

## *This coming week @ St Philip's*

Tue – Fri	8am	Morning Prayer – IN JANUARY
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer – IN JANUARY
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 – IN JANUARY

## *Prayer Points*

For those in need: Peter Andersson; Sam Mahony; Roger Sharp; James Kim; Grace Barnes; 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 148; Colossians 3.12-17;  
Luke 2.41-52

**Presiding & Preaching:** The Rev'd Martin Johnson

**8am:** Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn  
Liturgical Assistant: tba  
Readers: Shane Woodburn

**10am:**  
Welcomer: Denise Manley  
Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Volunteer  
Music: Colin Forbes  
Liturgical Assistant: tba  
Readers: Volunteer (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Volunteer (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Chalice Servers: Volunteers  
Morning tea: Self serve in Lamerton Centre



# St Philip's *Come & See*

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## Monday 24 December 2018

### *Christmas Eve*

*11.30pm Music*

**Hymns: 300, 299, 312 & 303**

*Sentence*

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; for to us a child is born, to us a son is given.*

*Isaiah 9.2, 6*

*Prayer of the day*

*Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of the light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Tonight's Readings*

Isaiah 9.2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14

*Tonight's Rosters*

Flowers: The Flower Roster Team

**11.30pm** Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Volunteer; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Jeanette Dundon-Tunks (1st), Colin Dundon (2nd); Chalice: Volunteers

*Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to [comeandsee@stphilipsoconnor.org.au](mailto:comeandsee@stphilipsoconnor.org.au) or 0414 309 469*

**EFTPOS available in the foyer to assist with your giving.**

## Psalm 96

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song:  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name:  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations:  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols:  
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Majesty and glory are before him:  
beauty and power are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Render to the Lord, you families of the nations:  
render to the Lord glory and might.
- 8 Render to the Lord the honour due to his name:  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness:  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 10 Say among the nations that the Lord is king:  
he has made the world so firm that it can never be moved; and he shall judge the peoples with equity.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
- 12 Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them:  
then shall all the trees of the wood shout with joy before the Lord;
- 13 For he comes, he comes to judge the earth:  
he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

## From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Christmas has once again come around. My hope and prayer is that it is for us a time indeed of rest, recreation, renewal, an antidote from that which has gone before in our busy commercialised world! As many of you know I am a fan of GK Chesterton, he of Fr Brown fame! In 1933 Chesterton wrote a wonderful satirical piece called 'Christmas must go!' It begins: Christmas is utterly unsuited to the modern world. It presupposes the possibility of families being united or reunited, and even of men and women who chose each other being on speaking terms! He goes on to put a good case for abolishing it. It is, he says superstition, medieval, it has no place in the modern world which promises us happiness and prosperity. His essay ends: Christmas must go. It is going. In fact it is going strong.

I too remain forever optimistic about Christmas, even in the midst of commercialism, and the downplaying of the story at its heart. I am optimistic because I believe it to be true. As we look back over another year with its joys and disappointments, achievements and missed opportunities they are all in a sense resolved as we gaze at the nativity scene for in it we can see 'the hope and fears of all the years' met in that one event.

Chesterton grew to love Christmas even more as he got older, and said he came to appreciate it even more as an adult than he did as a child. All too often we hear that Christmas is for children. It is for us all and I hope that those of us who are a little older can immerse ourselves in the great truths of Christmas and be nourished by them.

A happy and holy Christmas to you all and every blessing for 2019.

**Martin**

## St Philip's Calendar

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

**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!

**Sunday** 3 Feb 18

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**Wed'day** 6 Feb, 7 - 9pm

**Friday** 8 Feb, 7 - 8.30pm

**Friday** 23 Feb, 7 - 8.30pm

**Friday** 22 Feb, 5 - 7pm

**Sunday** 24 Feb, 11.15am

**Family Service & Candlemas**

**AGM Reports due electronically to**  
[rector@stphilipsoconnor.org.au](mailto:rector@stphilipsoconnor.org.au).

**Parish Council** - Lamerton Centre

**St Philip's Youth Group**

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**Happy Hour** - Lamerton Centre

**St Philip's AGM**

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.

## Christmas Services

**Tomorrow morning- 9.00am Holy Communion**

**Please note the change of time for this week only**