

THIS WEEK @ ST PHILIP'S

Today's Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11; Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-18

Roster: Preaching & Presiding: Rector **8am:** Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Reader: John Girdlestone **10am:** Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Roger Sharp & Sally Adams; Liturgical Assistant: Andrea de Vaal Horciu; Music: Colin Forbes; Readers: Andrea and Rector to Coordinate; Communion Servers: Tim Gulliver & James Kim; Morning Tea: Rebecca Palethorpe and Family

Today 7th	8am	Eucharist
	10am	Eucharist
	1pm	Dinka Service
Monday 8th Dec		St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre – including lunch
Tuesday 9th	10am	Pip's Playtime
Thursday 11th	10am	Eucharist
	12 - 2pm	Area Deanery Meeting (Lamerton Centre)
Friday 12th	10am – 1pm	Pandora's @ O'Connor
	7pm	Youth Group
Saturday 13th	10am – 1pm	Pandora's @ O'Connor
	10:30	Eucharist, Kankinya Aged Care Facility, Lyneham
Next Sunday 14th	8am	Eucharist
	10am	Eucharist
	12pm	Leadership Meeting (English and Dinka)
	1pm	Dinka Service

NEXT SUNDAY - ADVENT 3

Readings: Isaiah 61: 1-4,8-11; Psalm 126 (or Song of Mary APBA p.31); 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28; John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Roster: Preaching & Presiding: Rector **8am:** Sidesperson: Vicki Luker; Liturgical Assistant: James Ellis; Reader: Rhonda Evans **10am:** Welcomer: Davidson Family; Sidespeople: Jan & Tim Gulliver; Liturgical Assistant: Peter Kuot; Music: Colin Forbes; Readers: Louise MacKay (OT), Brian McKinlay (NT); Communion Servers: Doreen Odom & Denise Manley; Morning Tea: Odom Family

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

Wed 17 Dec	7.30pm	St Philip's Carol Service of nine lessons and carols
Wed 24 Dec	5pm	Children's Christmas Service
	11pm	Carol Singing;
	11.30pm	Sung Eucharist
Thu 25 Dec	9am	Eucharist



St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 7 December 2014

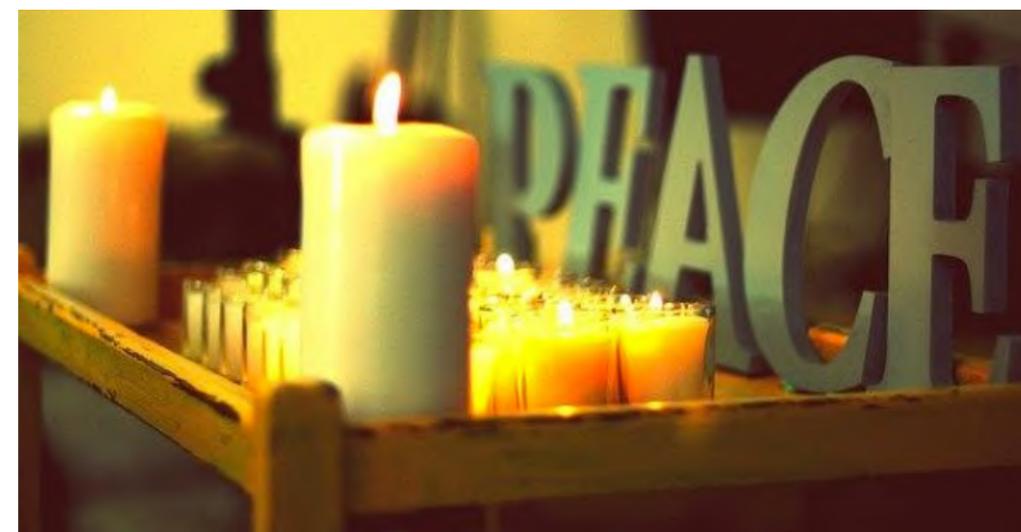
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10am Music

Hymns: **276; 270; 647; 447**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together. Luke 3.4; Isaiah 40.5a

Merciful God,
you sent your messengers the prophets
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:
give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy
the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Notices & Prayer points for the Pewsheets, please submit by Thursday 12pm to pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au
Thank you!

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

1 O Lord, you were gracious to your land:
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

2 You forgave the iniquity of your people:
and covered all their sin.

8 I will hear what the Lord God will speak:
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.

9 Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:
and his glory shall dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together:
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth:
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will also give us all that is good:
and our land shall yield its plenty.

13 For righteousness shall go before him:
and tread the path before his feet.

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

It is good to be home after a refreshing break in Western Australia. Thank you to Rev'd Sonia Neville, Vicky Cullen, Deacons Linda and Robin for taking services while I was away and to all who stepped up and helped. David and I visited family and spent 10 glorious days swimming at the Ningaloo Reef, a paradise for those who love the ocean and snorkeling and diving. As I was floating over the top of Coral canyons and marveling at God's extraordinary, outrageous and beautiful creativity I did remember that we are now in the season of Advent, the time of preparation for the remembrance of the birth of our Lord and the anticipation of his coming into our lives. God is always breaking into our lives, calling us, longing for us and longing for us to live lives attuned to her love, compassion and goodness. Advent gives us a chance to reflect on where we may find God with us in our lives and what we may do to improve our chances of seeing and connecting. This is not that easy at the end of a calendar year! However, in the midst of your busy end of year preparations I encourage you to find the space and time. A simple way could be to go to our website and click on the Advent calendar link for each day. There is beautiful music, scripture, poem and prayers each day - just wonderful stuff. Thank you Brian for a life-giving resource.

The Lord is coming! May we be ready.

Peace and blessings. Rebecca



Notices

Music in today's service sung by Fiona Fraser during Communion, accompanied by Colin Forbes: Beriete dir, Jesu From J.S. Bach's Cantata 147. Prepare for thy coming the way to our hearts receive as disciples the faithful believers and grant us the grace that thy mercy imparts.

PANDORA UPDATE

The Pandora bin is closed to the public until 16th January. If you see anyone lurking there with clothes bags you can tell them that there are a lot of charity bins in the Dickson car park near the Tradies club. We are still very happy to take good quality clothes from our well dressed St. Philips congregation but please give them to me or other committee members Ann, Rachel Fay or Barbara. And PLEASE DONOT leave them outside Pandoras, in Pandoras, or in the church. Pandoras will be closed from after trading on Saturday 20th December and we will open again on Friday 16th December. The staff are in need of refurbishing, restocking and revitalising!

Prayers as we light the Advent candles—2014

Advent 2—John The Baptist

The priest prays:

God our Father, You gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age a son called John. He grew up strong in spirit, prepared the people for the coming of the Lord, and baptised them in the Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us, who have been baptised into Christ, to be ready to welcome him into our hearts, and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

The first candle is lit. We pray together:

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
John told the people to prepare, for you were very near.
As Christmas grows closer day by day, help us to be ready to
welcome you now. Amen.**

Prayer Points for this week

(Prayer Points will be kept in for 2 weeks, unless requested for longer)

For those in Need: Revd. Andrea de Vaal Horciu; Revd Anne Ranse; Meg Colwell; Margaret Wicks; Margaret & Claude Woodbridge; Betty Heaton
In Remembrance/Commemorations: Peter David Blaseotto (2003); Joseph Horace Heaton (1988); Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Monday)
For the Church: we pray for the Church in Kuruman South Africa, The Congo and Uganda; The Bishops, Clergy and people of Bendigo, Brisbane and Bunbury; For small country churches and their ministry; for CBM in Kenya and Indonesia

The World: We pray for a renewed effort to treat and combat the Ebola Virus in West Africa; We pray for a generosity of spirit among Australians as we reach out to those for whom this Christmas will not be a joyful time; we pray for compassion and mercy in the treatment of refugees and asylum seekers.