

## 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
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: Hugh Gulliver; Roger Sharp, Ros Dalziell, Rebecca Palethorpe.

Those we remember: Merryn Bannerman (5/3/85); Daphne Hall (5/3/95); David Gowty (6/3/13); John Cousins (14/3/94); Mary MacDonnell (14/3/99).

## Next Sunday – Third Sunday in Lent

**Readings:** Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

Flowers: No flowers in Lent.

<b>8am:</b>	Presiding:	Rev'd Martin Johnson
	Preaching:	Rev's Canon Professor Scott Cowdell
	Sidesperson:	Lloyd Family
	Liturgical Assistant:	Lisa Carley
	Readers:	Dominic Lloyd (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Joseph Lloyd (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
<b>10am:</b>	Presiding & Preaching:	Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell
	Welcomer:	Richard Griffiths
	Sidespeople:	Louise & Matt McKay
	Liturgical Assistant:	Rev'd Martin
	Music:	Colin Forbes
	Readers:	Jeanette Dundon-Tunks (1st) Colin Dundon (2nd)
	Chalice Servers:	Doreen Sengati-Odom & Tim Gulliver
	Morning tea:	Doreen Sengati-Odom and Helpers

*Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to [pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au](mailto: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 8 March 2020

### Second Sunday in Lent

**10am Music Hymns: 335, 241, 194 & 116**

### Sentence

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3.16*

### Prayer of the day

*God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive: grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### Today's Readings

Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3.1-17.

### Today's Rosters

Flowers: No flowers in Lent

**8am** Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: Alison & Alistair Davidson; Liturgical Assistant: Elise Palethorpe; Bible Readers: Alistair Davidson (1<sup>st</sup>); Alison Davidson (2<sup>nd</sup>).  
~ Followed by toast & coffee in the Lamerton Centre ~ all welcome.

**10am** Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Denise Manley; Sidespeople: Kerry-Anne Cousins & Judith Swanson; Liturgical Assistant: Peter Wilson; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Ann Munro (1<sup>st</sup>), Ashton Robinson (2<sup>nd</sup>); Chalice Servers: Denise Manley & Leighton Mann; Morning Tea: Volunteer & Beryl Blaseotto.

## Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills:  
but where shall I find help?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord:  
who has made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble:  
and he who watches over you will not sleep.
- 4 Be sure he who has charge of Israel:  
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord himself is your keeper:  
the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;
- 6 The sun shall not strike you by day:  
nor shall the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord will defend you from all evil:  
it is he who will guard your life.
- 8 The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in:  
from this time forward for evermore.

## From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Today the second Sunday in Lent introduces us to a series of readings from John's gospel that were used by the early church to teach catechumens about the nature of faith prior to their initiation into the Church on Easter morning when they would be baptised, anointed, receive the Eucharist for the first time and take their place among the people of God. We begin today with the story of Nicodemus who comes to Jesus out the darkness of night – a metaphor for unbelief. His response to Jesus demonstrates his lack of understanding. He draws from Jesus one of the most important texts in the gospels 'For God so loved the world...' (John 3:16).

Next week we will meet with the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus' conversation with her begins with him asking for water to quench his thirst. But this simple request becomes the occasion for bringing the woman to an awareness of a deeper need that she has – a thirst for life in its fullest, which Jesus alone can satisfy. In this wonderful encounter we experience progress in prayer and spiritual transformation. 'We worship in spirit and in truth.' (John 4:24)

On the Sunday of Lent Four we will meet the man born blind, who is given his sight by Jesus but experiences persecution and alienation from the religious authorities and even his family as he comes to an understanding of who Jesus is. The story culminates in the man declaring his faith in Jesus – Lord I believe! (John 9:38).

Finally on the fifth Sunday of Lent we hear the story of the raising of Lazarus. In this account the soon to be initiated are reminded of the resurrection and the new life that awaits. 'I am the resurrection and the life' Jesus reminds Martha, Lazarus' sister (John 11:25).

I hope that you can engage with these wonderful texts during the coming weeks and allow them to speak to you of the journey of faith. If I can be of any help to you during this spiritually demanding time, please do not hesitate to contact me. Details of our Holy Week and Easter commemorations will be announced very soon.

Let's use our Lenten time wisely and carefully and enter fully into the great events of our salvation. There is still time to join a Lenten study group, booklets are available in the foyer.

Blessings, **Martin**

## St Philip's Calendar

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

<b>Today</b>	8 Mar, 12.00	<b>Food4Thought</b> – Lamerton Centre
<b>Thursday</b>	12 Mar, 11am & 7pm	<b>Lenten Study</b> – Lamerton Centre
<b>Saturday</b>	14 Mar, 9am – 1pm	<b>Autumn Market</b> Garage Sale, Pandora's clearance sale, Books, Produce Stall, BBQ, Morning tea & light lunch, Champagne Bar
<b>Thursday</b>	19 Mar, 11am & 7pm	<b>Lenten Study</b> – Lamerton Centre
<b>Friday</b>	20 Mar, 7 - 8.30pm	<b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	26 Mar, 11am & 7pm	<b>Lenten Study</b> – Lamerton Centre
<b>Friday</b>	27 Mar, 5 – 7pm <i>Theme: Seafood (Lent)</i>	<b>Happy Hour</b> – Lamerton Centre All Welcome
<b>Wed'day</b>	1 Apr, 7-9pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>
<b>Friday</b>	3 Apr, 7 – 8.30pm	<b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>



## *Key Points from March Parish Council Meeting*

- The new Council elected Ian Cousins as Chair, Shane Woodburn as Treasurer and Rebecca Palethorpe as Secretary. Points of contact responsibilities have been allocated amongst the new Council members and a revised note will be placed on the Noticeboard.
- Parish Council discussed the coronavirus and will keep it under review. The situation and the approaching winter flu season are a good reminder of the importance of keeping the church a hygienic environment. You will notice more hand sanitizer points around the church over coming weeks. Rev'd Martin will be staying in contact with the Diocesan Office on this matter. Please pass any suggestions and concerns to Martin or any member of the Parish Council.
- There is an annual survey of the membership of parish sub-groups - the Liturgy Committee, Pandora's Management Committee, Food@ St Philips and the Children and Youth Ministry Support Group. Parishioners wishing to serve, or to continue to serve, on any of these committees between now and the 2021 AGM should make their interest known to Rev'd Martin, a Warden or any other Parish Councillor.
- The Parish Council also conducts an annual survey of the valuable roles performed for the Parish by various individuals, such as Youth Group Coordinators, Parish Office, Pewsheets, Website, Parish Calendar, Banking, Rosters Coordinator, Linen, Flowers Coordinator and Spring Fling Coordinator. Parishioners wishing to serve in any of these roles, or to continue to serve, in any of these roles between now and the 2021 AGM should make their interest known to Rev'd Martin, a Warden or any other Parish Councillor.
- Key priorities for Rev'd Martin and the Council this year, in addition to the normal running of the Parish and pastoral care will be: advancing our Building Community and Sustainable Stewardship Plan, the Youth and Family ministry and the ministry at Canberra Aged Care and Sir Leslie Morshead Manor in Lyneham.
- Key dates to keep in mind are: Market Day 14 March; Pre-Easter Working Bee 4 April; Easter Celebration Breakfast from 8-9.30am on 12 April. St. Philips Day will be celebrated on Sunday 3 May.
- The "Spring Fling" this year will be a "Spring Soiree". It will be held from 3-7pm on Saturday 7 November. Please save the date!