

This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue	1.30pm	Sir Leslie Morshead Manor
Tue – Fri	8am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	10am	Eucharist & Morning Tea – NOT THIS WEEK
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, Ros Dalziell, Rebecca Palethorpe.

Those we remember: Howard Done (25/02/87).

Next Sunday - First Sunday in Lent

Readings: Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5.12-21; Matthew 4.1-11

Flowers: No flowers in Lent.

8am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell
Sidesperson: John Girdlestone
Liturgical Assistant: Rev'd Martin
Readers: Brian McKinlay (1st)
John Girdlestone (2nd)

10am: Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson
Welcomer: Denise Manley
Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Nirmal Farrington
Liturgical Assistant: Philippa Wicks
Crucifer: Zara Mann
Music: Colin Forbes
Readers: tba (1st)
tba (2nd)
Chalice Servers: Denise Manley & Doreen Sengati-Odom
Morning tea: Steven Palethorpe & family

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 23 February 2020

Transfiguration

Baptism of Chidera Joel Onyems

10am Music

Hymns: 234, 257 (v1), 528 & 193

Sentence

Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!'
Matthew 17.5

Prayer of the day

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children: make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Exodus 24.12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9.

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn; Liturgical Assistant: Nil; Bible Reader: Shane Woodburn.
~ Followed by toast & coffee in the Lamerton Centre ~ all welcome.

10am Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Jeannette McHugh; Sidespeople: Janene Broere & Helper; Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Rosemary Knight (1st), Tim Gulliver (2nd); Chalice Servers: Jeannette McHugh and Hardy Palethorpe; Morning Tea: Helen Palethorpe & Rosemary Knight.

Psalm 2

- 1 Why are the nations in tumult:
and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?
- 2 The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers conspire together:
against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,
- 3 'Let us break their bonds asunder:
let us throw off their chains from us.'
- 4 He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn:
the Lord will hold them in derision.
- 5 Then will he speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury:
'I, the Lord, have set up my king on Zion my holy hill.'
- 6 I will announce the Lord's decree, that which he has spoken:
'You are my son, this day have I begotten you.
- 7 'Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance:
the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.
- 8 'You may break them with a rod of iron:
and shatter them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'
- 9 Now therefore be wise, O kings:
be advised, you that are judges of the earth.
- 10 Serve the Lord with awe, and govern yourselves in fear and trembling:
lest he be angry, and you perish in your course.
- 11 For his wrath is quickly kindled:
blessed are those that turn to him for refuge.

From the Rector

Dear Friends

Annual General Meetings are not known for their popularity! But at their best they provide an opportunity to dwell on what has been during any given year, what could have been and what perhaps needs to be done as we move forward. It is not insignificant that our AGM usually falls on this, the last Sunday before Lent. It is a Sunday that in recent years we have marked with the Transfiguration of our Lord, a feast that marks Jesus' revelation as Messiah, the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus who stands in the great tradition of Moses and Elijah – and yet breaks that tradition; nothing in the ancient world speaks of the crucified Messiah, let alone the crucified God.

As we look back and look forward there is much to be thankful for, there is repentance - a recognition of opportunities missed, but there is always a future filled with hope. The Transfiguration speaks into this reality of our world and our place within it. Jesus warns his disciples that this Messiah will have to suffer and die and that they too if they wish to follow will have to bear their own crosses. These crosses come in many ways to us all, from personal disappointments to great catastrophes but in the Transfiguration we see through all this to something better, greater. The words of Jesus about the cross and resurrection to the disciples are

confirmed by the voice from the cloud, listen to him.

Edwin Muir's poem *Transfiguration* concludes:

But he will come again, it's said, though not
Unwanted and unsummoned; for all things,
Beasts of the field, and woods, and rocks, and seas,
And all mankind from end to end of the earth
Will call him with one voice. In our own time,
Some say, or at a time when time is ripe.
Then he will come, Christ the uncrucified,
Christ the dis-crucified, his death undone,
His agony unmade, his cross dismantled—
Glad to be so—and the tormented wood
Will cure its hurt and grow into a tree
In a green springing corner of young Eden,
And Judas damned take his long journey backward
From darkness into light and be a child
Beside his mother's knee, and the betrayal
Be quite undone and never more be done.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Chidera Joel Onyems. We welcome him into the Body of Christ, with the sign of the cross and the anointing with the oil of Chrism. The Chrism, consecrated by the Bishop symbolizes the gift of the Spirit, which unites lover and beloved, Father and Son. Revealed on the Mount of Transfiguration and here today at the font at St Philip's.

Blessings to you all, **Martin**

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

Today	23 Feb, 11.30am	St Philip's AGM
Tuesday	25 Feb, 5-7pm	Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Dinner
Wed'day	26 Feb, 10am & 7pm	Ash Wednesday with Imposition of Ashes
Friday	28 Feb, 5 – 7pm	Happy Hour – Lamerton Centre
	<i>Theme: Multicultural Festival</i>	All Welcome
Wed'day	4 Mar, 7-9pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	5 Mar, 11am & 7pm	Lenten Studies
Friday	6 Mar, 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Sunday	8 Mar, 12.00	Food4Thought – Lamerton Centre
Thursday	12 Mar, 11am & 7pm	Lenten Study – Lamerton Centre
Saturday	14 Mar, 9am – 1pm	Autumn Market
Friday	20 Mar, 7 - 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group

The diocese is conducting Safe Ministry training in Canberra on 14-15 March. Further details are available from Roger Sharp. If you need to update your training, please see him.