

This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue	1.30pm	Sir Leslie Morshead Manor
Tue – Fri	8am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	10am	Eucharist and Morning Tea
Friday	10am – 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions
Saturday	10am – 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions
	10.30am	Eucharist @ Kankinya

Prayer Points

For those in need: James Kim; Sam Mahony; Fred Langman; Roger Sharp; Roberta; Margaret & Claude Woodbridge.

Those we remember: Peter Blaseotto (10/12/03); Dorothy Moore (12/12/84); Joseph Heaton (13/12/88); Alice Saylor (20/12/88).

Next Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings:

Micah 5.2-5a; Luke 1.47-55; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45.

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Sidesperson: McCaskie Family
Liturgical Assistant: tba
Reader: Margaret & Russell McCaskie

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe
Sidespeople: Fred Anshell & Hardy Palethorpe
Music: Colin Forbes
Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty
Readers: Volunteer (1st)
Ann Munro (2nd)
Chalice Servers: Hardy Palethorpe & Volunteer
Morning tea: Rosemary Knight & Alison Davidson

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 16 December 2018

Third Sunday in Advent

10am Music

Hymns: 265, 286 (v1-3), See Order of Service, 474 & 433

Katie Cole will sing during Communion: *Rejoice Greatly - Messiah* by GF Handel

Sentence

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love.
Zephaniah 3.16-17

Prayer of the day

Almighty God, you sent your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff and evil clings even to what is good: let the fire your Spirit purge us of all corruption, so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Zephaniah 3.14-20; Isaiah 12.2-6; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18.

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team.

8am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell;
Sidesperson: Susan Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Martin Johnson;
Bible Reader: Susan Johnson.

10am Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Preaching: Rev'd Robert Willson;
Welcomer: Erika Langman; Sidespeople: Kerry-Anne Cousins & Peter Andersson; Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Denise Manley (1st), Louise McKay (2nd); Chalice Servers: Tim

Gulliver & Denise Manley; Morning Tea: Jan Gulliver & Volunteer.

A song of Isaiah (Isaiah 12.2-6)

'Behold, God is my salvation:

I will trust and will not be afraid;

'For the Lord God is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.'

With joy you will draw water:
from the wells of salvation.

On that day you will say:

'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

'Make known his deeds among the nations"
proclaim that his name is exalted.

'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously;
let this be known in all the world.

'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

From the Rector

Dear Friends

Today, the third Sunday in Advent, is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday. In ancient times the introit today would have been 'Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete.' Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice. Today the sense of expectancy is heightened, the introit would go on: 'Dominus enim prope est' - The Lord is near. Today is the day we light the Rose Candle in recognition of that joy, that sense of expectancy!

Today is also the anniversary of the dedication of St Philip's. The plaque at the back of the church reminds us that St Philip's was dedicated on December 16th, 1961. So our 'Gaudete' today is twofold! We will lay aside the rather more sombre elements of Advent and sing the Gloria at the 10.00am Eucharist in thanksgiving for this milestone, and also welcome as our visiting preacher The Rev'd Bob Willson, a former Rector of St Philip's. We look forward to hearing him give us some historical perspective on our on-going pilgrimage as the people of God in this place.

As I suggested last week there is much to give thanks for as we once again look back over 2018. Thank you to our Youth Group leaders, to those of you who, under Pat and Colin, make a joyful noise unto the Lord! To the flower arrangers, gardeners and all who make this place a home for God and for us who seek God.

In our reading today from Zephaniah the prophet speaks of the exiles being brought 'home.' For us, as for the exiles, can we say home is where God is! I was reminded during the week of GK Chesterton's poem 'The House of Christmas,' which ends:

To an open house in the evening
Home shall men come,
To an older place than Eden
And a taller town than Rome.

To the end of the way of the wandering star,
To the things that cannot be and that are,
To the place where God was homeless
And all men are at home.

It is God's willingness to be homeless to bring us home that we celebrate at Christmas and that we spend Advent trying to imagine and prepare ourselves for. I hope that we can today, as we celebrate our Dedication Festival we can continue to find in St Philip's a home in which we can commune with God and with each other.

Every blessing, **Martin**

St Philip's Calendar <http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

Today 16 Dec St Philip's Dedication Festival

Today 16 Dec 7.30pm St Philip's Carol Service – Nine Lessons and Carols,
followed by supper. Please bring some food to share.

Monday 24 Dec 5pm Children's Christmas Service

11pm Carol Singing

11.30pm Sung Eucharist

Tuesday 24 Dec 9am Holy Communion

January – All roles will be filled by volunteers and a single sheet for the month's readings will be produced. Normal services will recommence in February 2019.

Advent Calendar

Enjoy the St Philip's 2018 Advent Calendar, with readings, poetry, prayer, art and music for each day of the season. Follow the link on the St Philip's webpage!

New Year's Eve 2018 @ Chris & Rogers. From 8pm

We're nearly at the end of another year, so that means it's party time on Chris & Roger roof terrace.

This year our theme is the 70's & board games! So come along to party & play.

Get your 70's gear on and bring some 70's finger food to share. Don't forget your togs if you want to swim.

Looking forward to celebrating 2018 & welcoming 2019.

Please see Leighton, Chris or Roger for further details.