

Christmas @ St Philip's

Sunday 15 Dec 7.30pm

Nine Lessons & Carols, followed by a
bring and share supper

Christmas Eve 11pm
11.30pm

Carol Singing
Midnight Mass
Festive Eucharist

Christmas Day 9am

This coming week @ St Philip's

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| Tue | 1.30pm | Eucharist @ 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 @ Canberra Aged Care |

Prayer Points

For those in need: Roger Sharp

Those we remember: Constance Morton (25/11/01)

Next Sunday - Second Sunday of Advent

Readings:

Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-7, 18-21; Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12

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| 8am: | Presiding & Preaching: | The Rev'd Martin Johnson |
| | Sidespeople: | Alison & Alistair Davidson |
| | Liturgical Assistant: | Elise Palethorpe |
| | Readers: | Alistair Davidson (1 st) Alison Davidson (2 nd) |
| 10am: | Presiding & Preaching: | The Rev'd Martin Johnson |
| | Welcomer: | Jeannette McHugh |
| | Sidespeople: | Janene Broere & Kerry-Anne Cousins |
| | Crucifer: | Zara Mann |
| | Server: | Leighton Mann |
| | Music: | Colin Forbes |
| | Readers: | Ann Munro (1 st) Ashton Robinson (2 nd) |
| | Chalice Servers: | Jeannette McHugh & Tim Gulliver |
| | Morning tea: | Ann Munro & Beryl Blaseotto |

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 1 December 2019

First Sunday of Advent

10am Music

Hymns: 289, 283, 430, 474 & 268

During Communion and Recession: Joseph Lloyd & Colin Forbes

Sentence

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.
Isaiah 2.3a

Prayer of the day

Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Isaiah 2.1-5; Ps 122; Romans 13.9-14; Matthew 24.36-44

Today's Rosters

- 8am** Presiding & Preaching: The Rev'd Sarah Gibson; Sidesperson: John Girdlestone; Liturgical Assistant: Peter Wilson; Bible Readers: Brian McKinlay (1st); John Girdlestone (2nd)
- 10am** Presiding & Preaching: The Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Nirmal Farrington & Anne Mahony; Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks; Crucifer: Zara Mann; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Joseph Lloyd (1st); Cliff Lloyd (2nd); Chalice Servers:

Psalm 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me:
 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
- 2 And now our feet are standing:
 within your gates, O Jerusalem;
- 3 Jerusalem which is built as a city:
 where the pilgrims gather in unity.
- 4 There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:
 as he commanded Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
- 5 There are set thrones of judgement:
 the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
 may those who love you prosper.
- 7 Peace be within your walls:
 and prosperity in your palaces.
- 8 For the sake of my kindred and companions:
 I will pray that peace be with you.
- 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God:
 I will seek for your good.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

This past week I have been spending some time at the Defence Force Chaplaincy College, brushing up on those important Chaplaincy skills of teaching, relationship building, mentoring, conflict resolution etc. We visited the War Memorial on Wednesday evening and one of our number led the nightly commemoration. Dressed up in full dress uniform I once again found myself confronted by the horror of war and my own role in it as an Army Chaplain, a title which in itself could be described as an oxymoron.

Our sacred scriptures provide little firm direction. In today's passage from Isaiah we hear those famous words: He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. Only a few pages on and the prophet Joel completely reverses the text using the same words: turning ploughshares into swords, and pruning-hooks into spears. Perhaps as the writer to Ecclesiastes reminded us there is indeed 'a time for war, and a time for peace.'

I read during the week an article about self-sacrifice and its place in warfare. Whilst conceding that self-sacrifice remains an important element in conflict the item suggested that in our modern, complex world such an idea was losing its hold on our imagination. In the future with increasing technology the world of military will change completely and we will perhaps enter what has been dubbed a 'post-heroic' age. It is perhaps the idea of Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 where he speaks of the power to prevent evil using the Greek word *Katechon* 'the one who restrains', which might help us. Last weekend our celebration of Christ the King reminded us of where our true allegiances lie, beyond tribe, nation and tongue. We do tend to consider the military as defenders of our borders, way of life etc. But in our modern world, one in which we may struggle with the notions of 'King and Country' and some of the more patriotically fervent rhetoric, we can perhaps understand the need to restrain evil in our world. I think I can justify my role when I consider the idea of the restraint of the world's evil.

I am looking forward to our Advent journey together beginning today. Next Sunday we will gather at noon for our monthly Food4Thought and Dr Colin Dundon will help us discover some of the themes of Matthew's gospel which we will encounter during this New Year. Come along for some good food and company, learning and good conversation. Blessings, Martin

St Philip's Calendar -

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

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| Saturday | 6 Dec 6.30pm | Canberra Opera Christmas Concert |
| Sunday | 8 Dec Noon | Food4Thought – Lamerton Centre |
| Friday | 13 Dec 7 – 8.30pm | St Philip's Youth Group |
| Sunday | 5 January | Feast of the Epiphany |
| Sunday | 12 January | The Baptism of Jesus |

Pandora's @ O'Connor

Pandora invites you to a **Festive Frolic**,
Saturday 14 December 10am-1pm.
Come and enjoy some Christmas cheer and the latest
special clothes and jewellery.
All welcome!