

Coming up @ St Philip's

Thursday 2 January 2020 <i>Ss Basil & Gregory</i>	10.00am	Eucharist and Festive Morning Tea
Saturday 4 Jan	10.30am	Eucharist at Canberra Aged Care
Tuesday 7 Jan	1.30pm	Eucharist at Leslie Morshead Manor
Thursday 9 Jan	10.00am	Eucharist and Morning Tea
Friday 10 Jan	10am-1pm	Pandora's pre-loved clothing reopens
Saturday 11 Jan	10am-1pm	Pandora's

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

Recently departed: Bryan Lindsay Coombs (20/12/2019)

Those we remember: Alice Saylor (20/12/1988); Norma Reynolds (28/12/2000); Stanley Morton (1/1/1999)

Next Sunday - The Epiphany of our Lord - 5 January 2020

Readings:

Jeremiah 31.7-14; Psalm 147.12-20; Ephesians 1.3-14; John 1.10-18

8am:	Presiding & Preaching:	Rev'd Martin Johnson
	Sidesperson:	John Girdlestone
	Liturgical Assistant:	Peter Wilson
	Readers:	John Girdlestone (1 st) Rosemary Knight (2 nd)
10am:	Presiding & Preaching:	Rev'd Martin Johnson
	Welcomer:	Denise Manley
	Sidespeople:	Laura Wood & Fred Anchell
	Music:	Colin Forbes
	Liturgical Assistant:	Philippa Wicks
	Readers:	Fred Anchell (1 st) Jeanette Dundon-Tunks (2 nd)
	Chalice Servers:	Denise Manley & Hardy Palethorpe
	Morning tea:	Self-service

Next Sunday for the Feast of the Epiphany we'll be offering our own Frankincense at the 10.00am Eucharist, so if the smoke affects you (there won't be much) come along to the 8.00am service which will be smoke free.

May my prayer be set before you like incense - Ps 141

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.



St Philip's Come & See

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Sunday 29 December 2019

First Sunday After Christmas

Hymns 313, 317, 297, 290

Sentence

Because Jesus himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.
Hebrews 2.18

Prayer of the day

Almighty God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: in your mercy, bring us to share the divine life of Jesus Christ, who came to share our human life, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Today's Readings

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

Today's Rosters

8am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson;
Sidespeople and Readers: Margaret & Russell McCaskie
... followed by toast and coffee in the Lamerton Centre ~ all welcome

10am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson;
Welcomer: Judith Swanson; Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay;
Liturgical Assistant: Tim Gulliver; Music: Colin Forbes;
Readers: Fred Anchell (1st), Jeanette Dundon-Tunks (2nd);
Morning Tea: Self-service

Psalm 148

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:
O praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all his angels:
O praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon:
praise him, all you stars of light.
- 4 Praise him, you highest heaven:
and you waters that are above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for he commanded and they were made.
- 6 He established them for ever and ever:
he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.
- 7 O praise the Lord from the earth:
praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, mist and snow:
and storm-wind fulfilling his command;
- 9 Mountains and all hills:
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples:
princes, and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens:
old folk and children together.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for his name alone is exalted.
- 14 His glory is above earth and heaven:
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.
- 15 Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:
of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

From the Rector

Dear Friends

Thank you to those who contributed to our Christmas services during the week. The church looked wonderful and fortunately many folk came to worship and celebrate. We kept the 'Feast of Stephen' on Boxing Day along with Good King Wenceslas and our Christmas festivities continue this Sunday. Next Sunday – January 5th we will celebrate together the Feast of the Epiphany.

I found a Victorian painting during the week by Holman Hunt (of 'Light of the World' fame) called The Triumph of the Innocents. It shows the Virgin Mary on a donkey led by St Joseph on their flight into Egypt to

escape the murderous scheme of Herod. They are surrounded by babyish figures floating in the air or treading on a wide stream of clear water, from the fountain of life, in the artist's intentions. These figures are the Holy Innocents, slaughtered in Christ's stead and now awakening to eternal life. Their procession round their saviour points to Jesus' future triumphant entry into Jerusalem before his crucifixion and there are other allusions to the story of Christ's passion. One of the Innocents is examining a gash in his linen shirt and from his hand hang what must be beads of coral (traditionally given to teething babies). They also bear the appearance of drops of blood, as though from the side of Christ on the Cross, to which they make reference.

The painting was not met with universal acclaim although Ruskin thought it was "the greatest religious painting of our time". William Morris and G F Watts, whose opinion counted at the time, were keen too. Whatever we make of it as a piece of art the Holy Innocents were clearly identified with Jesus in their deaths, as must surely be all who die victim to hatred or contempt for the life-giving law of God.

This is the last Sunday in 2019. Very soon our Annual General meeting will be upon us. Please give some thought over these coming weeks to your contribution to the life of the parish. Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you would like to play a role. Dr Rosemary Knight has indicated that she will step aside from the roles of Churchwarden and Parish Councillor at the AGM. These are roles she has played for a number of years and I know many are grateful for her expertise, wisdom and ministry, thank you Rosemary.

Happy New Year to you all. I am looking forward to continuing our journey together in 2020. It is a year in which we consider our stewardship, both personal and corporate. And with challenging issues all around us, environmental, economic, it is an important time for us to consider our care and maintenance of that entrusted to us.

Blessings, Martin

St Philip's Calendar

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

Sunday 2 February 2020

Candlemas – 8am Eucharist
& 10am Family Service
AGM Reports due electronically to
rector@stphilipsoconnor.org.au

Wed 5 Feb 7 – 9pm
Sunday 23 Feb 11.15am
Tuesday 25 Feb
Wed 26 Feb

Parish Council
St Philip's AGM
Shrove Tuesday
Ash Wednesday