

## 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:** 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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## Tuesday 25 December 2018

## Christmas Day

**Catriona Bryce will sing:** Introit: *Jesus Christ the apple tree* – Elizabeth Poston  
Communion: *Wexford Carol* - Traditional

*9am Music*

**Hymns: 304 (omit v. 4), 313, 316 & 309.**

### Sentence

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.*

*John 1.1, 14*

### Prayer of the day

*God Most High, whose eternal Word chose a dwelling among us, that we might live in your presence: grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory you have given us, and how great is the hope to which we are called in the Word made flesh; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.*

### Today's Readings

Isaiah 52.7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1.1-4; John 1.1-14

### Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Roster Team

**9.00am** Sidespeople: Volunteers; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell; Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks; Crucifer: Leighton Mann; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Pat Forbes (1<sup>st</sup>), Peter Wilson (2<sup>nd</sup>); Chalice: Leighton Mann & Volunteer.

*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 98

Rosalie Bonighton

### Response

v. 4b

All the ends of the earth have seen the sal - va - tion of our God.



**Resp: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

- 1 1 Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 His right hand and his holy arm  
have won for him the victory.
- 2 3 The Lord has made known his salvation;  
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness  
towards the house of Israel,  
and all the end of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. **Resp**
- 3 5 Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;  
break into singing and make music.
- 6 Make music to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the voice of melody.
- 4 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
sound praises before the Lord, the King.
- 8 Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,  
the world and all that dwell upon it. **Resp**
- 5 9 Let the rivers clap their hands  
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world  
and the peoples with equity. **Resp**

## 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

Please check our website for the latest information:

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

Sunday 30 Dec Services at 8am and 10am as usual.  
Sunday 31 Dec from 8pm New Year's Eve Party –  
EVERYONE WELCOME!!

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.

## 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!