

This coming week @ St Philip's

Monday	St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre	- including Lunch - CLOSED
Tue - Fri	8am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	10am	Eucharist and Morning Tea
		- Lamerton Centre - RECOMMENCING IN FEBRUARY
Friday	10am - 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions - CLOSED
Saturday	10am - 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions - CLOSED
	10.30am	Eucharist @ Kankinya

Prayer Points

For those in need: Roger Sharp; Chris Cheah; James Kim; Brian McKinlay; Ken Smith; Rosemary Lohmann; Chris Hudlass; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.

Those we remember: Alice Saylor (20/12/88); Norma Reynolds (28/12/00).

Next Sunday - Epiphany

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

Presiding & Preaching: The Rev'd Martin Johnson

8am: Sidesperson: Volunteer
Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson
Readers: Margaret & Russell McCaskie

10am:
Welcomer:
Sidespeople: Jan & Tim Gulliver
Music: Colin Forbes
Liturgical Assistant: t.b.a.
Readers: Susan Johnson (OT)
Fred Anchell (NT)
Chalice Servers: Tim Gulliver & Denise Manley
Morning tea: Self serve in Lamerton Centre



St Philip's *Come & See*

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Sunday 24 December 2017

Christmas Eve

During communion: *Carol of Jesus Child* – music: H Hughes,
Poem: F MacNamara
Close Thine Eyes – music: M Plumstead, poem: King Charles I
sung by Denise Manley

11.30pm Music

Hymns: 300, 289, 299, 312 & 303

Sentence

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; for to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

Isaiah 9.2, 6

Prayer of the day

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of the light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 9.2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster Team

11.30pm Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Volunteer; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Deacons: Rev'd Linda Anchell & Rev'd Robin Moore; Server: Leighton Mann; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Denise Manley (OT), Fred Anchell (NT); Chalice: Volunteers

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

EFTPOS available in the foyer to assist with your giving.

Psalm 96

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song:
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name:
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations:
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols:
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Majesty and glory are before him:
beauty and power are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Render to the Lord, you families of the nations:
render to the Lord glory and might.
- 8 Render to the Lord the honour due to his name:
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 10 Say among the nations that the Lord is king:
he has made the world so firm that it can never be moved; and
he shall judge the peoples with equity.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:
let the sea roar, and all that fills it:

- 12 Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them:
then shall all the trees of the wood shout with joy before the
Lord;
- 13 For he comes, he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with
his truth.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

The Christmas season is upon us, some might say...at last! We have enjoyed the Advent season here at St Philip's and a great deal went into making it a very special time. The Advent Dinner and the Nine Lessons and Carols were real highlights! Thank you to all those who have worked so hard during this season and indeed during the year to make St Philip's what it is.

To some extent we are always living in an Advent season. Our spiritual lives are marked by waiting, patience, watching, listening, trusting and hoping. Everything that we do around the parish and indeed in our everyday lives finds its culmination as we gather for the Midnight Eucharist, little wonder we want to make of it a wonderful celebration.

Our hopes and longings, things that we can scarcely give voice to are found in this celebration.

The divine child, fulfils the promise.
It is only when he is awaited that he is received.
Otherwise no child is born for us tonight.
But where he is accepted he exceeds every expectation.
Jean -Marie Lustiger

Every blessing for this Christmastide, Martin.

St Philip's Calendar

<http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

St Philip's 2017 Advent Calendar is now on our website, with Bible readings, poetry, artwork, music, a prayer and a reflection for each day in Advent.

Friday 9 Feb, 7 – 8.30pm **St Philip's Youth Group**
Sunday 4 Feb 17 **AGM Reports due electronically to**
rector@stphilipsoconnor.org.au.

Chris, Roger, Leighton, Ruth & Zara will be hosting their biennial New Year's Eve party again. This year's theme is Hawaiian. Please bring some finger food to share. 26 Ashton Calvert Street, Casey. EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Christmas Services

Tomorrow morning- 9.00am Holy Communion

Please note the change of time for this week only