

and count the offerings in preparation for banking

- Liturgical assistant – see Rev'd Colin if you are interested in this
- Readers to read either the old or new testament reading of the day
- Communion servers
- Morning tea - preparation, serving and cleaning up
- Flowers – see Kerry-Anne

None of these jobs are onerous and many participants mean that the load is shared. All training and assistance will be provided. See Helen if you would like to contribute to our parish in this way. hpaethorpe@grapevine.net.au or 62488030

Prayer Points

For those in need: Chris Langman; Linda Anchell; Adrian Knight; Brian Turner; Pat Forbes; Tracy Barralet; Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton

Those we remember: Peter Blaseotto; Dorothy Moore; Joseph Heaton

Next Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8am **Holy Communion**

10am **Holy Communion**

Readings: Micah 5.2-5a; Song of Mary; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45 (46-55)

Rosters: Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Liturgical assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: David French

10am: Welcomer: Rev'd Andrea de Vaal Horciu; Sidespeople: Peter Andersson & Kerry-Anne Cousins; Liturgical Assistant: Brian McKinlay; Music: Colin Forbes; Readers: Denise Manley(OT), Ann Munro(NT); Communion Servers: James Kim, Denise Manley & 1 more; Morning Tea: Helen Palethorpe & Ethel McInnes

St Philip's Calendar <http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

Thursday 24 Dec **Christmas Eve**

5pm Children's Christmas Service

11pm Carol Singing

11.30pm Sung Eucharist

Friday 25 Dec **Christmas Day**

9am Holy Communion

Thursday 31 Dec from 8pm **New Year's Eve Party**

Chris, Roger, Leighton, Ruth & Zara's bi-annual New Years eve party is on again. This year the theme is Mexican, please dress accordingly. Please bring some food to share, drinks provided. Everyone invited. Please talk to any of the hosts for further details. Don't forget your swimmers if you wish to swim

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Sunday 13 December 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

10am Music

Hymns: 266, 636, 128, 268

Sentence

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love.
Zephaniah 3.16-17

Prayer of the day

Almighty God, you sent your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff and evil clings even to what is good: let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption, so that purified, we may wait eagerly for him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever & ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Zephaniah 3.14-20; A Song of Isaiah; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18

Today's Rosters

Flowers: Colleen Rischbieth

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Sidesperson: Vicki Luker; Bible Reader: Rhonda Evans;

10am: Welcomer: Davidson family; Sidespeople: Jan & Tim Gulliver; Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Linda Anchell; Music: Colin Forbes; Readers: David French(OT), Tim Gulliver(NT); Communion Servers: Doreen Sengati-Odom, Andrea de Vaal Horciu & extra please; Morning Tea: Odom family

The Song of Isaiah

Behold, God is my salvation:

I will trust and will not be afraid;

'For the Lord God is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.'

With joy you will draw water:

from the wells of salvation.

On that day you will say:

'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

'Make known his deeds among the nations:
proclaim that his name is exalted.

'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously:
let this be known in all the world.

'Shout and sing for you, you that dwell in Zion:

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

Isaiah 12.2-6

From the Locum Tenens Rector

A Song of Isaiah (Isaiah 12:2-6)

The theme of joy is continued from the reading Zephaniah 3.14-20 ('Rejoice and exult with all your heart.') in this little collection of brief songs of praise. Once again praise arises from reversal (11:10-16) in which the LORD promises to reverse exile slavery and captivity (this time the Assyrian 721 BC) and bring the exiles home rejoicing, just as they had done in the Exodus. God changes things. That is good news.

Confidence and trust in God who will save is the key theme (2-3). God is the God of salvation, my salvation and that dispels all fear. God is my strength and might. The trust is intensely personal and grounded in the character of God who by nature is salvation. No wonder salvation is pictured as a well of water; the source of life that we can go to with confidence and great joy. Trust replaces fear with joy.

The earth and its nations should know that God is the God of salvation whose word we can trust and so the people of God should proclaim his great deeds in the whole earth (4-6).

Worship and justice belong together in the prophets. It is when we know the justice, mercy and faithfulness of God that we can rejoice and draw the nations into worship. Letting the praise of God be heard throughout the earth is the mission of the church, just as it was the mission of Israel. The psalm poses a question: Does our worship joyously proclaim to the world that God has done gloriously?

Colin

St Philip's Advent Calendar 2015

Enjoy the Advent Calendar on our website (stphilipsoconnor.org.au).

This week @ St Philip's

Today	following 10am	Parish Consultation on Rectory Renovation
		Parish Council will hold a Parish Consultation about the Rectory renovation project. This will be an opportunity to hear about and ask questions about the Rectory project and how it is proposed to be funded.
	11.45am	Choir rehearsal for Carol Service
	12-2.30pm	Sunday Home Group
	2pm	Leighton, Ruth & Zara's new house blessing & afternoon tea.
		Please bring a small plate of food to share. 26 Ashton Calvert St, CASEY. Phone: 62427319
Monday		St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre - including Lunch
Tuesday	7pm	Choir rehearsal for Carol Service
Wednesday	7.30pm	St Philip's Carol Service - <i>nine lessons & carols</i>
		Please bring a small plate of Christmas food to share for supper
Thursday	10am	Holy Communion
Friday	10am - 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion – OPEN
Saturday	10am - 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion – OPEN
	10am	Holy Communion @ Kankinya

Key Points from December Parish Council Meeting

- The 2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held after the 10am service on Sunday 28 February. Reports for the AGM should be submitted to Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon no later than 7 February 2016.
- Parishioners wishing to, or thinking of, serving on the Parish Council for 2016 should talk to Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon well before the AGM.
- Parish Council expresses its thanks to parishioners who have volunteered to assist with cleaning for an interim period while new arrangements are explored.
- The Parish Calendar up to October 2016 is available on the Parish website.
- Anglicare has advised that it will not be providing funding for Rev'd Robin's St. Philips Care program in 2016 and beyond. An application has been submitted to the Snow Foundation for a three year funding grant.

People needed to help with Rostered duties for Sunday services.

Are you able to help from time to time with some of the many duties that help to make our Sunday worship services run smoothly?

- Sidesperson to welcome people, hand out books, take up the collection