

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: Constance Morton (25/11/01).

Next Sunday – First Sunday of Advent

Readings:

Jeremiah 33.14-16; Psalm 25.1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13; Luke 21.25-38.

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am:	Presiding & Preaching:	Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell
	Sidesperson:	John Girdlestone
	Liturgical Assistant:	Elizabeth Allinson
	Readers:	John Girdlestone
10am:	Presiding & Preaching:	Rev'd Martin Johnson
	Welcomer:	Denise Manley
	Sidespeople:	Sally Adams, Sam Mahony & Nirmal Farrington
	Music:	Colin Forbes
	Liturgical Assistant:	Philippa Wicks
	Readers:	Tim Gulliver (1st) Susan Johnson (2nd)
	Chalice Servers:	Tim Gulliver & Denise Manley
	Morning tea:	Alison Davidson & Rosemary Knight

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 25 November 2018

Christ the King/The Reign of Christ

10am Music

Hymns: 216, 245, 256 & 201

Sentence

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing. Revelation 5.12

Prayer of the day

Everlasting God, whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King: grant that the people of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37.

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 Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe; Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Hardy Palethorpe; Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Tim Gulliver (1st), Susan Johnson (2nd); Chalice Servers: James Kim & Denise Manley; Morning Tea: Alison Davidson & Rosemary Knight.

Psalm 93

- 1 The Lord is king, and has put on robes of glory:
the Lord has put on his glory, he has girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the world so firm:
that it cannot be moved.
- 3 Your throne is established from of old:
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice:
the floods lift up their pounding.
- 5 But mightier than the sound of many waters, than the mighty waters or
the breakers of the sea:
the Lord on high is mighty.
- 6 Your decrees are very sure:
and holiness, O Lord, adorns your house for ever.

From the Rector

Dear Friends

In the gospel of John we read that Jesus fled from the crowds because they wanted to make him king by force! They had seen the sign of the feeding of the 5000 and they knew someone special was in their midst. Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King and I wonder what he would make of it! We need to be careful that we are celebrating a particular kind of king.

“My kingdom is not from this world.” This is the translation we will hear this Sunday, and it is a good one. What many will think they heard is the translation that has dominated the English language version of this saying for nearly four centuries: “My kingdom is not of this world.” How one translates this text is not simply an academic question. “My kingdom is not of this world” has long been a kind of proof-text for folk who would thoroughly separate religion from politics.

The kingdom of God most certainly is not from this world, but it most certainly is of this world. We live in a time when Christianity is marginalized in the public sphere and we are experiencing some unedifying discussions regarding religious freedoms. Whilst Jesus never describes the nature of the Kingdom, he does say in him the kingdom comes near. St Paul speaks of the kingdom as righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. I think that this is a good description of the kingdom envisioned and inaugurated by Jesus.

The problem is that religion is perceived simply as a set of moral codes which clearly it isn't, not the 'religion' that Jesus founded at least. The faith that I hold is concerned with traditions of storytelling and arguments over the nature of – among other things – human life, rationality, beauty and justice. It involves

every aspect of life. Clearly we need to find ways of ensuring that religious voices are heard in the public space in such a way that we look to one another as sources of enrichment? Is this not the kingdom over which Jesus reigns as king, a kingdom which we strive to make a very part of this world?

Today we commission Peter Wicks and Elise Palethorpe for their ministry among us as Liturgical Assistants. They have both been fulfilling this role for a few weeks and today we recognise and formalise their roles in the parish. We thank them, pray for them, and look forward to their leadership in our worship.

Blessings, **Martin**

St Philip's Calendar

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

Sunday 25 Nov		Christ the King
Sunday 25 Nov	12.30 – 3pm	Home Group – Lamerton Centre. All Welcome!
Friday 30 Nov	7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Saturday 1 Dec	5pm	'Thank you' Happy Hour – Complimentary drinks & nibbles to say 'thank you' to everyone who has volunteered throughout the year with all the various tasks and ministries at St Philip's. Followed by:
	6.30pm	Advent Dinner – Canon Scott will reflect on his 30 years of ordained ministry. Please bring a salad or dessert to share, if you can. However, everyone is welcome at this evening of fun and fellowship. Please join us and indicate your attendance on the notice on the board in the foyer for seating.
Wed'day 5 Dec	7pm	Parish Council – Lamerton Centre
Friday 14 Dec	7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Sunday	16 Dec 7.30pm	St Philip's Carol Service – Nine Lessons and Carols, followed by supper. Please bring some food to share.

CALLING ALL SINGERS

First opportunity: Our own service of Nine Lessons and Carols will commence rehearsals at 7pm on Tuesday 20 November in the church. If you would like to join in, please contact Pat Forbes on 0401 004 022 so that music can be made available for you.

Second opportunity: Project: Canberra One Hundred Voices for Bush Church Aid – 18 May 2019. Seeking singers. Organising now for rehearsals next year. Please contact Maneerat Jeerapaet on 0450 044 304.

St John's Care, Reid, is looking for donations to their 'Present Room'. This beautiful initiative is open from 4 – 14 December and is still in need of toys for older children and gift cards for teenagers. Please see the newspaper article on the notice board in the foyer for more information.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PARISH COUNCIL IS ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE TO WATER THE GARDENS OVER THE SUMMER. JUST ONCE A WEEK FOR ONE WEEK! NOTICE IN THE FOYER OR SPEAK TO DENISE OR ROGER.

Synod Report 2018

The Electoral Synod of the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn met in Goulburn between 8 and 10 November. It elected Revd Dr Mark Short as our new Bishop. The Synod, of some hundreds of people, laity and clergy, reflected the diversity of our diocese in its urban and rural character. It also displayed the breadth of theology of the Anglicanism across the diocese.

Given this diversity, Synod proceeded in a respectful and courteous manner throughout lengthy debate. We owe much to Bishop Trevor for his superb leadership in the interregnum and during the Synod. He was assisted by the able chairmanship of Richard Refshauge as Chancellor and Chairman of Committee.

We had some outstanding nominees, although there was considerable disappointment at the absence of any female candidates. This was despite active canvassing by the pre-selection committee, who told us that the women approached felt reluctant to leave their current responsibilities.

Although the choice of Revd Dr Mark was not, of course, unanimous we believe a high proportion of those who did not vote for him were content with the choice. For more information on our new Bishop, please see our parish website, or our Diocesan website: www.anglicancg.org.au.

The Electoral Synod was preceded in September by an ordinary session of Synod. The consequences of the Royal Commission into Institutional Abuse of Children were a significant item of business. The Diocese has joined the Federal Government Redress Scheme, and broader details of the Diocese's redress, financial and pastoral engagement with this troubling issue can be found on the Diocesan website.

The September Synod also considered some lengthy reporting from the Anglican Public Issues Commission (PIC) on the environment, social outreach, refugees, and disability and the NDIS.

Of particular interest was the report of a diocese committee on euthanasia and assisted dying, formed to resolve issues raised at an earlier session of Synod. The Synod heard a compelling summary of the report from the Revd Dr Sallyanne Hart (Rector of Traralga). The essence of this was that, given the complexity of the issues and the potential for coercion, the Church should support either euthanasia or assisted dying.

Synod also considered a PIC report proceeding from a motion at the 2016 session of Synod on climate change. The report addressed issues of what services were likely to be required of the Church to meet consequences of climate change, and how the Church might provide for and advocate in this

sphere. In a related matter, Synod also sought prayerful support for the victims of the Tathra bushfire and for those tending livestock affected by the fire.

An encouraging aspect of the Synod was reporting that pointed to successful development of all seven of the Anglican schools in the diocese and of the innovative development of St Martin's residential college at Charles Sturt University in Wagga.

Brian McKinlay
Ashton Robinson
Philippa Wicks

St Philip's O'Connor Lay Synod Representatives.

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### Dear Friends,

Bishop Stephen Pickard informs me that our Canon Theologian, Professor Scott Cowdell, is celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of his ordination as a priest on St Andrew's Day, Friday 30 November.

Scott will preach and preside at a Eucharist in the St Mark's Chapel, 15 Blackall Street, Barton, at 12.00 noon on Friday 30th. A light lunch will then be provided, hosted by the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, in the Chambers Pavilion at the ACC&C. Clergy, parishioners past and present, students and friends are very welcome.

For catering purposes, please RSVP to the ACC&C by Wednesday 28 November: [acc-c@csu.edu.au](mailto:acc-c@csu.edu.au)

Regards

**Bishop Trevor Edwards (Episcopal Administrator)**

#### **A community advent pageant**

Imagine the Christmas Story painted by legendary Australian artist [Pro Hart](#)

Picture the poetry of Lutheran theologian, guru, and radical [Dr Norm Habel](#)

Mix it with the music of song-writing minstrel [Robin Mann](#)

You have Outback Christmas, a retelling of the Christmas story based in the Australian

Outback

**Saturday, 1 December 2018**

**6:30 pm - 8:30 pm with a light supper intermission**

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

**Cnr Emu Bank & Eastern Valley Way, Belconnen ACT 2617**