

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

Tue	1.30pm	Eucharist @ -Leslie Morshead Manor
Tue – Fri	8am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	10am	Eucharist and Morning Tea
Friday	10am – 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions
Saturday	10am – 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions
	10.30am	Eucharist @ Kankinya

## *Prayer Points*

For those in need: Linda & Fred Anchell; Peter Andersson; Ken Smith & Rosemary Lohman; Margaret & Henry Gardiner & family; Jenny Horner; Sam Mahony; Fred & Erika Langman.

Those we remember: Nancy Ingle (9/2/61); Alison Done (10/2/53).

## *Next Sunday – Sixth Sunday After Epiphany*

**Readings:** Jeremiah 17.5-10; Ps 1; 1 Corinthians 15.12-20  
Luke 6.17-26

**8am:** Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson  
Preaching: Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell  
Sidesperson: Volunteer  
Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson  
Readers: Volunteer

**10am:**  
Welcomer: Erika Langman  
Sidespeople: Kerry-Anne Cousins & Anne Mahony  
Music: Colin Forbes  
Liturgical Assistant: Peter Wilson  
Readers: Jarah Palethorpe (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Ashton Robinson (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Chalice Servers: James Kim & Hardy Palethorpe  
Morning tea: Jan Gulliver & Volunteer

*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 10 February 2019**

### *Fifth Sunday After Epiphany*

*10am Music*

**Hymns: 658, 449, 143 & 687**

*Sentence*

*Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and was buried, and was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and appeared to many.*  
*1 Corinthians 15.3-4*

*Prayer of the day*

*Most holy God, in whose presence angels serve in awe, and whose glory fills all heaven and earth: cleanse our unclean lips and transform us by your grace so that your word spoken through us may bring many to your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Today's Readings*

Isaiah 6.1-8; Ps 138; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11

*Today's Rosters*

Flowers: The Flower Team

**8am** Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: Susan Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: Elise Palethorpe; Bible Readers: Joseph & Dominic Lloyd.

**10am** Welcomer: Davidson Family; Sidespeople: Alison & Alistair Davidson; Preaching & Presiding: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Liturgical Assistant: tba; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Beck Palethorpe (OT), Peter Lisacek (NT); Chalice Servers: James Kim & Doreen Odom; Morning Tea: Beryl Blaseotto & Doreen Odom.

## Psalm 138

- 1 I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:  
even before the gods will I sing your praises.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name:  
because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness, for you have  
made your name and your word supreme over all things.
- 3 At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer:  
and put new strength within my soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord:  
for they have heard the words of your mouth;
- 5 And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord:  
that the glory of the Lord is great.
- 6 For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly:  
and he comprehends the proud from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of danger, yet will you preserve my life:  
you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies, and your  
right hand shall save me.
- 8 The Lord will complete his purpose for me:  
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures forever; do not forsake the work  
of your own hands.

## From the Rector

Dear Friends,  
Many moons ago I confided in a priest that I was feeling the stirrings of vocation within me. I found it difficult to describe but what I did know was that it was insistent and until I somehow resolved it within me it was not going to go away. This particular priest was an academic, a musician, a liturgist, a historian, an art curator, an author, a true polymath... I was a postman!

He listened to my ramblings and asked if I had read any poetry by Francis Thompson. I hadn't, indeed I had never even heard of him. Try this he said handing me a booklet, I can't read it without tears: *The Hound of Heaven*. I read the poem that afternoon and I understood his reaction. Here's the first stanza:

I fled Him, down the nights and down the days;  
I fled Him, down the arches of the years;  
I fled Him, down the labyrinthine ways  
Of my own mind; and in the midst of tears  
I hid from Him, and under running laughter.  
Up vistaed hopes I sped;  
And shot, precipitated,  
Adown Titanic glooms of chasmed fears,  
From those strong Feet that followed, followed after.  
But with unhurrying chase,  
And unperturbed pace,  
Deliberate speed, majestic instancy,

They beat - and a Voice beat

More instant than the Feet -  
'All things betray thee, who betrayest Me'.

That evening I served at the altar. It was a short said Eucharist never well attended, a prelude to Evensong. The first reader failed to materialise so I went to the lectern. I had no idea what I would be reading. I prayed it didn't have any long names...and I read from Isaiah chapter six: 'In the year King Uzziah died,' the reading ended 'here am I; send me.' We will hear that reading today and coupled with the call of the fishermen in the gospel, it evokes in me memories of the call of the reluctant postman! I hope and pray that we can all perceive within ourselves that sense of being called and respond, albeit perhaps reluctantly like Isaiah and Simon Peter.

The current Parish Council met for the last time during the week. Tim Gulliver and Leighton Mann are stepping aside after many years sterling service. We as a parish owe them both a debt of gratitude and we look forward to their continued contribution to parish life in different ways, thank you both.

Blessings, **Martin**.

## St Philip's Calendar

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

<b>Friday</b>	8 Feb, 7 – 8.30pm	<b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>
<b>Friday</b>	22 Feb, 7 – 8.30pm	<b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>
<b>Friday</b>	22 Feb, 5 – 7pm	<b>Happy Hour</b> – LC Meeting Room
		<i>Theme: Multicultural Festival</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	24 Feb, 11.15am	<b>St Philip's AGM</b> – LC Meeting Room
<b>Sunday</b>	3 Mar,	<b>Transfiguration</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	3 Mar, 10am	<b>Sunday Zone@ St Philips</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	5 Mar, 5-7pm	<b>Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Dinner</b>
<b>Wed'day</b>	6 Mar, 10am & 7 pm	<b>Ash Wednesday Eucharist</b> with imposition of ashes
<b>Wed'day</b>	6 Mar, 7-9pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> – LC Meeting Rm
<b>Thursday</b>	7 Mar, 11am & 7pm	<b>Lenten Studies</b> - prepared by Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon

## Key Points February Parish Council Meeting

- At its meeting on 6 February, the Parish Council considered the agenda and papers for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held at 11.15am sharp on Sunday 24 February.
- In addition to Parish Council elections, there are two vacancies for Synod alternates for 2019.
- After the normal business and elections, the AGM will have two general business items: Carola Parke Bequest  
Missions Program Review for 2019 and 2020

- Parishioners are reminded that voluntary parish roles are renewed after each AGM. If any parishioners would like to take on a voluntary role in 2019 or are thinking about doing so, please talk to Rev'd Martin or any Parish Councillor.
- The St. Philips Autumn Market will be held on Saturday 23 March from 9am to 1pm.
- There will be a pre-Easter Working Bee for the church and garden on Saturday 30 March from 9-11am.

### *Electronic Giving Slips*

In January Parish Council instituted electronic giving slips for use by parishioners who provide their regular giving via an EFT or EFTPOS. Those parishioners are urged to take an electronic giving slip on entering the church and to use it during the offering. This will enable all givers to feel included in all parts of the service. The giving slips will be prominently displayed on the bench in the foyer. If you cannot locate them, please ask a Sidesperson.