

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: Norma Reynolds (28/12/00).

Next Sunday – The Epiphany of Our Lord

Readings:

Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12.

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am:	Presiding & Preaching:	Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell
	Sidesperson:	John Girdlestone
	Liturgical Assistant:	Peter Wilson
	Reader:	John Girdlestone
10am:	Presiding:	Rev'd Martin Johnson
	Preaching:	Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell
	Welcomer:	Denise Manley
	Sidespeople:	Sally Adams & Volunteer
	Music:	tba
	Liturgical Assistant:	Philippa Wicks
	Readers:	Tim Gulliver (1st) Denise Manley (2nd)
	Chalice Servers:	Denise Manley & Tim Gulliver
	Morning tea:	Self-service in Lamerton Centre

NB: THERE WILL BE INCENSE AT THE 10AM SERVICE.

Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au or 0414 309 469

FTPOS available in the foyer to assist with your giving.



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Sunday 30 December 2018

First Sunday After Christmas

10am Music

Hymns: See sheet (t499), 325, 297 & 290

Sentence

Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and be thankful.
Colossians 3.14-15

Prayer of the day

God of community, whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood: may we so respect and love those whose lives are linked with ours that we fail not in loyalty to you, but make choices according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Today's Readings

1 Samuel 2.18-20,26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-52.

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team.

8am	Presiding & Preaching:	Rev'd Martin Johnson;	Sidesperson:	Tim Woodburn;	Liturgical Assistant:	Elizabeth Allinson;	Bible Reader:	Shane Woodburn.								
10am	Presiding & Preaching:	Rev'd Martin Johnson;	Welcomer:	Denise Manley;	Sidespeople:	Fred Anchell & Volunteer;	Liturgical Assistant:	tba;	Music:	Colin Forbes;	Bible Readers:	Volunteer (1 st), Volunteer (2 nd);	Chalice Servers:	Volunteers;	Morning Tea:	Self Service in Lamerton Centre.

Psalm 148

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:
O praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all his angels:
O praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon:
praise him, all you stars of light.
- 4 Praise him, you highest heaven:
and you waters that are above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for he commanded and they were made.
- 6 He established them for ever and ever:
he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.
- 7 O praise the Lord from the earth:
praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, mist and snow:
and storm-wind fulfilling his command;
- 9 Mountains and all hills:
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples:
princes, and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens:
old folk and children together.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for his name alone is exalted.
- 14 His glory is above earth and heaven:
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.
- 15 Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:
of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

From the Rector

Dear Friends

Today we continue our Christmas festivities! In days gone by Christmas (along with Easter) was celebrated with an 'Octave.' Every day is Christmas Day for the week!

I find in today's gospel a very 'ordinary' Jesus! He appears as a somewhat precocious adolescent. In Mary's words we can see a very concerned mother – quite rightly so - 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' To which Jesus responds: 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' We can see in this encounter something of the ordinariness and the marvellous of Luke's story of the birth of Jesus. Mary speaks of Jesus' Father Joseph, whilst

Jesus responds speaking of his heavenly Father. This is classic Luke, earth and heaven touch, surprising and unexpected divine intervention in the dilemmas of ordinary people.

Faith is the place we inhabit between the ordinary things of earth and the presence of the divine. Sometimes it is a painful place, this gap, between promise and fulfilment. We all, to some extent, live with disappointments, hopes dashed or lives unfilled in some way. What these texts call us to is a broadening of our faith to find God's hand in the most unlikely places. Perhaps that might be a worthy New Year's resolution! It is certainly one of the goals of our year of learning together as we seek God in our lives. Dwelling on the characters of the infancy stories and finding our lives and experiences intertwined with theirs is a lovely way to meditate on these accounts and find within them the comfort and challenge of faith.

Now a warning! We have a tradition at St Philip's (that is a code word for 'we did it last year') whereby we use incense at the Feast of the Epiphany, which is next Sunday. We have some lovely Frankincense to offer as part of our worship. So if you are not a fan can I suggest you sit closer to the back or come along to eight o'clock which will be a smoke free event! (And you can enjoy Breakfast afterwards). Canon Scott will be preaching at both celebrations of this Feast.

Susan and I are spending the rest of this week on leave with family in Melbourne. I will have my phone with me in case of emergency. Thank you for this opportunity for some R&R. I hope that you are finding some time for rest after a busy year. A very happy and spirit filled New Year to you all.

Blessings **Martin**

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

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' & Roger's. From 8pm
We're nearly at the end of another year, so that means it's party time on Chris & Roger's 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.