

## 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: Roger Sharp, Ros Dalziell, Rebecca Palethorpe.  
We pray for the soul of Denise Mitchell (31/1/20) and for her family and friends, especially Mel & Tim Gowty and family.

Those we remember: Gudrun Whalley (2/2/00); Sydney Bovis(3/2/96); Harry Cousins (3/2/74); Nancy Ingle (9/2/61); Alison Done (10/2/53).

## Next Sunday – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 10.12-22; Psalm 119.1-8; 1 Corinthians 3.1-9;  
Matthew 5.21-37

Flowers: The Flower Team

<b>8am:</b>	Presiding:	Rev'd Martin Johnson
	Preaching:	Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell
	Sidesperson:	Lloyd Family
	Liturgical Assistant:	Lisa Carley
	Readers:	Joseph Lloyd (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Dominic Lloyd (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
<b>10am:</b>	Presiding & Preaching:	Rev'd Canon Professor Scott Cowdell
	Welcomer:	Judith Swanson
	Sidespeople:	James Kim & Brian McKinlay
	Liturgical Assistant:	Peter Wilson
	Music:	Colin Forbes
	Readers:	Richard Griffiths (1st) Ann Munro (2nd)
	Chalice Servers:	Rev'd Martin & James Kim
	Morning tea:	Janene Broere & Ann Munro

*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 9 February 2020

### Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

#### 10am Music

**Hymns: 349, 657 (t497), 474 & 626**

#### Sentence

*Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*  
Matthew 5.16

#### Prayer of the day

*Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be a light that shines in the world: let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

#### Today's Readings

Isaiah 58.1-9a; Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2.1-13; Matthew 5.13-20.

#### Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team.

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

**10am** Presiding & Preaching: Rev'd Martin Johnson; Welcomer: Janene Broere; Sidespeople: Sally Adams & Kerry-Anne Cousins; Server: Leighton Mann; Crucifer: Zara Mann; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Peter Lisacek (1<sup>st</sup>), Laura Wood (2<sup>nd</sup>); Chalice Servers: Doreen Sengati-Odom & tim Gulliver; Morning Tea: Doreen Sengati-Odom & Jan Gulliver.

## Psalm 112

- 0 praise the Lord. Blessed are they fear the Lord:  
and greatly delight in his commandments.
- 2 Their children shall be mighty in the land:  
an upright race who will be blessed.
- 3 Riches and plenty shall be in their house:  
and their righteousness shall stand for ever.
- 4 Light arises in darkness for the upright:  
gracious and merciful are the righteous^.
- 5 It goes well with those who act generously and lend:  
who guide their affairs with justice.
- 6 Surely they shall never be moved:  
the righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not fear bad tidings:  
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
- 8 Their hearts are confident and will not fear:  
they will see the downfall of their enemies.
- 9 They give freely to the poor:  
their righteousness stands for ever, their head is uplifted in glory.
- 10 The wicked ^shall see it and be angry:  
they shall gnash their teeth and consume away; and the hope of  
the wicked shall fail.

## From the Rector

Dear Friends

I had often read that the distribution of wealth in the developed world was significantly skewed, to say the very least. But I thought that rather than repeating this story I should check my figures so I went onto the website of the Australian Bureau of Statistics. This is what I found from November 2019.

*To analyse the way that income and wealth are shared across households in Australia, households are ranked from lowest to highest income or wealth and then divided into five equal groups with 20% of the population in each group (quintiles).*

*After taking account of the number and age of people in the household, households in the highest income quintile received 40% of total income in 2017-18. By comparison, households in the lowest income quintile received 8% of total income. This pattern has remained relatively stable over the past 22 years.*

*The distribution of wealth is more unequal than the distribution of income. The wealthiest 20% of Australian households owned 63% of total household wealth in 2017-18. By comparison, the lowest 20% of households owned less than 1% of all household wealth.*

Let's put it another way. If there are five people sharing a weekly income of \$100, at weeks end the first person would receive \$40, the next \$23, the next \$17, the next \$12 and the last \$8. The top earner would have the equivalent of \$63 in their bank account the least would have less than \$1. Whilst we might think this distribution of wealth is inequitable it is far better than in many countries.

I find the matter of macroeconomics quite bewildering, and while pondering these things during the week I discovered that the Canberra Politician Andrew Leigh is the author of a book called Battlers and Billionaires. In it he describes the work of French economist Thomas Piketty. Piketty posits a "fundamental inequality": if the rate of return on capital is higher than the rate of economic growth, then the gap between rich and poor will increase. I managed to grasp that. He also describes another theory that of Harvard economists Claudia Goldin and Lawrence Katz, who characterise inequality as a race between education and technology. When education advances faster than technology, inequality falls. When education stagnates amid technological breakthroughs, inequality rises. I understood that too.

But what of theologians, what do they have to say? I think it is important for the Church to take a broad view. If we become embroiled in discussions with economists based on our ancient texts, traditions and wisdom we are often sidelined. The prophets simply looked around them, saw what was happening and spoke into the situation warning of the consequences. Many of the issues that beset our world today: violent extremism, environmental degradation, trust in institutions, problems with our democracies and social cohesion are a result of inequality and many different levels. Understanding this perhaps helps us to understand the basis on which the Kingdom of God is founded.

Blessings **Martin**

## St Philip's Calendar

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

**Today** 9 Feb, 12.00 **Food4Thought** – Lamerton Centre

Saturday 15 February at 12.00 noon, Pat's ashes will be interred in the courtyard garden at St Philip's. All welcome.

<b>Friday</b>	21 Feb, 7 - 8.30pm	<b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	23 Feb, 11.15am	<b>St Philip's AGM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	25 Feb, 5-7pm	<b>Shrove Tuesday</b> - Pancake Dinner
<b>Wed'day</b>	26 Feb, 10am	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> with Imposition of Ashes
<b>Friday</b>	28 Feb, 5 - 7pm	<b>Happy Hour</b> – Lamerton Centre
	<i>Theme: Multicultural Festival</i>	All Welcome
<b>Wed'day</b>	4 Mar, 7-9pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>
<b>Friday</b>	6 Mar, 7 - 8.30pm	<b>St Philip's Youth Group</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	8 Mar, 12.00	<b>Food4Thought</b> – Lamerton Centre
<b>Thursday</b>	12 Mar, 11am 7& 7pm	<b>Lenten Study</b> – Lamerton Centre
<b>Saturday</b>	14 Mar, 9am - 1pm	<b>Autumn Market</b>

## *Key Points from February Parish Council meeting*

- At its meeting on 5 February, the Parish Council considered the agenda and papers for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held at 11.15am sharp on Sunday 23 February.
- In addition to Parish Council elections, there are vacancies for Synod Representatives and Alternates for the 2020, 2021 and 2022 cycle and for Parish members of the Clergy Appointment Board for the same period.
- After the elections and normal business, the AGM will have two important general business items:
  - o Building Community and Sustainable Stewardship
  - o Report on the Carola Parke Bequest
- Parishioners are reminded that voluntary parish roles are renewed after each AGM. If any parishioners would like to take on a voluntary role in 2020 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 14 March from 9am to 1pm.
- There will be a pre-Easter Working Bee for the church and garden on Saturday 4 April from 9-11am.

The Diocese is conducting Safe Ministry training in Canberra on 15-16 February and again on 14-15 March. Further details are available from Roger Sharp. If you need to update your training, please see him.