

## This coming week @ St Philip's

Monday		St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre - including Lunch
Tue – Fri	8am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	10am	Eucharist and Morning Tea - Lamerton Centre
Friday	10am - 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions - OPEN
Saturday	10am – 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions - OPEN
	10.30am	Eucharist @ Kankinya

## Prayer Points

For those in need: Kenny Sheppard, James Kim, Ken Smith; Rosemary Lohmann; Chris Hudlass;

Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.

Those we remember: Peter Blaseotto (10/12/03).

**Roof restoration work on the Rectory, will commence at the end of this week. The Church building and the Kindergarten will be started the following week and will take at least a week. During this time there will be limited carpark and toilet access at times. Please speak to a Parish Councillor for more information if needed.**

## Next Sunday – Second Sunday in Advent

**Readings:** Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3.8-15a;  
Mark 1.1-8

**Presiding & Preaching:** The Rev'd Martin Johnson

**8am:** Sidesperson: Vicki Luker  
Readers: Joseph & Dominic Lloyd

### 10am: Family Service

Welcomer: Davidson Family  
Sidespeople: Alison & Alistair Davidson  
Music: Colin Forbes  
Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Linda Anchell  
Crucifer: Leighton Mann  
Readers: Louise McKay (OT)  
Denise Manley (NT)  
Chalice Servers: Doreen Odom & James Kim  
Morning tea: Candace & Kenny Sheppard

*Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to [pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au](mailto:pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au) or 0414 309469*



# St Philip's Come & See

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## Sunday 3 December 2017

### First Sunday in Advent

10am Music Hymns: 183, 289, 339, 262 & 283

**During Communion: 'But who may abide the day of His coming?' from *Messiah* – GF Handel, sung by Tanuja Doss**

### Sentence

'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.'

Mark 13.31

### Prayer of the day

*Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths: renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love; to whom be glory for ever. Amen.*

### Today's Readings

Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; Mark 13.24-37

### Today's Rosters

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson

**8am** Sidesperson & Reader: John Girdlestone;

**10am** Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Roger Sharp; Music: Colin Forbes;  
Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks; Readers: Children; Chalice Servers:  
Tim Gulliver & Denise Manley; Morning tea: Rebecca Palethorpe & family

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

## Psalm: 80.1-7, 17-19

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock:  
you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory;
- 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:  
stir up your power, and come to save us.
- 3 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:  
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts:  
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears:  
and given them tears to drink in good measure.
- 6 You have made us the victim of our neighbours:  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:  
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 17 Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:  
on that son of man whom you made so strong for yourself.
- 18 And so we shall not turn back from you:  
give us life, and we will call upon your name.
- 19 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:  
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## From the Rector

Dear Friends

Welcome to the New Year! This is year B which means that we will be hearing from Mark's gospel throughout the year. Mark's account is the bedrock of the gospel tradition, it is a book about change! A book about how the world came to look different under new management! But this book is no biography, it is not just about what happened in the past, this is a book about how a person's life changes ours..... now!

*Ours is the crowning era foretold in prophecy:  
Born of Time, a great new cycle of centuries  
Begins. Justice returns to earth, the Golden Age  
Returns, and its first-born comes down from heaven above . .  
Look . . . upon this infant's birth,  
For with him shall hearts of iron cease, and hearts of gold inherit the  
whole earth . . .*

If like me you are sometimes tempted to wish that Christmas would be over and done with, if you have already heard too many carols in Coles I found this quote. It's not in scripture but in the classical Latin poet Virgil. Some of you will recognise a similarity to a few lines of the carol 'It

Came upon the Midnight Clear', whose writer was more familiar with Virgil than most of those who have subsequently sung that carol. However we can't avoid Christmas, we can't, and neither should we. But we need to ensure that we keep it well, and we do that by having a good Advent. It is the season in which we express our hope. Among the claims of the Christian faith is the statement that Jesus is the Hope of the World, and it is towards this, embodied at Christmas, that our Advent reflections should point us. We make this claim believing it to be true. But there are different ways in which we can express this, different courses of action and different attitudes towards others that can be followed, depending on how we see this hope; the hope we say is 'the hope of the world' for all, not just for us.

One way is to make all others like us, in our image: at worst, to create a religious uniformity; and both Christian and Moslems in particular have been guilty of trying to do this, in what at times have been ugly ways, with ugly results. We can see this is the Middle East today.

But there is another possibility: when we affirm that Jesus is the hope of the world, this might invite us to recognise, in people of all kinds who live in hope, something we share in common. An ancient series of books called the Sibilline oracles, stemmed from a Jewish community who put their hope in a future, guided by a leader who was of a different culture, race (and religion). They are one of many reminders from the past that our history includes people whose faith has enabled them to be in some sense inclusive, whose hope has embraced a wider horizon than their own immediate and personal one, and one wider than their corporate identity. As churches, internationally, nationally and within our local community, we have many opportunities at this time of year to express our oneness with others who do not formally identify themselves as Christian, or indeed as believers of any kind, but who are nevertheless people of hope. Hope is to be encouraged in all who exercise hope in any way. Hope is a valid way of living...we should encourage it in any way we can. This is what Advent is all about...please join in!!!

*Every blessing for this new season, Martin.*



## St Philip's Calendar

Please check our website calendar for the latest information  
<http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

Friday 8 Dec	7pm – 8.30pm	St Pip's Youth Group (final for 2017)
Wednesday 13	7pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sunday 17 Dec	7.30pm	St Philip's Carol Service <i>Nine Lessons &amp; Carols, followed by a bring and share Christmas supper.</i>
Sunday 24 Dec	9am	<u>Fourth Sunday of Advent</u> Eucharist (combined 8am and 10am)
Sunday 24 Dec	5pm 11pm 11.30pm	<u>Christmas Eve</u> Children's Christmas Service Carol Singing Sung Eucharist
Monday 25 Dec	9am	<u>Christmas Day</u> Sung Eucharist
Sunday 31 Dec	from 8am	New Year's Eve Party.

Chris, Roger, Leighton, Ruth & Zara will be hosting their biennial New Year's Eve party again. This year's theme is Hawaiian. Please bring some finger food to share, your swimmers if you wish to cool off. 139/15 Coranderrk St, Canberra City.

## From Pandora's Committee

**Pandoras Festive Fashion.** A big thank you to all of you who came along on Saturday to support Pandoras- it was very much appreciated. Also to all our volunteers a big thank you for your special contribution to a successful day. We made over \$800.00 but more importantly generated a great deal of community good will. We had fun!

## Advent Calendar

St Philip's 2017 Advent Calendar is now available on the webpage.  
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