

This Liturgical year began on the first Sunday of Advent and it ends today with the Feast of Christ the King. During the liturgical year we relive the life of Christ and try to immerse ourselves in the kingdom he came to inaugurate. It is right therefore to ask at the end of the year: What more do I need to do to make the kingdom a reality in my time?

### *This coming week @ St Philip's*

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| Tue – Fri | 8am<br>5.30pm         | Morning Prayer<br>Evening Prayer                               |
| Thursday  | 10am                  | Eucharist and Morning Tea                                      |
| Friday    | 10am – 1pm            | Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions                                   |
| Friday    | 7pm – 9pm             | Youth group  |
| Saturday  | 10am – 1pm<br>10.30am | Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions<br>Eucharist @ Canberra Aged Care |

### *Prayer Points*

For those in need: Roger Sharp

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

### *Next Sunday – First Sunday of Advent*

**Readings:** Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13.9-14; Matthew 24.36-44

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| <b>8am:</b>  | Presiding & Preaching: | The Rev'd Martin Johnson  |
|              | Sidesperson:           | John Girdlestone  |
|              | Liturgical Assistant:  | Peter Wilson  |
|              | Readers:               | Brian McKinlay (1 <sup>st</sup> ) John Girdlestone (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) |
| <b>10am:</b> | 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  |
|              | Readers:               | Joseph Lloyd (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Cliff Lloyd (2 <sup>nd</sup> )        |
|              | Chalice Servers:       | Denise Manley & Leighton Mann   |
|              | Morning tea:           | Palethorpe Family   |

*Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to [pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au](mailto:pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au) or 0414 309 469*

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# St Philip's Come & See

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## Sunday 24 November 2019

*Christ the King*

### *10am Music*

Hymns: 256, 253, 237\* & 201

### *Sentence*

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.* Zechariah 9.9

### *Prayer of the day*

*Eternal God, you exalted Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and have made us instruments of his kingdom: by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need, then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy and may worship and adore you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

### *Today's Readings*

Jeremiah 23.1-6; Ps 46; Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43

### *Today's Rosters*

**8am** Presiding & Preaching: The Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn; Liturgical Assistant: TBA ; Bible Readers: Shane Woodburn (1<sup>st</sup>); Shane Woodburn (2<sup>nd</sup>).

**10am** Presiding & Preaching: The Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Judith Swanson; Sidespeople: Louise & Matt McKay; Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Tim Gulliver (1<sup>st</sup>); Rosemary Knight (2<sup>nd</sup>); Chalice Servers: James Kim & Hardy Palethorpe; Morning Tea: Janene Broere & Rosemary Knight; Flowers: The Flower Team

## Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength:  
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved:  
and though the mountains are shaken in the midst of the sea;
- 3 Though the waters rage and foam:  
and though the mountains quake at the rising of the sea.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God:  
the holy dwelling-place of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her, therefore she shall not be moved:  
God will help her, and at break of day.
- 6 The nations make uproar, and the kingdoms are shaken:  
but God has lifted his voice, and the earth shall tremble.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 8 Come then and see what the Lord has done:  
what destruction he has brought upon the earth.
- 9 He makes wars to cease in all the world:  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, and burns the chariots in the fire.
- 10 'Be still, and know that I am God:  
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted upon the earth.'
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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\*5th verse of the Offertory Hymn (237):

Eucharistic King, what love  
draws thee daily from above,  
clad in signs of bread and wine :  
feed us, lead us, keep us thine!

## From the Rector

Dear Friends,

There is no doubt that we live in an age in which there is declining trust in our institutions. The issues faced by the finance sector, the Church, the monarchy, the press, just to name a few, have been largely of their own making. So where do you begin to regain that lost trust. It is, of course, very difficult, but for us in the Church renewal and redemption, new life, are at the fore.

We can experience this renewal in our changing seasons and the rhythm of the Church's year. Today is the last day of the Liturgical year, next week we begin again with the first Sunday of Advent. Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King giving voice to our faith in a God who, in Christ, shows us true power and authority. Next week we move into a different key as we prepare to celebrate what that power and authority looks like in the child of Bethlehem and we do so sombrely, carefully, mindful that authority and power are routinely abused.

It is this contrast between the seasons that gives them their distinctive character, just as the natural seasons have theirs. The Church Year gives shape to this drama by presenting it to us in two parts, or acts. During this first half of the Church Year, which we might call "the season of Christ," we are caught up into the mystery and power of Christ's incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection as we not only remember, but also make present and participate in, the redemptive drama of God's mercy in Christ.

The second half of the year, "the season of the Church," presents us with the remaining part of the drama, as it focuses on the task of living in the world as people who have been transformed by the drama of Christ, as people who, in fact, are now major players in the ongoing drama of God's working out of God's intention for and toward the world. This season begins at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit gives birth to the Church through which God makes known the good news of Christ, and follows the teaching and preaching of Christ to the end of the church year, when we again eagerly await God's second coming, trusting to recognize in the conquering Christ the King, the One who was hanged on a cross for our sake.

We can only regain lost trust by faithfully living out in the second season what we have celebrated in the first and at the turn of the year looking back and contemplating on our own use of power of authority. Where we have used it inappropriately or where we have failed to use it out of fear. In our three year plan we'll concentrate this coming year on what we ought now to do, having spent this year learning about Christ and the community which is his body.

Next week we begin the year of Matthew and this too will give us a different perspective on the life of Christ. At the next Food4thought on 8th December Dr Colin Dundon will help us look for the important themes that we will encounter during this year in Matthew's gospel. Put the date in your diary and come along and enjoy some lunch and learning!

Thanks to all those who came along to last weekend's working bee, tidying the gardens and cleaning the exterior of the church. Last Sunday Lisa Carley was commissioned for her ministry among us as a Liturgical Assistant. At the 8.00am Eucharist we recognised and formalised her role in the parish. We thank her, pray for her, and look forward to her leadership in our worship.

Blessings                    **Martin**

PS. Don't forget the upcoming Advent Dinner, always a wonderful evening of food and fellowship.

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

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| Saturday 30 November, 5.30pm | Happy Hour & Advent Dinner                |
| Sunday 1 December, 10am      | Family Eucharist in the Sunday Zone       |
| Saturday 6 December, 6.30pm  | Canberra Opera Christmas Concert          |
| Sunday 8 December, Noon      | Food4Thought – Matthew's Gospel           |
| Friday 13 December, 7pm      | St Philip's Youth Group                   |
| Saturday 14 December, 10am   | Festive Frolics @ Pandora's               |
| Sunday 15 December, 7.30pm   | Nine Lessons & Carols, followed by supper |