

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 McKaskie

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



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Monday 25 December 2017

Christmas Day

9am Music

Hymns: 304 (omit v. 4), 313, 316 & 309.

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 Team

9.00am Sidespeople: Volunteers; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks; Accolytes: Joseph & Dominic Lloyd; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Pat Forbes (OT), Peter Wilson (NT); Chalice: Volunteers;

Pewsheet 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 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,

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

Please check our website for the latest information including a Christmas message from Bishop Stuart and view a YouTube message from him and Bishop Matt Brain. Links are on the front page:

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

Sunday 31 Dec Services at 8am and 10am as usual.

Sunday 31 Dec from 8pm New Year's Eve Party -
EVERYONE WELCOME!!

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.

Thank you to everybody who helped with the Christmas flowers. This year the Christmas flowers have been given...

In loving memory of June and John Carnahan who joined us for many years at our Christmas services. (The McCaskie family) and ... In loving memory of Mary Reid. (Linda and Fred Anchell).

