

Psalm: 96 – cont’d

- let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
 10 Say among the nations that the Lord is king:
 he has made the world so firm that it can never be moved; and he shall judge the peoples with equity.
 11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:
 let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
 12 Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them:
 then shall all the trees of the wood shout with joy before the Lord;
 13 For he comes, he comes to judge the earth:
 he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

Prayer Points

Those in need of prayer: Margaret Wicks, Michael Sawyer, Jean Pound, Jenny, Tony Gulliver, Rev'd Anne Ranse, Meg Colwell.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,
 Welcome to St Philip's and Christmas love and blessings to you at this holy time.
 D.H. Lawrence in his poem Pax wrote, "All that matters is to be at one with the living God, to be a creature in the house of the God of life". At this time we celebrate and rejoice that the God of life became one with us. The mystery of Christmas is that God, who is pure spirit, took on flesh and joined humanity in all our sufferings and joys. As newborn baby, as son of Mary and Joseph, as adolescent and young man, as teacher, healer, leader and saviour, God walked with us.
 At this time we remember that God still walks with us in all people and all places. And as we look ahead we continue to hope and pray that the new life that God calls us to over and over again through the prophets of the past and present will become a reality in our lives and in the lives of all people. For this God we welcome on Christmas came among us and comes among us as a redeeming, loving, forgiving and merciful presence

who wants nothing more than that we should dwell with him now and forever. This God calls us to freedom, justice, peace, truth and holiness, the deep realities of his Spirit.

The wonder of Christmas is that no matter what is happening in the world, what our political leaders are doing or not doing, no matter what we have done or not done or how we have succeeded or missed the mark; no matter the wars, environmental wounds, the fear and uncertainty of life; no matter the ups and downs of Christmas and the New Year, standing over and above it all is the light of God, manifested in Jesus Christ, that keeps pointing to a better way.

May the light of the Christ shine in your life and bring you hope, peace and joy.
 Oh Come let us adore him Christ, the Lord!

Rebecca

Calendar for the twelve days of Christmas

Christmas is a season of twelve days, from 25 Dec to 5 Jan. Following on from our website Advent Calendar will be the twelve days of Christmas Calendar, with Bible readings, a reflection, prayer, art work and music. Select the links on the front page of the St Philips' website.

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Please save the stamps from your Christmas cards for ABM. If you are cutting or tearing them from the envelope, please be careful not to damage them; damaged stamps are useless.
 The stamps can be left in the 'Post Box' in the church foyer.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION OPPORTUNITY 2014

Spiritual direction is the art of one person listening to the life experience of another and assisting them to become aware of the presence and love of God. It helps people to grow in their relationship with God and in prayer. An intern spiritual director who has been in training for two years, now, at the final stage of the programme, is required to offer 8-10

sessions of spiritual direction during 2014. If you are interested, please call Rev'd Erica Mathieson, 6248 5327 for details.

	ROSTERS & READINGS	CHRISTMAS EVE	CHRISTMAS DAY	NEXT SUNDAY
	Sunday of Month	5pm Childrens Service, 11pm Carol Singing, 11.30pm Midnight Mass	9am Eucharist	5th
	Liturgical Season	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	First Sunday after Christmas
	Flowers	Kerry-Anne Cousins & Team	Kerry-Anne Cousins & Team	<i>christmas flower arrangements</i>
	Celebrant	Rev'd Rebecca Newland	Rev'd Rebecca Newland	Rev'd Dr Scot Cowdell
	Preacher			
	Bible Readings	Isaiah 9.2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14 (15-20);	Isaiah 9.2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14 (15-20);	Isaiah 63.7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2.10 18; Matthew 2.13-23;
8am	Sidespeople	5pm - Hardy & Helen Palethorpe		Rhonda Evans
	Liturgical Assistant	5pm Rev'd Andrea de Vaal Horciu		Rev'd Andrea de Vaal Horciu
	Bible Reader			Rhonda Evans
	Welcomer			
10am	Sidespeople	11pm - Volunteers please!!	9am Volunteers	Grace Barnes & volunteer
	Liturgical Assistant	11.30pm Rev'd Robin Moore	9am Peter Kuot	Rev'd Linda Anchell
	Musician(s) & Singers/ Soloists	5pm Alison Davidson 11pm Colin Forbes	9am Fiona Fraser & Ross Mitchell	Fiona Fraser
	1st Reader (O.T.)	11.30pm Fred Anchell	9am Gail Langendorf	David Tschark
	2nd Reader (N.T.)	11.30pm Kerry-Anne Cousins	9am David French	Linda Anchell
	Communion Servers	11.30pm Volunteers	9am Volunteers	Grace Barnes & Tim Gulliver
	Morning Tea	-	-	<i>Self Serve in Lamerton Centre</i>

How can you assist St Philip's in 2014?

Please pray & think about what you can do to assist our community at St Philip's in 2014. All of us have different skills and abilities. What can you do? Parish Councillor or Warden, Parish Calendar Editor, Food @ St Philip's Co-ordinator, Roster Co-ordinator, Liturgical Assistant (we need males!), Bible Readers, Welcomers, Sidespeoples, Children's Ministry Helpers, Communion Servers, Morning Tea Servers

Weekly @ St Philip's

Sunday	8am	Eucharist
	10am	Eucharist
	1pm	Dinka Service
Monday		St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre - including lunch
Wed to Sat	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	10am	Eucharist
Friday	10am - 1pm	Pandora's @ O'Connor - CLOSED (re-opens 10 January)
Saturday	10am - 1pm	Pandora's @ O'Connor - CLOSED
	10am	Eucharist @ Kankinya Aged Care Facility

St Philip's Calendar

Thursday 26 - Monday 30 Dec Rev'd Rebecca on leave
Tuesday 31 Dec 8pm Chris & Roger, Leighton, Ruth & Zara's
'New Years Eve Party'

139/15 Coranderk St Canberra City. Please bring a plate of party food to share, BYO drinks & swimmers. A small selection of cocktails will be available.

2014

Wednesday 1 Jan	8.30am-5.30pm	St Philip's New Years Quiet Day <i>Begin the New Year with prayer, meditation and reflection at St Philip's. Take some time to stop and be silent. On the first of January 2014 the church and facilities will be open from 8.30 am until 5.30pm. You are most welcome to come for all or any of the day. Morning Prayer, with meditation is held at 8.30am, Holy Communion at 10.00 am and Evening Prayer, with meditation at 5.00 pm. A self-serve simple lunch will be provided. For more information please speak to the parish priest, Rebecca 0450960089.</i>
Sunday 5 Jan	12noon	Parish Leadership meeting (English & Dinka Congregations)
Sunday 12 Jan		Baptism of our Lord (Baptisms if required)
Tuesday 28 Jan - Tuesday 4 Feb		Rev'd Rebecca on Retreat
Sunday 2 Feb		AGM Reports due!
Sunday 23 Feb	following 10am	St Philip's Annual General Meeting
Sunday 3 Mar		Transfiguration (Baptisms if required)
Wednesday 5 Mar	10am	Ash Wednesday Service



St Philip's Come & See

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Christmas 2013

**5pm Children's Service, 11pm Carol Singing,
11.30pm Sung Eucharist (Midnight Mass), 9am: Eucharist**

11.30pm Hymns: **297, 292, 309 & 293**

9am Music; Hymns: **268, 307, 322 & 303**

During communion: 1st movement, Bach's G major Violin Sonata & last movement, Handel's Violin Sonata in D major.

Sentence of the Day: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; for to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

Prayer of the Day: Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm: 96

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song:
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name:
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations:
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols:
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Majesty and glory are before him:
beauty and power are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Render to the Lord, you families of the nations:
render to the Lord glory and might.
- 8 Render to the Lord the honour due to his name:
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness:

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