

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

Thursday 26 Dec <i>St Stephen</i>	10.00am	Eucharist & Festive Morning Tea
Thursday 2 Jan <i>Ss Basil &amp; Gregory</i>	10.00am	Eucharist & Morning Tea
Saturday 4 Jan	10.30am	Eucharist at Canberra Aged Care
Sunday 5 Jan <i>Epiphany</i>	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist ~ followed by toast and coffee Eucharist with hymns ~ morning tea
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.

8am	Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson Sidesperson & Reader: John Girdlestone
10am	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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**Wednesday 25 December 2019**

## Christmas Day

**Hymns** 304 (omit v4), 293, 312, 303

## Sentence

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.*  
John 1.1, 14

## Prayer of the day

*God Most High, whose eternal Word chose a dwelling among us, that we might live in your presence: grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory you have given us, and how great is the hope to which we are called in the Word made flesh; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen*

## Today's Readings

Isaiah 52.7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1.1-4; John 1.1-14

## Today's Roster

Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell; Liturgical Assistant: Lisa Carley; Sidespeople: Brian McKinlay & James Kim; Music: Colin Forbes; Readers: Margaret McCaskie (1<sup>st</sup>), Russell McCaskie (2<sup>nd</sup>)

*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 98

- 1 O sing to the Lord a new song:  
for he has done marvellous things;
- 2 His right hand and his holy arm:  
they have got him the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his salvation:  
he has revealed his just deliverance in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of  
Israel:  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:  
break into singing and make melody.
- 6 Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:  
upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.
- 7 With trumpets and with horns:  
cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.
- 8 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:  
the good earth and those who live upon it.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands:  
and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;
- 10 For he comes to judge the earth:  
he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with  
equity.

## From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Welcome to St Philip's for this Christmas morning celebration, particularly if you are visiting us for the first time. It is Bishop Mark's first Christmas with us, here is his letter to us all:

*At Christmas God shows a fractured world what it takes to be a generous host and a gracious guest.*

*The recent Australia Talks survey found that almost half of Australians experience loneliness at some time. Contrary to popular expectation, some of the loneliest Australians are not older people living in remote locations but younger people living in inner city suburbs.*

*Generous hosts and gracious guests have the potential to transform this situation. Generous hosts create comfortable space for people to connect. They take the initiative in welcoming newcomers into neighbourhoods, workplaces and community groups. They help people feel at home and look for ways for them to celebrate together.*

*Gracious guests enter unfamiliar space for the sake of connecting with others. They love saying 'yes' to an invitation, and help neighbours and colleagues feel that their hospitality is noticed and valued.*

*The amazing news of Christmas is this: God becomes our gracious guest for a time so that He might be our generous host for eternity. Think of the first Christmas. Here is Jesus, God the Son, becoming a guest in our world. First in His mother's womb, then in a feeding trough He moves into our neighbourhood. God becomes one of us, receiving food and drink and companionship from His creation. That is not the end of the story. Jesus also comes into our world so that He might be our host. Entering into a creation gone astray from its maker, He offers hospitality and table fellowship to all as a sign of God's coming Kingdom. In His life, death and rising again He does all that is needed to welcome us home for eternity, if we say 'yes' to His invitation.*

*On behalf of the ministries and agencies of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn I wish you and your loved ones a safe and joyful Christmas season. You are very welcome to join us at church so that together we might make space to connect with God.*

+Mark

I would also like to add my own thanks and blessings to all who make this a vibrant community of faith. A Happy and Holy Christmas to you all.

Martin

## St Philip's Calendar

*Please check our website for the latest information:  
<http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>*

Sunday	2 Feb 20	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