

This coming week @ St Philip's

Monday	St Philip's Care @ Northbourne Community Centre	- including Lunch
Tue – Fri	8am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	10am	Eucharist and Morning Tea
		- Lamerton Centre
Friday	10am – 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions – Reopening 12 January
Saturday	10am – 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions – Reopening 13 January
	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: Norma Reynolds (28/12/00).

Next Sunday – Baptism of Our Lord

Readings: Genesis 1.1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11

Presiding & Preaching: The Ven Hartley Hansford

8am: Sidesperson: John Girdlestone
Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson
Reader: John Girdlestone

10am:
Welcomer: Denise Manley
Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Volunteer
Music: t.b.a.
Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty
Readers: Tim Gulliver (OT)
Denise Manley (NT)
Chalice Servers: Tim Gulliver & Denise Manley
Morning tea: Self serve in Lamerton Centre

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

EFTPOS available in the foyer to assist with your giving.



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Sunday 31 December 2017

Epiphany

10am Music

Hymns: 304 (v 1-2, 4-6), 291, 301 & 314

Sentence

They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and worshipped him.
Matthew 2.11

Prayer of the day

Eternal God, who by a star led Magi to the worship of your Son: guide the nations of the earth by your light, that the whole world may see your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

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

Today's Rosters

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson

8am Sidesperson: Volunteer; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson;
Readers: Margaret & Russell McKaskie.

10am Sidespeople: Jan & Tim Gulliver; Welcomer: Volunteer; Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks; Music: Colin Forbes; Readers: Susan Johnson (OT); Fred Anchell (NT); Chalice Servers: Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver;
Morning tea: Self Serve in Lamerton Centre

Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14

- 1 Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,
- 2 That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.
- 3 Let the mountains be laden with peace because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.
- 4 May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light, throughout all generations.
- 6 May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring tribute:
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall fall down before him:
and all nations do him service.
- 12 He will deliver the needy when they cry:
and the poor that have no helper.
- 13 He will pity the helpless and the needy:
and save the lives of the poor.
- 14 He will redeem them from oppression and violence:
and their blood shall be precious in his sight.

From the Rector

Dear Friends

If you roamed through Glebe park this Christmas you would have seen a depiction of the 12 days of Christmas. It begins by reminding us that Christmas Day is the First day of the festival. Most folk have clearly forgotten this as they very quickly put the day behind them so that they can plunge back into the maelstrom of shopping! For us strictly speaking every day is Christmas Day until we celebrate twelfth night, because for us it is just the beginning. The beginning of a journey which we take every year.

One of my favourite hymns is called Songs of thankfulness and praise, it doesn't feature in our hymn book, which is a shame because it gives us a map for this journey. The hymn reminds us that epiphany is ongoing. It begins with the Magi and then continues in the Baptism of Jesus, and the first miracle at Cana in Galilee and then in the healing ministry of Jesus and beyond. Unfortunately because the New Year generally interrupts our celebration we tend to think of Christmas at the end when of course it is the beginning...the beginning of the manifest of God's grace.

Susan and I will away In January visiting family. The usual round of worship continues and I thank those who have offered to lead us during this month. As well as our Parish Clergy we will be joined by The Ven Hartley Hansford and the Rev'd Professor Scott Cowdell. They are both looking forward to coming to St Philip's to share in our celebrations. Thank you for providing this opportunity for Susan and I to take a break and we look forward to returning to begin our 2018.

John Kavanaugh, SJ writes: Even the ancient feast of the Epiphany celebrates our seeing, our witnessing of the mystery that God could take our very flesh and bones. In the light of the Incarnation, with the "showing" of God in Jesus, all is changed, all human ordinariness transformed, all of the commonplace transfigured and blessed.

A sense of how God "shows" in each day, how grace is manifest in every numbered year, allows us to take possession of our moments gently as time flashes by. We develop a richer taste for life itself, and our thanksgiving reaches deeper into our being.

If we fully enter into the revelation of Christmas, if we truly savour it and thereby savour the lives we've been gifted with, we may find ourselves joining the long march of witnesses, sent to all times and nations, to bestow the blessing of God that the Book of Numbers gave to us: "The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look kindly upon you and give you peace."

Every blessings for the New Year to you all, Martin.

St Philip's Calendar

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

Sunday 4 Feb 18

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Wed'day 7 Feb, 7 – 9pm

Friday 9 Feb, 7 – 8.30pm

Tuesday 13 Feb, 5-7pm

Wed'day 14 Feb, 7pm

Friday 23 Feb, 7 - 8.30pm

Friday 23 Feb, 5 – 7pm

Sunday 25 Feb, 11.15am

Family Service & Candlemas

AGM Reports due electronically to
rector@stphilipsoconnor.org.au.

Parish Council – Lamerton Centre

St Philip's Youth Group

Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Dinner

Ash Wednesday with Imposition of Ashes.

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Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre

St Philip's AGM

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!!