia stories have captured

imaginings, particularly since they were made into films. Lewis wrote about images of God, the comfortable ones and the truthful ones. He once wrote that he didn't believe God existed but at the same time he was angry with God for not existing, very odd! The God that he was angry with was the God who would solve all his problems, do what he wanted him to do and wouldn't complicate matters by having his own ideas and purpose. The Narnia series of books take us on a journey a movement of understanding God. We are called to move from an understanding of God as a kind of 'Fairy Godmother' to a God who challenges us, threatens us even. Lewis, after all, chose to give God the form of a lion; this is a very real God, a God outside our comfort zone. This is a God of surprises, as one author put it.

The devil tempts Jesus in the wilderness, but the things that he tempts Jesus with are not reality; they are mere distractions, they are far from the truth. God becomes involved in the reality of our lives, the earthy, the challenging, the difficult; we need only to look at the gospels to see that. This God is the God who goes to the cross and asks us to follow. When people 'Come and See' it is my hope they find a community striving to be Christ-like and in doing so is reconciling people to a God who is different, challenging and finding in that God joy – not the joy we might expect for ourselves, but a joy that is exhilarating, exciting, and stretching. This is the God we seek in our Lenten pilgrimage.

This week we will begin our Lenten Studies: Where do we go from here? The study is based around the Book of Acts which describes the mission of this new movement – the Church, in the light of the resurrection. We will gather following the Eucharist at 10.00am and again at 7.00pm. I hope many of you will be able to come along. There are still some study guides available in the foyer which you can use at home if you are unable to come along on Thursdays.

Blessings for this joyful season, Martin

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

Wednesday	4 Mar, 7-9pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	5 Mar, 11am & 7pm	Lenten Studies
Sunday	8 Mar, 12.00	Food4Thought – Lamerton Centre
Thursday	12 Mar, 11am & 7pm	Lenten Study – Lamerton Centre
Saturday	14 Mar, 9am – 1pm	Autumn Market – See separate notice
Thursday	19 Mar, 11am & 7pm	Lenten Study – Lamerton Centre
Friday	20 Mar, 7 - 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Thursday	26 Mar, 11am & 7pm	Lenten Study – Lamerton Centre
Friday	27 Mar, 5 – 7pm	Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre <i>Theme: Seafood (Lent) All Welcome</i>