

This coming week @ St Philip's

Monday	St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre - including Lunch - Recess
Thursday	10am Holy Communion - Recess
Friday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion - Recess
Saturday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion - Recess
Saturday	10.30am Holy Communion @ Kankinya - Recess
Sunday	9am 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: Alice Saylor (20/12/88); Norma Reynolds (28/12/00).

For Next Sunday - Baptism of the Lord

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

John Girdlestone

Reader & Readings

John Girdlestone: Isaiah 42.1-9;
Acts 10.34-43

Liturgical Assistant

Elizabeth Allinson

10am Holy Communion

Flowers

Flower Roster Ladies

Welcomer

Denise Manley

Presiding & Preaching

Rev'd Martin Johnson

Liturgical Assistant

Sarah Gowty

Organist

Colin Forbes

Sidespeople

Sally Adams & Roger Sharp

Chalice

Tim Gulliver & Volunteer

Readers & Readings

Gail Langendorf: Isaiah 42.1-9,
Tim Gulliver: Acts 10.34-43

Morning tea:

See below

Morning tea: In recess. Please help yourself, in the Lamerton Centre



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Sunday 25 December 2016

Christmas Day

9am Music

Hymns: 303, 319, 268 & 304

Sentence

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

John 1.1, 14

Prayer of the day

God Most High, whose eternal Word chose a dwelling among us, that we might live in your presence: grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory you have given us, and how great is the hope to which we are called in the Word made flesh; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 52.7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1.1-4; John 1.1-14

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster Ladies

9.00am Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Hardy Palethorpe; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: David French (OT), Helen Palethorpe (NT); Chalice: Tim Gulliver & Hardy Palethorpe;

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

Psalm 98

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song:
for he has done marvellous things;
- 2 His right hand and his holy arm:
they have got him the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his salvation:
he has revealed his just deliverance in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of
Israel:
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:
break into singing and make melody.
- 6 Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:
upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.
- 7 With trumpets and with horns:
cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.
- 8 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
the good earth and those who live upon it.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands:
and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;
- 10 For he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with
equity.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

A person once asked a poet if he could explain in plain language what one of poems meant. The poet answered that if he could do that he wouldn't have written the poem!

If you came to Midnight Mass you would have heard the story of the manger, the shepherds, the angels; the story you expect to hear at Christmass; but none of that this morning. This morning we hear what this story means in the poetic prologue to John's gospel. It is like the second verse of O come all ye faithful – 'God of God, light of light, Lo he abhors not the virgin's womb, very God, begotten not created.' What John is telling us is that the Christmass story is all about God, the God who is love, spilling over into the world, not forcefully but coming from within, indeed from within us. Think of Hark the herald angels sing: 'Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate deity, pleased as man with man to dwell...' These pieces of poetry in hymnody and scripture are endeavouring to speak of what is real. What God's reality is and what we are truly are.

We do live today in age of doubt, and this has occurred among other things because of the emptying of our language and our society of anything but number and calculation. More often than not we live today in an economy rather than a community. There is a tendency to exclude wonder and reverence as legitimate human responses to the world, we are isolated within our own limited and limiting goals and have ceased to speak of God.

Christmass is a time to be reminded who this is who has come among us and to see the world around us and those with whom we share it in new ways. This is difficult to describe, but I hope that our poets and hymnodists can help us along the way. Enjoy your singing and your celebrations and have a happy and holy Christmass.

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.**

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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.

**Friday** 3 Feb, 7 – 8.30pm

**St Philip's Youth Group**

**Sunday** 5 Feb 17

**AGM Reports due electronically to**

[rector@stphilipsoconnor.org.au](mailto:rector@stphilipsoconnor.org.au).

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FLOWERS: Many thanks to all our regular flower ladies this year- Jo Lloyd, Anne Mahony, Jeannette McHugh, Colleen Rischbieth, Philida Sturgiss-Hoy and Rachael Tscharke. I think you will agree that their beautiful flower arrangements have reminded us of the beauty of this world and have added to the experience of worship at St Philips. Kerry-Anne Cousins
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