

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 7 - 8.30pm St Pip's Youth Group - Not on
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: Constance Morton (25/11/01).

For Next Sunday -

Second Sunday in Advent

8am Holy Communion

Sidesperson John Girdlestone
Reader & Readings John Girdlestone: Isaiah 11.1-10;
Romans 15.4-13

Liturgical Assistant Elizabeth Allinson

10am Holy Communion

Flowers Flower Roster Ladies
Presiding & Preaching Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon
Organist Colin Forbes
Chalice Denise Manley & Leighton Mann

Welcomer Denise Manley
Liturgical Assistant Philippa Wicks
Sidespeople Sally Adams & Roger Sharp
Readers & Readings Rosemary Knight: Isaiah 11.1-10,
Geetha Sekhon: Romans 15.4-13
Rebecca Palethorpe & Family

Morning tea:



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Sunday 27 November 2016

First Sunday in Advent

10am Music

Hymns: 265, 266, 571, Hills of the North (see sheet).

**During Communion Tanuja Doss will sing "If God be for us"
From Handel's Messiah**

Sentence

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.
Isaiah 2.3a

Prayer of the day

Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13.9-14; Matthew 24.36-44

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster Ladies

8am Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon
Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn; Liturgical Assistant:; Bible Reader: Shane Woodburn

10am Welcomer: Volunteer; Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Volunteer; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Ashton Robinson (OT), David Tschärke (NT); Chalices: Denise Manley & Doreen Odom; Morning Tea: Ann Mahony & Geetha Sekhon

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

Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me:
 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
- 2 And now our feet are standing:
 within your gates, O Jerusalem;
- 3 Jerusalem which is built as a city:
 where the pilgrims gather in unity.
- 4 There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:
 as he commanded Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
- 5 There are set thrones of judgement:
 the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
 may those who love you prosper.
- 7 Peace be within your walls:
 and prosperity in your palaces.
- 8 For the sake of my kindred and companions:
 I will pray that peace be with you.
- 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God:
 I will seek for your good.

From the Locum Tenens Rector

Psalm 122

It is likely pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem sang or chanted Psalms 120-134 at designated points in the journey. They are called the Psalms of Ascents and form a distinct group in the Psalter. Psalm 122 is the third psalm in the group and the pilgrims have arrived at Jerusalem from a hostile dispersion (120) and an arduous journey (121).

As verses 1-2 make clear pilgrimage to Jerusalem was a very special experience. Joy and excitement were central to this experience. The pilgrim was glad to be invited and excited to arrive.

In Jerusalem the pilgrims could experience the power of the symbols of God's presence, protection and worship in the temple and the royal palace (3-4). The central consequence of the idea of Jerusalem expressed in its beauty and architecture was the covenant with David that bound Israel together. Jerusalem was like a sacrament, an instrument of grace, revealing what God's purposes of Israel were. It was as though 'the Lord is here' just as we may speak of presence in the celebration of the Eucharist. Under the royal governance of David they were promised the experience of the royal rule of God, God's kingdom; the rule of peace and justice. And for that they would unite in thanks to the LORD. We know that royal rulers in Israel were often bad so this is not a statement of what is but an act of trust of what God could and would do. All good worship takes the corrupt and frail present

and views it in the light of the LORD's future.

The Davidic kings were to protect justice and deliver, from the judgement seat, justice and mercy according to God's character (5). The result of such judgement would be the peace that God promises; wholeness and harmony, prosperity and security (6-9). Thus the pilgrim prays for the peace of Jerusalem, as it would guarantee peace in the whole land. However, the fact of the prayer implies that Jerusalem is not at peace. How modern is this? We use this psalm in Advent because of its focus both on the present (the state of Jerusalem) and the future (God's peace coming to Jerusalem). We remember that Christ wept for the city because it did not love peace and sought it in violent ways (Luke 19.45-46). We remember that Christ is now God's locus in space and time and God's future of peace for all nations.

Question: How does worship transform us to represent God's just and peaceable purposes in God's world? Do we pray for the peace of the church and city? Do we recognise the things that make for peace?

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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>

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St Philip's 2016 Advent Calendar is now on our website, with Bible readings, poetry, artwork, music, a prayer and a refelection for each day in Advent.
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**Friday 9 Dec** – 7.00pm – 8.30pm - **St Pip's Youth Group - final for 2016.**

**Sunday 11 Dec** – 12.30-3.00pm – **Home Group**, Lamerton Centre – final for 2016.

**Announcing: Jenny Sawer and James Halligan have welcomed their new son, Edgar, into their family on 24 November 2016. All well.**