

This coming week @ St Philip's

Monday	St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre	
Tue – Fri	8am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	10am	Eucharist 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

Linda and Mark, who were married by Martin yesterday.

For those in need: Jacob Burridge; Roger Sharp; James Kim; Brian McKinlay; Ken Smith; Rosemary Lohmann; Chris Hudlass; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.

Those we remember: Clare Baker (30/1/03); Jean Cousins (31/1/87); Stanley Morton (31/1/99); Doug Hobson (1/2/69); Gudrun Whalley (2/2/00); Syd Bovis (3/2/93); Harry Cousins (3/2/74); Nancy Ingle (9/2/61); Alison Done (10/2/53).

Next Sunday – Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Readings: 2 Kings 2.1-12; Ps 50.1-6; 2 Corinthians 4.3-12
Mark 1.40-45

Presiding & Preaching: The Rev'd Martin Johnson

8am: Sidesperson: Vicki Luker
Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson
Readers: Joseph & Dominic Lloyd

10am:
Welcomer: Davidson Family
Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Brian McKinlay
Music: Colin Forbes
Liturgical Assistant: Rev Linda Anchell
Crucifer: Leighton Mann
Readers: Jack Adams (OT)
Fiona Dyer (NT)
Chalice Servers: Doreen Odom & James Kim
Morning tea: Beryl Blaseotto & Doreen Odom

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 4 February 2018

Candlemas

10am Music

Hymns: 474, 246, 675 & 733

Sentence

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

Luke 2.30-32

Prayer of the day

Christ our cornerstone, you were recognized at your presentation in the temple as a sign of hope for the world, but also as a stumbling-block for many: help us so to present ourselves for your service, that, in sharing your scandal, we may become a people acceptable to you. In your name we pray. Amen.

Today's Readings

Malachi 3.1-4; Ps 24; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: John Girdlestone.

10am Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Roger Sharp; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: tba (OT), tba (NT); Chalice Servers: Tim Gulliver & Denise Manley; Morning Tea: Rebecca Palethorpe & Family.

Psalm 24

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:
the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas:
and established it upon the waters.
- 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord:
or who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 Those who have clean hands and a pure heart:
who have not set their soul upon idols, nor sworn their oath to a lie.
- 5 They shall receive blessing from the Lord:
and recompense from the God of their salvation.
- 6 Of such a kind as this are those who seek him:
those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 Who is the King of glory?:
the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 Who is the King of glory?:
the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

From the Rector

Dear Friends

How quickly holidays become a memory! We've only been back in the Rectory for half an hour and I'm wondering where the month went! I hope that many of you found time during January for some re creation. Susan and I thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the UK and France, thank you for offering us that opportunity and thank you to all those who kept things going, particularly to the clergy who stepped in.

Today we shall keep the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple also known as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, They are both rather long titles particularly if you put them together and so the day is often quite simply called 'Candlemas.' It is the day that many in the church use to mark the end of the Christmas Season. It commemorates the presentation of Jesus to the priest Simeon in the Temple. He spoke those lovely words from the Prayer Book Evensong that we call the 'Nunc Dimittis' from Luke's gospel that we shall hear this morning. In this passage Simeon says that Jesus is to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, hence Candlemas. We shall be lighting candles this morning to remind us of the light of Christ.

Susan and I were fortunate enough to attend Evensong in Westminster Abbey during our stay in London. The choir were wonderful as you would

expect and we also heard a very fine sermon on the importance of transparency. The preacher spoke about the issues besetting democratic institutions and the all-pervasive sense of cynicism surrounding our politicians and those in high office. He suggested that we should pray fervently for our elected representatives, encourage those who are endeavouring to live out their Christian faith whilst serving in Parliament and to be models of transparency in our own lives that the light of Christ may shine through us.

Whilst we were away we were able to enjoy a number of different fine galleries and marvel at the way artists portray light and colour. John Ruskin, an important figure in the art world of Victorian times wrote: 'of all gifts bestowed upon man, colour is the holiest, the most divine, the most solemn.' I'm rather intrigued by his words, perhaps they might help us to understand our role as Christians to bring light and colour into the lives of those around us. I hope that we, here at St Philip's, can do just that in our community during 2018.

Every blessing, **Martin.**

St Philip's Calendar

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

Sunday 4 Feb 18	AGM Reports due electronically to
rector@stphilipsoconnor.org.au .	
Friday 9 Feb, 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Saturday 10 Feb, 11am	Priesting of Rev Andrea de Vaal Horciu
	@ St Paul's Manuka
Tuesday 13 Feb, 5 – 7pm	Pancake Dinner
Wed'day 14 Feb, 7pm	Ash Wednesday Eucharist with
	Imposition of Ashes
Friday 23 Feb, 5 – 7pm	Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre
Friday 23 Feb 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group

Breige Rendell, a lay minister from a New Zealand diocese, who is currently working with Aboriginal people on an island north of Queensland, is coming to Canberra to assist at the National Folk Festival. She will be camping on site but is seeking to borrow a bicycle and helmet from 26 March – 2 April (inclusive) to facilitate transport. If any parishioner could help, her mobile number and email address is available from Denise.

WELCOME HOME SUSAN & MARTIN