

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 - OPEN 7pm - 8.30pm St Pip's Youth Group
Saturday	10am - 1pm Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions - OPEN 10.30am Eucharist @ Kankinya 5pm 'Thank You' Happy Hour

Complimentary drinks to say 'thank you' to everyone who has volunteered throughout the year with all the various tasks and ministries at St Philip's. Please bring some nibbles to share

6.30pm Advent Dinner

Please bring a salad or dessert to share. RSVP on list in foyer please

Prayer Points

For those in need: Ken Smith; Rosemary Lohmann; Chris Hudlass; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.
Those we remember: Constance Morton (25 Nov 2001)

Next Sunday - First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; Mark 13.24-37

Presiding & Preaching: The Rev'd Martin Johnson

8am: Sidesperson & Reader; John Girdlestone

10am: Family Service

Welcomer:	Denise Manley
Sidespeople:	Sally Adams & Roger Sharp
Music:	Colin Forbes
Liturgical Assistant:	Philippa Wicks
Readers:	Children
Chalice Servers:	Tim Gulliver & Denise Manley
Morning tea:	Palethorpe family (junior)

Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au or 0414 309469



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Sunday 26 November 2017

Christ the King - The reign of Christ

8am Eucharist followed by breakfast in the Lamerton Centre
10am Sung Eucharist & Baptism of Taryn May Gowty,
followed by morning tea in the courtyard

10am Music Hymns: 237; 245; 497 & 256

Sentence

O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy.

Psalm 100.1

Prayer of the day

God of power and love, whose raised you Son Jesus from death to life, resplendent in glory to rule over all creation: free the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, and to live in his love. Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Ezekiel 34.11-16; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46

Today's Rosters

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson

8am Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn; Reader: Shane Woodburn

10am Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay; Music: Colin Forbes; Liturgical Assistant: Brian McKinlay; Readers: Ward Saylor - OT, Belinda Brice - NT; Chalice Servers: Tim Gulliver & Denise Manley; Morning tea: Alison

Davidson & Rosemary Knight.

EFTPOS available in the foyer to assist with your giving.

Psalm: 100

- 1 O shout to the Lord in triumph, all the earth:
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his face with songs
of joy.
- 2 Know that the Lord he is God:
it is he who has made us and we are his; we are his people and the
sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Come into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:
give thanks to him, and bless his holy name.
- 4 For the Lord is good, his loving mercy is for ever:
his faithfulness throughout all generations.

From the Rector

Dear Friends

Today is a very appropriate feast day on which to conclude the Church's year. It is by Church standards a modern feast, not yet 100 years old. It was inaugurated in 1925 by Pope XI; at that time there was clear movement towards secularism and from there totalitarianism. The political extremes of fascism and communism were becoming present in the period between the wars, and the inauguration of the festival was a call to the Christian world to respond to the question: to whom should we give our allegiance?

Today's gospel passage gives us something of an idea about this 'King' to whom we are called to worship, it's about spiritual leadership. It presents Jesus as both shepherd and sheep, as judge and king on the one hand and as suffering humanity on the other. Works of mercy are the measure of justice or righteousness. Those who feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, and set the prisoners free are "the righteous/the sheep" who will inherit God's empire or kingdom and enter eternal life. Those who fail in these respects are the unrighteous/the goats who don't recognise the presence of the shepherd/king in suffering humanity. I guess that the word which draws all this thinking together is 'justice.' I read once that the opposite of poverty is not wealth but justice. The issues that we face in our modern world can, so often, be traced to the fundamental problem of justice.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Taryn Gowty, a great day for both Taryn's family and for the parish family. In baptism we are made one and the mark of our unity is justice and from there shalom – peace, the peace that is offered by the risen Jesus who is King! Our festival today, with the reading from Matthew 25, coupled with Taryn's baptism

provides us with the essence of Christianity. The authentic Christian faith is to be incorporated into the life of Christ. This in turn means sharing in the divine life of the Trinity which is relationship par excellence. To share in this life is to play a role in envisioning the kingdom that Christ inaugurated, a kingdom which is justice and peace.

Our increasingly secular world might poo poo such ideas! It really gets my goat!!! I find them completely reasonable, in fact I believe that the future of humanity depends on such a way of thinking.

Blessings, Martin

Our 2017 Local Mission Project - Donation envelopes are available today
"St Philip's Care – Northbourne Community Centre"

St Philip's Calendar

Please check our website calendar for the latest information

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

Friday 8 Dec	7pm – 8.30pm	St Pip's Youth Group
Wednesday 13	7pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sunday 17 Dec	7.30pm	St Philip's Carol Service <i>Nine Lessons & Carols, followed by a bring and share Christmas supper.</i>
Sunday 24 Dec		<u>Fourth Sunday of Advent</u>
	9am	Eucharist (combined 8am and 10am)
Sunday 24 Dec		<u>Christmas Eve</u>
	5pm	Children's Christmas Service
	11pm	Carol Singing
	11.30pm	Sung Eucharist
Monday 25 Dec		<u>Christmas Day</u>
	9am	Sung Eucharist

Christmas Rosters

If you are able to assist with any of the Advent/Christmas services on the 24th & 25th December - Sidespeople, Readers, Chalice Servers etc. Please email rosters@stphilipsoconnor.org.au and let us know which service(s) you will be attending, so we can prepare a Roster. These services are very important as we have lots of visitors attending and we need to be organised!

Kankinya (Canberra Aged Care Facility) will be holding their *Christmas Fair* on Saturday, 2 December at 11am. Stalls include cakes, plants, books, craft, jams & preserves and a sausage sizzle – everyone welcome! 48 Archibald Street, Lyneham