

This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue	1.30pm	Sir Leslie Morshead Manor – next ? Jan 19
Tue – Fri	8am	Morning Prayer – next 8 Jan 19
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer – next 8 Jan 19
Thursday	10am	Eucharist & Morning Tea- next 10 Jan 19
Friday	10am – 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions Pandoras is closed until 11 Jan 2019
Saturday	10am – 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions
	10.30am	Eucharist @ Kankinya – next 12 Jan 19

Prayer Points

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

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

Next Sunday – First Sunday After Christmas

Readings:

1 Samuel 2.18-20,26; Psalm 110; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-52.

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn
Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson
Reader: Shane Woodburn

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Welcomer: Denise Manley
Sidespeople: Volunteers
Music: Colin Forbes
Liturgical Assistant: tba
Readers: Volunteer (1st)
Volunteer (2nd)
Chalice Servers: Volunteers
Morning tea: Self-service

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 23 December 2018

Fourth Sunday in Advent

10am Music

Hymns: 271, 286, 161, 294 & 302

Denise Manley will sing - Introit: *God of All Eternity* – Iona Community
Recessional: *May the Feet...* - Robin Mann

Sentence

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. Luke 1.45

Prayer of the day

Gracious God, you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son: as we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. We ask this through 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

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

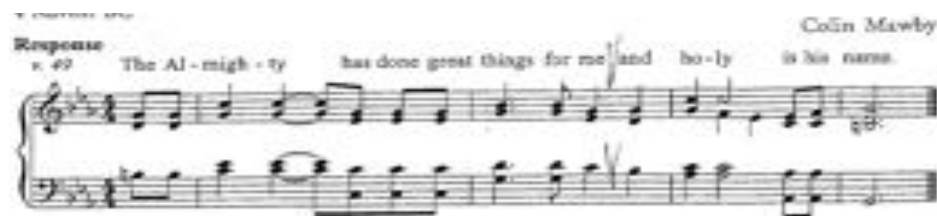
Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team.

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

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

Magnificat (Luke 1.47-55)



The Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.

- 1 47 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour:
48 he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed; **Resp**
- 2 49 the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.
50 He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation. **Resp**
- 3 51 He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
52 casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly. **Resp**
- 4 53 He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
54 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy.
55 The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever. **Resp**

From the Rector

Dear Friends

The Advent season draws to a close today, tomorrow from the dark of night will shine the light that we have been preparing for. Last Sunday evening through music and scripture, poetry and prose we took a journey through Advent culminating in John's proclamation in his gospel: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. It was a wonderful evening, in which many found inspiration and joy. Thank you to all who took part or supported the evening in any way. As I said at the end of the evening, it was difficult not to applaud after some of the performances. But that reserve was a mark of an evening that was far more than a concert, but an act of witness. In the course of the evening we explored the Christian tradition in all its diversity, the Biblical witness, prayer, choral music, poetry and theology. It is by bringing these together that we are most able to speak about the faith that we profess in a way which engages the mind and the heart.

Last Sunday our Dedication Festival marked the beginning of a year of exploration

and reflection. The Rev'd Bob Willson, engaged us with a sermon which gave us plenty of food for thought and reminded us of St Philip's history. I think at one point he described us as a thoughtful, pragmatic parish, (I haven't yet seen the text of his sermon) and perhaps this is no bad thing. We need to be thoughtfully (read prayerfully) considering our way forward and that will require of us a level of pragmatism. I hope that we can see in Sunday's celebration something of the themes that we will pursue in 2019: prayer, Bible, poetry, theology and music. In 2020 we can be more pragmatic as we consider our stewardship and outreach; 2021 we can let down our (metaphorical for some) hair!

I'd like to continue my thanks as this year draws to a close. In the clergy of this parish we have an extraordinarily diverse group of people. I do appreciate everything that they bring to the life of this community and in particular the personal support and encouragement they offer to me. Thank you to you all. Thanks are due too to the Liturgical Assistants who lead us in prayer and worship and indeed to everyone who in their own way, usually quietly and unseen, supports God's mission in this place.

There have been many high points in our year together and I look forward to many more as we continue our pilgrimage. I look forward to seeing many of you over the Christmas festivities, and to those of you who are already holidaying we pray for rest, re-creation and safe returns.

Every blessing for this Christmas season, **Martin**

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

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.

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.