

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 Paethorpe 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



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Sunday 14 December 2014

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)

10am Music:

During Communion (From Handel's "Messiah")
Sung by Dr Peter Smith, accompanied by Colin Forbes:

Recit: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth

Aria: The people that walked in darkness

Hymns: 217(i); 443; 497; 245



Sentence of the Day

"Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, the day of vengeance of our God".
Isaiah 61.1-2

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son:
grant us wisdom to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ who is coming in power and glory to establish his rule of peace and justice;
through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Psalm 126

1 When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:
then were we like those restored to life.
2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter:
and our tongue with singing.
3 Then said they among the heathen:
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
4 Truly the Lord has done great things for us:
and therefore we rejoiced.
5 Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:
as the streams return to the dry south.
6 Those who sow in tears:
shall reap with songs of joy.
7 They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:
shall come again in gladness,
bringing their sheaves with them.

Prayers as we light the Advent candles Advent 3 — Ancestors

The priest prays:

God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the forbears of old, you are our Father too.
Your Love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David.
Help us, in preparing to celebrate his birth, to make our hearts ready for your
Holy Spirit to make his home among us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. Amen.

The third (pink) candle is lit. We pray together:

**Lord Jesus, light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a King:
be born in our hearts at Christmas, be King of our lives today. Amen.**

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

There is a definite feel of the year and Christmas in the air. I didn't notice it particularly while I was on leave but now I am back and in the swing it is very much present. It is the time of the year when there are endings and beginnings. It is often a time of reflecting on what has passed and thinking of what is to come. Amidst it all there is a sense of excitement but also trepidation as people consider travel, family get togethers and shopping for gifts and festivities. It is a time in our church when people begin to think about what they have been doing in and for our life together and what they may do next year - at least that is what parish council have begun to do! It is part of the normal ebb and flow of the years rhythm. And so, as you consider what has been and what may come, please put into the mix ways in which you may be called to serve God and the Christ in others, particularly here at St Philip's. A community like ours can only survive and thrive on the commitment and contribution of many, many people. If we can spread the load it makes all things easier for everyone. If you would like to talk about ideas and possibilities please come and see me. In the New Year there will be an opportunity to thank all those who have contributed in various ways in recent times and are shifting focus for next year. Advent Blessings, Rebecca

Notices

Great News! Peter Kuot will be ordained a Deacon next year on 28 February 2015 at 11am at St Saviours Cathedral. Save the Date and get ready to celebrate!

9 Lessons and Carols is this Wednesday (17th) at 7:30pm. As always, it promises to be a highlight of the year!

Just a reminder that Pandora's will be closed from after trading on Saturday 20th December until Friday 16th January.

KEY POINTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL

- The Pelican Foundation has advised that it has approved funding of \$25K for the cross-cultural program for 2015.
- The 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held after the 10am service on Sunday 22 February. Papers for the AGM should be submitted to James no later than 1 February, preferably earlier.
- Parishioners wishing to, or thinking of, serving on the Parish Council for 2015 should talk to Rebecca well before the AGM.
- A 2015 Parish Calendar will be available early in the New Year.
- The Parish Council has identified a need for a "key muster". All parishioners with keys to any church facility should advise Roger Sharp by 25 January of what keys they hold.
- The renewal of the Kindergarten lease for another five years has been approved by Bishop-in-Council and will be signed with the Kindergarten before the end of December.

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

For those who grieve: Norman Kelley and family

In Remembrance/Commemorations: Revd. Julie Kelley, Stella Young, Alice Isabel Saylor (1988);

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.