

This coming 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
Saturday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion
Saturday	10.30am Holy Communion @ Kankinya
Sunday	8am Holy Communion
Sunday	10am Holy Communion

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); Dorothy Moore (12/12/84); Joe Heaton (13/12/88).

For Next Sunday -

Fourth Sunday in Advent

8am	Holy Communion
Sidesperson Volunteer	Reader & Readings Volunteer: Isaiah 7.10-16; Romans 1.1-7
Liturgical Assistant	Elizabeth Allinson
10am	Holy Communion
Flowers Flower Roster Ladies	Welcomer Erika Langman
Presiding & Preaching Rev'd Martin Johnson	Liturgical Assistant Brian McKinlay
Organist Colin Forbes	Sidespeople Peter Andersson & Kerry-Anne Cousins
Chalice Denise Manley & James Kim	Readers & Readings Kerry-Anne Cousins: Isaiah 7.10-16, Fiona Dyer: Romans 1.1-7
Morning tea:	Jan Gulliver & Manjuni Gregory



St Philip's *Come & See*

www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au

[e: comeandsee@stphilipsoconnor.org.au](mailto:comeandsee@stphilipsoconnor.org.au)

[p: 61617334](tel:61617334)

Sunday 11 December 2016

Third Sunday in Advent

As an Introit, Rosemary Lohmann and Catriona Bryce will sing "Laudamus te" from Vivaldi's "Gloria"

10am Music

Hymns: 265, 172, 270 (vv1-3//4,5), 275 & 210

During communion Rosemary Lohmann will sing local composer Vivienne Arnold's setting of the "Magnificat".

Sentence

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.
Matthew 11.11

Prayer of the day

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love on our journey to meet the One who is coming: strengthen our weak hands, make firm our feeble knees, and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom, so that our hearts may rejoice as we behold the majesty of our God. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 35.1-10; Psalm 146; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11

Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to comeandsee@stphilipsoconnor.org.au or 0414 309 469

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster Ladies – Kerry-Anne Cousins & Anne Mahony

8am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson

Sidesperson: Vicki Luker; Liturgical Assistant:; Bible Reader: Rhonda Evans

10am Welcomer: Davidson Family; Sidespeople: Jan & Tim Gulliver; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Linda Anchell; Crucifer: Leighton Mann; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Jack Adams (OT), Fred Anchell (NT); Chalices: Doreen Odom & Tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Doreen Odom & family

Psalm 146 (we will sing Hymn 172)

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul:
while I live I will praise the Lord;
- 2 While I have any being:
I will sing praises to my God.
- 3 Put not your trust in princes:
nor in flesh and blood, which cannot save.
- 4 For when their breath goes from them, they return again to the earth:
and on that day all their thoughts perish.
- 5 Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob:
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
- 6 The God who made heaven and earth:
the sea, and all that is in them,
- 7 Who keeps faith for ever:
who deals justice to those that are oppressed.
- 8 The Lord gives food to the hungry:
and sets the captives free.
- 9 The Lord gives sight to the blind:
the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down.
- 10 The Lord loves the righteous:
the Lord cares for the stranger in the land.
- 11 He upholds the widow and the fatherless:
as for the way of the wicked, he turns it upside down.
- 12 The Lord shall be king for ever:
your God, O Zion, shall reign through all generations. Praise the Lord.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,
As I write it is the 'morning after the night before' and what a night. There are clearly many people to be thanked for such an endeavour. I do appreciate the work that went in to creating such a wonderful act of worship, thank you all very much.
And so the journey begins.

Journey to what? To whom? To where?
The Advent bells call out, 'Prepare,
Your world is journeying to the birth
Of God made man for us on earth.'

So wrote John Betjeman in 1955. This is the first part of call on our journey together, Christmas. We are fortunate in that this Sunday – the third Sunday of Advent, has by tradition been a day of refreshment from the fasting of Advent preparation and waiting. The word of the day is Gaudete! Rejoice! We shall light the Rose coloured candle, a sign that our waiting is nearly over. It is worth having a look at the last chapter of Paul's letter to the Philippians. In it he writes "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice! The Lord is near." I sense that this Joy is very much a part of the ethos of the parish and I pray that it may continue and that our joy may be infectious.

The practicalities of moving in are still ongoing to some extent but Susan and I hope very soon to be able to offer some hospitality for which St Philip's is famed. We are both looking forward to sharing with you and writing the next chapter in the history of the parish and its journey of faith. Every blessing,
Martin

PRAYERS

. We pray for our children and young families. We pray we find someone to minister to them and we give thanks for the opportunities we have in this Parish. **Amen.**

~~~~~  
*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.

**Friday** 3 Feb, 7 – 8.30pm

**St Philip's Youth Group**

**Sunday** 5 Feb

**AGM Reports due.**

### Christmas Services

**Sunday 18 Dec - 7.30pm**

**St Philip's Carol Service**

Nine lessons & carols, followed by supper. *Please bring something to share.*

**Saturday 24 Dec – 5.00pm**

**Children's Christmas Service**

**Saturday 24 Dec – 11.00pm**

**Carol Singing**

**Saturday 24 Dec – 11.30pm**

**Sung Eucharist**