

Prayer Points

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

Those we remember: Joyce Webster; William Trivett; Stanley Vincent

Next Sunday - Christ the King

8am **Holy Communion**

10am **Holy Communion**

Readings: 2 Samuel 23.1-7; Psalm 132.1-12 (13-18); Revelation 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37

Rosters: Flowers: Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn; Bible reader: Shane Woodburn

10am: Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe; Sidespeople: Jan & Tim Gulliver; Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Andrea de Vaal Horciu; Music: Colin Forbes; Readers: Linda Anchell (OT), Rosemary Knight (NT); Communion Servers: volunteers; Morning Tea: Rosemary Knight

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

Saturday 28 Nov 10am-1pm **Pandora's Festive Fashions** -
Champagne, fashion & jewellery,
please drop in & view all our fashions for the festive season.

Saturday 28 Nov 11am-1pm **St Pip's Playgroup & Children's
Ministry Advent Lunch**
We'll be sharing food and fellowship with one another in St Philip's Kindergarten playground. Please bring a salad or desert to share, sausages and bread provided. Remember to bring a child's gift for the Anglicare appeal. We meet together to help our children make the most of Advent, we will paint glasses to put candles into to remind us of the light of Jesus & other advent activities.

Saturday 28 Nov 5pm St Philip's **Thank You Happy Hour**
Complimentary drinks to say 'thank you' to everyone who has volunteered throughout the year with all the various tasks and ministries at St Philip's.

Saturday 28 Nov 6.30pm St Philip's **Advent Dinner & Concert**
Please bring a salad &/or a dessert to share

Wednesday 9 Dec 7pm Parish Council Meeting

Sunday 13 Dec 12-2.30pm Sunday Home Group

Sunday 13 Dec 2pm Leighton, Ruth & Zara's new house
blessing & afternoon tea. Please bring a small plate of food to share.

Wednesday 16 Dec 7.30pm St Philip's Carol Service

Thursday 24 Dec *Christmas Eve*

5pm Children's Christmas Service

11pm Carol Singing

11.30pm Sung Eucharist



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Sunday 15 November 2015

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10am Music Hymns: 433, 172, 259 & 457

Sentence

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of the anointed. 1 Samuel 2.10

Prayer of the day

O God, welcoming refuge for the outcast, and upholder of justice for the oppressed:
maintain the hope of the poor, so that the time may soon come when no one need want for food and shelter, and all will learn to share freely following the example of your Son, who gave his very self;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

1 Samuel 1.4-20; Hebrews 10.11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13.1-11

Today's Rosters

Flowers: Kerry-Anne Cousins

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

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

10am: Welcomer: Andrea de Vaal Horciu; Sidespeople: Peter Andersson & Kerry-Anne Cousins; Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Linda Anchell; Music: Colin Forbes; Readers: Denise Manley (OT), Fred Anchell (NT);

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Communion Servers: Denise Manley & Hardy Palethorpe; Morning
Tea: Ethel McInnes & Ann Munro

Psalm: The Song of Hannah 1 Samuel 2.1-8

My heart exults in the Lord:
my strength is exalted in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies:
because I rejoice in your salvation.
There is no Holy One like you, O Lord:
nor any Rock like you, our God.
For you are a God of knowledge:
and by you our actions are weighted.
The bows of the mighty are broken:
but the feeble gird on strength.
Those who were full now search for bread:
but those who were hungry are well fed.
The barren woman has borne sevenfold:
but she who has many children is forlorn.
Both the poor and the rich are of your making:
You bring low and you also exalt.
You raise up the poor from the dust:
and lift the needy from the ash heap.
You make them sit with the rulers:
and inherit a place of honour.
For the pillars of the earth are yours:
and on them you have set the world.

From the Locum Tenens Rector

The Song of Hannah (1Samuel 2: 1-10) is a glorious ancient hymn of thanksgiving. If you read Psalm 113 you will find similar themes and wording. The song of Hannah and 2 Samuel 22, a song of David, bracket the story of the rise of the Davidic kingdom and both celebrate the great reversals that God brings about.

Hannah begins her praise in an intensely personal and passionate style, understandable in the circumstances (1-3; read 1Samuel 1). The response to the reversal brought about by God in her life, the reversal of her barrenness (reversal equals deliverance or victory in the Bible), is full of praise and thanksgiving.

From her experience she draws out the wider lessons for Israel and the church (4-8). God is a God who surprises everybody and before God's surprises we need to be humble. Arrogance and pride can never receive them.

God is the source of transforming power. The temptation is to believe that we can control our own destiny and the course of history through

human might. Mary sang about the same things, rejoicing at the coming birth of another who would proclaim the transforming salvation of God (Luke 1:46-55). God's transforming and redeeming power may remain unseen, hidden in the lives of ordinary people, but it alone transforms the world, not political might. God alone offers new possibilities for us all, but especially the powerless and the weak. Political and military might with its twin, consumerism, only entrench power in elites; The Lord alone lifts the poor from the dust.

Notice once again how God works in domesticity; family life is where great reversals are born.

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This week @ St Philip's

Monday	St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre - including Lunch
Thursday	10am Holy Communion
Friday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion - OPEN 7pm Youth Group 10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion - OPEN 10am Holy Communion @ Kankinya
Saturday	9am-12noon Pre-Advent working/cleaning bee <i>A spring clean of the church and grounds ready for the advent/christmas period.</i>

Key Points from November Parish Council meeting

- The Rectory Renovation Project has begun. A first priority will be renovation of the main bathroom and toilet for which quotes are being obtained. Extra costs will be incurred to remove some asbestos that has been discovered in these locations.
- A quote has been accepted for the replacement of the garage door that has been unserviceable for many years.
- From the monthly review of the Parish budget, it appears we will end the calendar year with an operating deficit of \$5000-\$6000 on running costs. This is separate from and does not include any expenditure on the Rectory.
- Rev'd Andrea will be taking some leave which is due to her and will work one day a week instead of the normal two days until the end of the year.
- Parish Council has received a letter from the Dinka Leadership Council thanking the morning congregations for the last four years of shared ministry.
- A new cupboard has been installed in the Studio for Food @ St Philip's supplies. A blocked toilet has been repaired and a lock placed on the cupboard door in the disabled toilet.

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