

This coming week @ St Philip's

Monday	St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre - including Lunch Holy Communion
Thursday	10am
Friday	10am - 1pm 7 - 8.30pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion St Pip's Youth Group – NEXT WEEK! Pandora's Pre-loved Fashion
Saturday	10am - 1pm Holy Communion @ Kankinya
Saturday	10.30am
Sunday	8am Holy Communion
Sunday	10am Holy Communion

Prayer Points

For those in need: Jenny Sawyer; Fay Pankhurst; Sam Mahony; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Betty Heaton; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.
Those we remember: William Trivett (15/11/96); Stanley Vincent (16/11/02); Constance Morton (25/11/01).

For Next Sunday –

First Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson

Tim Woodburn

Reader & Readings

Shane Woodburn: Isaiah 2.1-5;
Romans 13.9-14

Liturgical Assistant

10am

Holy Communion

Flowers

Flower Roster Ladies

Presiding & Preaching

Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

Organist

Colin Forbes

Chalice

Denise Manley & Doreen Odom

Morning tea:

Welcomer

Helen Palethorpe

Liturgical Assistant

Elizabeth Allinson

Sidespeople

Fred Anshell & Volunteer

Readers & Readings

Ashton Robinson: Isaiah 2.1-5,
David Tscharke: Romans 13.9-14

Ann Mahony & Geetha Sekhon



St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 20 November 2016 Christ the King

10am Music

Hymns: 201, 730, 245 & 373

Plus: Hills of the North – from sheet

Sentence

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you: triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9.9

Prayer of the day

Eternal God, you exalted Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and have made us instruments of his kingdom: by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need, then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy and may worship and adore you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 23.1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster Ladies

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

Sidesperson: Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: David French

10am Welcomer: Erika Langman; Sidespeople: Peter Andersson & Kerry-Anne Cousins; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical Assistant: Linda Anshell; Crucifer: Leighton Mann; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Denise Manley (OT), Jarrah Palethorpe (NT); Chalices: Denise Manley & Volunteer; Morning Tea: Rosemary Knight & Volunteer

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

Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength:
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved:
and though the mountains are shaken in the midst of the sea;
- 3 Though the waters rage and foam:
and though the mountains quake at the rising of the sea.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God:
the holy dwelling-place of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her, therefore she shall not be moved:
God will help her, and at break of day.
- 6 The nations make uproar, and the kingdoms are shaken:
but God has lifted his voice, and the earth shall tremble.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 8 Come then and see what the Lord has done:
what destruction he has brought upon the earth.
- 9 He makes wars to cease in all the world:
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, and burns the chariots in
the fire.
- 10 `Be still, and know that I am God:
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted upon the earth.'
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

From the Locum Tenens Rector Psalm 46

"A mighty fortress is our God" wrote Luther, paraphrasing this psalm and making its opening line one of the most memorable and powerful in the Psalms. However, the centre of the Psalm is verse 10; "Be still, and know that I am God."

The psalm begins with the famous affirmation of faith; the whole world maybe collapsing but the psalmist's trust that God is a refuge, a strength and ever present help drives out fear in the face of all such calamities. God rules the world, but God is ever near (1-3). The world may change, the seas roar and rage and destroy, mountains may rise and fall but God is always our refuge in whom we can trust our lives. God rules the world even though it can seem hostile and unstable to fragile human beings. We can live life without fear.

Trouble may also be seen and experienced in the world of human conflict (4-7) but God's presence is like the stream that waters the city of God. Nations, even great nations, totter and fall; nothing is stable in human politics or economics. The threatening, chaotic waters of nature and human politics are matched by the life reviving presence of God. God's word will prevail.

Verses 8-10 offer us an invitation and a command that are still relevant to living the life of faith. Come and see is an invitation to explore God's "desolations," an ironic description of God's desire for peace and an end to turmoil and destruction between humans. Humans create devastations and desolations on one another and the landscape but God's "desolations" are different; the renewal of the world.

The command to "Be still" is not a command to take it easy but to "Stop", "Throw down your weapons" and conversely "Depend on God instead of yourselves." In other words abandon futile hostilities against God and one another, reject all foreign alliances and trust God alone. Only in stillness can God be known. Let go fears, let go retribution, let go violent defensiveness. Only then can God be exalted among the nations or worshipped in all the earth. Israel often looked to force of arms and violence to do God's work or save itself. The church has done similarly. In the modern world Christians are once again being seen as warmongers. The message of the psalm is simple: "Stop, be still, let go fear, trust."

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Rev. Martin Johnson and his wife Susan will arrive in Canberra by the end of November or early December. The induction is set for 7pm on Thursday 8 December as an Evening Prayer service followed by supper. Bishop Matt Brain will preside. Rev. Martin's first Sunday services will be on 11 December.

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>

**Friday 25 Nov** – 7.00pm – 8.30pm - **St Pip's Youth Group**

**Saturday 26 Nov** – 10.00am – 1.00pm – **Pandora's Festive Fashions** – Champagne, fashion & jewellery, please drop in & view all our fashions for the festive season.

**Saturday 26 Nov** – 5 pm - **Thank you Happy Hour** - Complimentary drinks to say 'thank you' to everyone who has volunteered throughout the year with all the various tasks & ministries at St Philip's followed by: **Advent Dinner & Concert** – 6.30pm – All food provided – for a small cost. **BYO drinks. Please put your name on the list in the foyer to indicate how many are coming. LAST OPPORTUNITY TO SAY YOU'RE COMING!!.**

**Sunday 11 Dec** – 12.30-3.00pm – **Home Group**, Lamerton Centre.

## Key Points from November Parish Council Meeting

- Parish Council would like to thank the many parishioners who have participated in the 2016 National Church life survey. Survey forms can still be deposited in the foyer until the end of November and parishioners who have not yet done so are encouraged to complete a form. The results should be useful for the Parish as it focuses on the future and especially for our new Rector.
- The ACT Government funds have been received to support Rev. Robin Moore's Northbourne Ministry over the next year.
- A lot of work has been completed on the outside of the Rectory. The large Chinese elm has been removed and a number of tree stumps ground. The unused water tank in the backyard left by Rebecca and David was sold for \$400. The side fence plus wisteria and ivy have been removed ready for a replacement colourbond fence. The backyard has been cleared.
- Inside the Rectory, the venetians, curtains, stove and carpet have been cleaned. The house has been sprayed for pests.
- A reminder that at its December meeting, Parish Council will consider the next two year cycle of mission projects – local, national and international – for recommendation to the 2017 AGM. Any suggestions for projects for 2017 and 2018 should be passed to one of the Wardens.

### Christmas Preparations and Services

Sunday 18 Dec      7.30pm      **St Philips Carol Service**

Nine Lessons & Carols

*Rehearsals for the Carol Service are as follows:*

*Tuesdays 22nd, 29th November and 6th and 13th December at 7pm in the church, and Saturdays 10th and 17th December at 2.30pm, also in the church.*

*More info from **Pat Forbes 6254 3373**.*

Saturday 24 Dec      Christmas Eve  
5pm      **Children's Christmas Service**

11pm      **Carol Singing**

11.30pm      **Sung Eucharist**

Sunday 25 Dec      Christmas Day  
9am      **Holy Communion**