

## Coming up @ St Philip's ...

Wednesday		
<i>Christmas Day</i>	9.00am	Festive Eucharist
Thursday 26 Dec		
<i>St Stephen</i>	10.00am	Eucharist and Festive Morning Tea
Thursday 2 Jan	10.00am	Eucharist and Morning Tea
<i>Sts Basil &amp; Gregory</i>		
Saturday 4 Jan	10.30am	Eucharist at Canberra Aged Care
Tuesday 7 Jan	1.30pm	Eucharist at Leslie Morshead Manor

Please Note: Pandora's re-opens @ 10am on Friday, 10 January 2020

*Christmas flowers @ St Philip's Please consider contributing to the flowers for the Christmas season or for any time of the year. Envelopes are in the Narthex and can be placed in the offertory bag. Thank you for your donation.*

## Prayer Points

For those in need: Roger Sharp and Ros Dalziell

Those we remember: Alice Saylor (20/12/88) and Norma Reynolds (28/12/00)

## Next Sunday - First Sunday After Christmas

29 December 2019

Readings: Isaiah 63.7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2.10-18; Matthew 2.13-23.

<b>8am</b>	Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson Sidesperson & Reader: John Girdlestone
<b>10am</b>	Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson Welcomer: Judith Swanson Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay Music: Colin Forbes Liturgical Assistant: Tim Gulliver Readers: Fred Anchell (1st) Jeanette Dundon-Tunks (2nd) Chalice Servers: Volunteers Morning tea: Self-service~someone please put the urn on!

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.



# St Philip's Come & See

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**Tuesday 24 December 2019**

*Christmas Eve*

*Hymns* 300, 289, 316, 299, 311

## Sentence

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; for to us a child is born, to us a son is given.*

*Isaiah 9.2, 6*

## Prayer of the day

*Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of the light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

*Readings* Isaiah 9.2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14

## Roster

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Peter Wicks;  
Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & David Reedy; Welcomer: Laura Wood;  
Music: Colin Forbes; Readers: David Reedy (1st), Ashton Robinson (2nd)

*The Christmas flowers are in loving memory of June and John Carnahan who often joined us at St Philip's on Christmas morning.*

*The McCaskie Family*

## *Psalm 96*

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song:  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name:  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations:  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols:  
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Majesty and glory are before him:  
beauty and power are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Render to the Lord, you families of the nations:  
render to the Lord glory and might.
- 8 Render to the Lord the honour due to his name:  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness:  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 10 Say among the nations that the Lord is king:  
he has made the world so firm that it can never be moved; and he  
shall judge the peoples with equity.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
- 12 Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them:  
then shall all the trees of the wood shout with joy before the Lord;
- 13 For he comes, he comes to judge the earth:  
he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his  
truth.

## *From the Rector*

Dear Friends,

Welcome to this Holy Night. Even in modernity there is something about this evening which continues to draw us in, continues to ask questions of us...what do you think life is all about? Continues to challenge any easy complacency we might feel about our own lives and future. But above all it calls upon us to be hopeful and to reveal that hope in loving service of one another and the God who touches the earth in form of Jesus. It was for good reason that the birth took place at the time of a census. An event which endeavours to catalogue, manage, put folk in neat boxes, humanity, despite our continuing efforts just isn't like that. I found this poem during the week which I enjoyed... I can't find the author:

Inquisitive empire, prying  
Into the vast anonymous  
In childbirth a maiden crying,  
Bringing another for census.

Bar Onias, a priest and Joses,  
A potter, and shepherd Timaeus –  
Ledger them all with Ben Moses,  
In catalogue of Quirinius

A strange, disconsolate, taxable  
Procession of identities,  
Counted, discounted, expendable,  
Great Caesar's human quantities,  
While zealots plot  
And peasants fear.

Another here, scribe! Turn the page,  
Joseph, a carpenter and one Mary,  
Their new babe, reportedly Jesus,  
Aged three days –  
Next Shammah and Andrew.

So oddly comes Emmanuel,  
God in the flesh between the lines,  
Casual entry  
For incarnate Lord.

Master hold your census:  
Write us down  
As yours  
Let this recording throng  
In Bethlehem's congested town  
Be sign and witness.  
We belong where shepherds kneel  
And kings adore. *Martin*

## *St Philip's Calendar*

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

Sunday	2 Feb 2020	Family Service & Candlemas AGM Reports due electronically to <a href="mailto:rector@stphilipsoconnor.org.au">rector@stphilipsoconnor.org.au</a>
Wed	5 Feb 7-9pm	Parish Council – Lamerton Centre
Friday	7 Feb 7-8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Friday	21 Feb 7-8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Sunday	23 Feb 11.15am	St Philip's AGM
Friday	28 Feb 5-7pm	Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre