

## *This coming week @ St Philip's*

<b>Monday</b>	<b>St Philip's Care</b> @ Northbourne Community Centre - including Lunch
<b>Thursday</b>	10am <b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday</b>	10am - 1pm <b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion 7 - 8.30pm <b>St Pip's Youth Group, final for 2016</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	10am - 1pm <b>Pandora's</b> Pre-loved Fashion
<b>Saturday</b>	10.30am <b>Holy Communion</b> @ Kankinya
<b>Sunday</b>	8am <b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	10am <b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	12.30-3.00 <b>Home Group</b> , Lamerton Centre.

## *Prayer Points*

For those in need: Fay Pankhurst; Sam Mahony; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.  
Those we remember: Peter Blaseotto (10/12/03).

## *For Next Sunday -*

### *Third Sunday in Advent*

**8am Holy Communion**

**Sidesperson**

Vicki Luker

**Reader & Readings**

Rhonda Evans: Isaiah 35.1-10;  
James 5.7-10

**Liturgical Assistant**

**10am**

**Holy Communion**

**Flowers**

Flower Roster Ladies

**Presiding & Preaching**

Rev'd Martin Johnson

**Crucifer**

**Organist**

Colin Forbes

**Chalice**

Doreen Odom & Tim Gulliver

**Welcomer**

Davidson Family

**Liturgical Assistant**

Linda Anchell

Leighton Mann

**Sidespeople**

Jan & Tim Gulliver

**Readers & Readings**

Jack Adams: Isaiah 35.1-10,

Fred Anchell: James 5.7-10

Doreen Odom & Family

**Morning tea:**



# St Philip's Come & See

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## Sunday 4 December 2016

### Second Sunday in Advent

*10am Music*

**Hymns: 276, 264, Hills of the North (see sheet) & 275.**

**During communion Colin Forbes will play the first movement of the 'Moonlight Sonata' by Beethoven**  
*Sentence*

*The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.*

Mark 1.15

### *Prayer of the day*

*God of all peoples, whose servant John came baptizing and calling for repentance: help us to hear his voice of judgement, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

**Amen.**

### *Today's Readings*

Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-7, 18-21; Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12

### *Today's Rosters*

Flowers: The Flower Roster Ladies - Jo Lloyd

**8am** Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: John Girdlestone

**10am** Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Roger Sharp;

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical Assistant:

Philippa Wicks; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Rosemary Knight

(OT), Geetha Sekhon (NT); Chalices: Denise Manley & Leighton Mann;

*Psalm 72 1-7, 18-21*

- 1 Give the king your judgement, O God:  
and your righteousness to the son of a king,
- 2 That he may judge your people rightly:  
and the poor of the land with equity.
- 3 Let the mountains be laden with peace because of his righteousness:  
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.
- 4 May he give justice to the poor among the people:  
and rescue the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he live while the sun endures:  
and while the moon gives light, throughout all generations.
- 6 May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:  
and as showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall righteousness flourish:  
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more. 18 Let his  
name live for ever:  
and endure as long as the sun.
- 19 Let all peoples use his name in blessing:  
and all nations call him blessed.
- 20 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel:  
who alone does great wonders.
- 21 Blessed be his glorious name for ever:  
and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, Amen.

*From the Locum Tenens Rector*

*Psalm 72 1-7, 18-21*

This psalm originates as a prayer for the King perhaps at a coronation. You can imagine why they prayed this way when you take into account the actual behaviour of the majority Israel's and Judah's kings! The two key words of this psalm are justice and righteousness and as these are the key to God's character; they were to be the means and the goals of the reign of God's agent, the king (1-7). Righteousness is not primarily a moral term but a relational one. The righteous in the psalms is not someone who is morally superior and whose morally superior behaviour lays an obligation on God to reward them. The righteous are those who acknowledge their dependence on God for life and the future. Their happiness comes from God's love, faithfulness and forgiveness. In other words, they rejoice that God, in his grace, has acted to put things to right even if they do not deserve it. The opposite of the righteous is the self-centred, self-directed and self-ruled. Justice is putting the right into practice so that the king can be expected to

be on the side of the afflicted, the poor, the children and an implacable opponent of the oppressor. Such a one will bring a time of blessing and prosperity; it is not just the economy, stupid. Justice is essential for human happiness, here given in beautiful poetic lines of falling refreshing rain, and peace the necessary condition for human flourishing. No wonder the psalmist prays for the long life of the king! Human abundance, which is the will of God, flows to human beings through the righteous and just king. Again the abundance of human flourishing expressed in vibrant pictures in 15-17 of wealth and food makes the picture very earthy. God wants human beings to flourish and good, just governance is the foundation. This righteous reign will be extended to the nations who will welcome it. Jews and Christians alike have read this psalm messianically: one day the King will return and what a day it will be.

Question: Justice and righteousness are intrinsic to God's being. What part do they play in our lives? Use this psalm to reflect on the so-called 'prosperity gospel.' How does the psalm critique that teaching? How can we actualize the psalm's vision of peace?

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**Rev. Martin Johnson and his wife Susan will arrive in Canberra on 6 December. The induction is set for 7pm on Thursday 8 December as an Evening Prayer service followed by supper. Bishop Matt Brain will preside. Everyone s invited to attend. Rev. Martin's first Sunday services will be on 11 December.**

**PRAYERS**

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

**St Philip's 2016 Advent Calendar** is now on our website, with Bible readings, poetry, artwork, music, a prayer and a reflection for each day in Advent.