

This coming week @ St Philip's

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: Peter Blaseotto (10/12/03); Dorothy Moore (12/12/84); Joseph Heaton (13/12/88).

Next Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 35.1-10; Psalm 146; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11

8am:	Presiding:	Rev'd Martin Johnson
	Preaching:	Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell
	Sidesperson:	Lloyd Family
	Liturgical Assistant:	Lisa Carley
	Readers:	Dominic Lloyd (1 st) Joseph Lloyd (2 nd)
10am:	Presiding & Preaching:	Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell
	Welcomer:	Richard Griffiths
	Sidespeople:	Sally Adams & Judith Swanson
	Liturgical Assistant:	Peter Wilson
	Music:	Colin Forbes
	Readers:	Brian McKinlay (1 st) Colin Dundon (2 nd)
	Chalice Servers:	Rev'd Martin & James Kim
	Morning tea:	Jan Gulliver & Janene Broere

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 8 December 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

10am Music

Hymns: 207, 289 (vv 1-2), 270, 520 & 294

Sentence

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Mark 1.15

Prayer of the day

God of all peoples, whose servant John came baptising and calling for repentance: help us to hear his voice of judgement, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

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

Today's Rosters

8am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: Alistair & Alison Davidson; Liturgical Assistant: Elise Palethorpe; Bible Readers: Alistair Davidson (1st); Alison Davidson (2nd).

10am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Jeannette McHugh; Sidespeople: Janene Broere & Kerry-Anne Cousins; Crucifer: Zara Mann; Server: Leighton Mann; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Denise Manley (1st); Ashton Robinson (2nd); Chalice Servers: Jeannette McHugh & Tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Denise Manley & Beryl Blaseotto

Psalm 72 (vv1-7, 18-21)

- 1 Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,
- 2 That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.
- 3 Let the mountains be laden with peace because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.
- 4 May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light, throughout all generations.
- 6 May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Let his name live for ever:
and endure as long as the sun.
- 19 Let all peoples use his name in blessing:
and all nations call him blessed.
- 20 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel:
who alone does great wonders.
- 21 Blessed be his glorious name for ever:
and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, Amen.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

We are well on in our Advent Journey. It is a journey where we meet some of scriptures most interesting characters. The prophet Isaiah, John the Baptist and the Blessed Virgin Mary to name just three. Today it is John the Baptist who features in our gospel, an unusual figure indeed. Traditionally we are told that John stands on the cusp of salvation history, between the old covenant and the new. He is perfectly placed to be the person to herald in a new way, in the person of Jesus. John was, of course, of a priestly family. His father Zachariah was a priest in the temple; John was a clergy kid, the son of a preacher man! Some writers suggest that there is a "preacher's kid syndrome", in which children of clergy reject religion and the church. Such rebellious children of the clergy are a stock figure in the Southern literature of the United States, one writer put it 'Ministers' sons are sons of guns. Well, that was me, and then some.' John was in that mold, we can only imagine what his parents felt about their only son wandering the wilderness and calling the religious establishment to account - 'You brood of vipers!

Because of the incarnational quality of our faith each generation finds anew what it is to live the faith in their time and place. And yet paradoxically in each generation

we are called like John the Baptist to point away from ourselves to Christ. This is the challenge of our time and indeed of every generation. How do we live in our age, in our context and point to the God who is from everlasting to everlasting.

During the week we will commemorate the death of the American Trappist monk, writer, theologian, mystic, poet, social activist, and scholar of comparative religion Thomas Merton. Rowan Williams wrote of him: Merton will not let me look at him for long: he will, finally, persuade me to look in the direction he is looking... I don't want to know much more about Merton; he is dead, and I shall commend him regularly, lovingly, and thankfully to God. I am concerned to find how I can turn further in the direction he is looking, in prayer, poetry, theology, and encounter with the experience of other faiths; in trust and love of God our saviour. The great Christian is the man or woman who can make me more interested in God than in him or her. A paradoxical tribute, but the highest that can be paid."

In this Advent season we are preparing the way for the coming of the Christ and like John we are to prepare for his coming by pointing away from ourselves and it is in this way that we are most like him.

Blessings **Martin**

PS Folk, please don't forget to complete the privacy forms, so we can see how you would like us to use parish photos etc on our Website or Social Media.

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

"Enjoy the 2019 St Philip's Advent Calendar, with readings, artwork, prayer poetry and music for each day in Advent. See the website!"

Today 8 Dec, 11.30 **Food 4 Thought** – LC Meeting Room
Discussion & shared light lunch by donation. Everyone welcome.
Friday 13 Dec, 7 – 8.30pm **St Philip's Youth Group**

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!

Christmas @ St Philip's

Sunday 15 Dec, 7.30pm **Nine Lessons & Carols**, followed by a bring and share supper.
Christmas Eve 5pm
11pm
11.30pm
Christmas Day 9am

Children's Christmas Service
Carol Singing
Midnight Mass
Festive Eucharist

Key Points from December Parish Council Meeting

Due to the continuing dryness Parish Council has decided that we will again this summer need a watering roster for the garden. A roster form is on the foyer noticeboard if you are able to help.

Parish Council is continuing to explore solutions for the future which will obviate the need for a roster of this type. Some work has been done on the gardens this year. The perimeter gardens were mulched in spring. A plan to install more concrete sleepers to help prevent water run-off from the perimeter gardens fell through as the contractor was not able to source assistance. We hope this work can be completed in the first half of next year.

Pandora's will be closed from 1pm on Saturday 14 December and will re-open on Friday 10 January 2020.

This year's Carol Service will be held at 7.30pm on Sunday 15 December. It will be followed by supper. Please bring a plate to share.

Christmas services will follow the pattern of previous years. On Christmas Eve there will be a 5pm Children's Service, Carol Singing at 11pm and an 11.30pm Sung Eucharist. On Christmas Day Holy Communion will be at 9am.

The 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at 11.15am on Sunday 23 February. Reports for the AGM should be submitted to Rev'd Martin no later than Sunday 2 February 2020.

Parishioners wishing to, or thinking of, serving on the Parish Council for 2020, or serving as Synod representatives, should talk to Rev'd Martin well before the AGM.

Parishioners are reminded that voluntary parish roles (such as Pewsheets, preparation, flowers, Parish Office) are renewed after each AGM. If any parishioners would like to take on a voluntary role in 2020 or are thinking about doing so, please talk to Rev'd Martin or any Parish Councillor.

Our annual Market Day and Pandora's Winter Launch will be held from 9am to 1pm on Saturday 14 March 2020.