

Prayer Points

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

Those we remember: Stanley Vincent; Constance Morton

Next Sunday – First Sunday of Advent

8am **Holy Communion**

10am **Holy Communion**

Readings: Jeremiah 33.14-16; Psalm 25.1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13; Luke 21.25-38

Rosters: Flowers: Vicki Luker

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

8am

10am: Sidespeople: Hardy Palethorpe & Fred Anchell; Liturgical Assistant: Brian McKinlay; Music: Colin Forbes; Readers: Kerry-Anne Cousins (OT), Fiona Dyer (NT); Communion Servers: Tim Gulliver & James Kim; Morning Tea: Helen Palethorpe & Anne Mahoney

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

Wednesday 9 Dec	7pm	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 12 Dec	11am – 1pm	Pandora's Christmas Party for Volunteers with Champagne and Good Cheer – hope you can come – even just to pop in and say hullo at this busy time of the year. Please let me know if you can come for catering purposes. Thank you everyone for all your efforts this year. Kerry-Anne on behalf of Pandora's committee
Sunday 13 Dec	12–2.30pm 2pm	Sunday Home Group 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 11pm 11.30pm	Children's Christmas Service Carol Singing Sung Eucharist
Friday 25	Christmas Day 9am	Holy Communion

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Sunday 22 November 2015

Christ the King

10am Music

Hymns: 143, 497, 547 & 380

Sentence

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing.

Revelation 5.12

Prayer of the day

Everlasting God, whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King:
grant that the people of earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Today's Readings

Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37

Today's 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

Psalm 93

- 1 The Lord is king, and has put on robes of glory:
the Lord has put on his glory, he has girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the world so firm:
that it cannot be moved.
- 3 Your throne is established from of old:
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice:
the floods lift up their pounding.
- 5 But mightier than the sound of many waters, than the mighty waters
or the breakers of the sea:
the Lord on high is mighty.
- 6 Your decrees are very sure:
and holiness, O Lord, adorns your house for ever.

From the Locum Tenens Rector

Psalm 93 this hymn of praise celebrates God's rule over the creation.

Psalm 89 tells us of the terrible ravages the exile made on people's faith and expectations. It looked as though the kings of the earth ruled and God was little more than a mythical friend. The psalmist penetrates the façade of the obvious to find the true nature of reality; that God rules. This is a hymn to that insight.

The political powers contest God's rule of the world (Psalm 2). They want to vaunt their own credentials of power in the form of coercion and violence and make all submit to their might. That is the dangerous nature of the human political will so what might the powerless say against it?

This hymn suggests that God's sovereign rule is eternal unlike ephemeral human power (1-2). God's power is not wrested from someone else nor is God fearful that someone else will take it from him. His throne is eternal; it is not subject to human whim, assassination, old age or crumbling economics. It is based in God's own character of eternity. Thus it cannot be destroyed.

Not even the great floods can destroy God's throne (3-4). We know the chaos caused by flooding with its unstoppable destruction of life and property. Even the floods at their worst with all the chaos they bring are no match for the stable enduring rule of God. The floods smash against the throne of heaven and are brought to heel. God brings the worst chaos we can imagine under control.

God exercises his rule through the revelation of himself which is sure and faithful. God's will embodies holiness (5) which is the foundation of the house of God and Psalm 99.4 expands this to mean that God loves justice, putting all relationships to rights and establishing equity. People who worship the sovereign LORD will display his holy character of justice, righteousness and equity against the forces of violence and coercion.

The affirmation that God rules is always made amid circumstances that seem to deny it; exile, evil, alienation, suffering, violence, death. It thus seems out of touch with "the real world" but it is always in touch with the true world; God rules for equity, justice and right relationships. The psalm calls us to a decision; is this our faith? Colin

This week @ St Philip's

Today	11.45am	Choir rehearsal for Carol Service
Monday	St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre	- including Lunch
Tuesday	7.00pm	Choir rehearsal for Carol Service
Thursday	10am	Holy Communion
Friday	10am - 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion – OPEN
	7pm	Youth Group
Saturday	10am - 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion – OPEN
	10am - 1pm	Pandora's Festive Fashions - Champagne, fashion & jewellery, please drop in & view all our fashions for the festive season.
	10am	Holy Communion @ Kankinya
	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

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

6.30pm St Philip's **Advent Dinner & Concert**
Please bring a salad &/or a dessert to share, RSVP on the list in the foyer

St Philip's Advent Calendar 2015



Enjoy the Advent Calendar on our website stphilipsoconnor.org.au from next Saturday, 28 November. There's a page for each day in Advent, with Bible readings, poetry, prayers, art and music each day.