



# St Philip's Come & See

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## Sunday 27 September 2020 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

### 8am & 10am Eucharists

While the COVID19 restrictions are in place St Philip's is delighted to be celebrating the Eucharist live on [Facebook](#) at 8.00am. It will then be available on either our [YouTube channel](#) or [Facebook](#). All links and details are on our web page [www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au](http://www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au)



Dear Friends,

The news from both Sydney and Melbourne is increasingly positive, borders are reopening, and restrictions easing. The Pandemic is clearly not over but hopefully we can learn now to live with it and until such time as a vaccine is developed create routines and ways of living that are as 'normal' as possible. Next Sunday Daylight Saving begins, Spring is in the air and we'll gather together to celebrate the life of St Francis of Assisi. An opportunity to celebrate the created order and pray for its preservation. I hope that many folk will come along and bring their pets with them for a blessing.

On Tuesday the Church worldwide will celebrate the feast of Michael and All Angels, a great festival. Unfortunately we tend to be a little ambivalent about angels. Perhaps the way they are depicted in art doesn't help. We don't generally experience winged creatures in our day to day lives.

I believe that an understanding of angels requires us to use our gifts of imagination and insight. It is not a question of believing or not believing in angels. It is a question of opening ourselves up to the dimension where angels are believed to exist, being open to the messengers bringing us the

gospel of peace, the dimension of ultimate beauty and eternity. We cannot argue or talk our way into such a place, we can only live our lives in such a way that they are receptive to such things. Among my favourite hymns is 'Teach me my God and King.' It is based on George Herbert's Poem 'The Elixir.' (Unfortunately the hymn didn't make it into our hymnal). The second verse runs:

A man that looks on glass  
On it may stay his eye  
Or if he pleaseth, through it pass  
And then the heaven espy

Herbert wants us to be the kind of Christians that use our sensitivity, our imagination and openness to glimpse God in the everyday folk we meet and ordinary events of life. That will not be a question of belief or any kind of intellectual process. It will be a readiness to wake up each morning with the curiosity and the openness of child and be ready to see God in all people and things. We need sometimes to be reminded of the passage from Hebrews: Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Perhaps this quality of openness to spiritual realities that are all around us is the real message of the feast of St Michael and All Angels, and that of St Francis too.

Blessings to you all *Martin*  
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### *Entrance Antiphon [Introit]*

**Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him.**

*Hosea 6:1a,2b*

### *Prayer of the Day*

Let us pray:  
O God,  
you declare your mighty power  
chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant us such a measure of your grace  
that, running in the way of your commandments,  
we may obtain your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
**Amen.**

### *Today's Readings*

*A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel (18:1-4, 25-32)*

The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

*Psalm 25:1-9*

In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope:  
in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**Let none who wait for you be put to shame:  
but let those that break faith be confounded and gain nothing.**

Show me your ways, O Lord:  
and teach me your paths.

**Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me:  
for you are the God of my salvation.**

In you have I hoped all the day long:  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

**Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness:  
for they are from of old.**

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions:  
but according to your mercy think on me.

**Good and upright is the Lord:  
therefore will he direct sinners in the way.**

The meek he will guide in the path of justice:  
and teach the humble his ways.

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (2:1-13)*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*The Gradual*

Alleluia! **Alleluia.** Those who love me will keep my word and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. **Alleluia!**

*John 14:23*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (21:23-32)*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" <sup>26</sup>But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." <sup>29</sup>He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

*For the Gospel of the Lord,*

**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### *Prayers of the People*

In our prayers we remember those in need, particularly: Roger, Ros, Sam, Ben, Gage, Hugh, Beryl, Joan, Denise, Margaret, Sarah and Myrle and those unable to gather with us.

We commend to God the recently departed especially Dorothy Steele, those whose year's mind falls at this time: Robert Dixon (29/09/1989), Coralie Sawyer (29/09/1991), Peter Andersson (1/10/2019) and Clive Lowes (2/10/2009), those whose memories are dear to us and all who have no one to remember them.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

### *Communion Antiphon*

**This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.**

*1 John 3:16*

### *A Prayer of Spiritual Communion*

*[When the clergy make their communion if you are watching from home you may like to privately make the following prayer. It was believed from earliest times that Christians could receive the benefits of Holy Communion even if they were unable to be present at the Eucharist. This teaching was of particular comfort to so-called Confessors of the Faith, who were imprisoned and deprived of access to the sacraments].*

Jesus, you have given us in the Holy Eucharist  
your Body and Blood to be our spiritual nourishment  
through which we may have life everlasting.

I desire, with all my heart, to receive this living Bread  
which came down from Heaven.  
Send your Spirit upon me, come and refresh my soul.  
That, whilst I may be isolated from your sacramental presence  
and from your Body, gathered;  
I may know the peace and joy of communion with you  
and your body the Church, in my heart.

Increase my faith,  
strengthen my hope,  
kindle my love,  
that I may die to self and live but for you. Amen.

[If you are interested in the history and the theology behind Spiritual Communion this YouTube clip is helpful. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uBiqbTY7oA&feature=youtu.be>]

### *For Reflection*

We come, this week, to the feast of St. Michael and All Angels which is known as Michaelmas in England, and this first autumn term in many schools and universities is still called the Michaelmas term. The Archangel Michael is traditionally thought of as the Captain of the Heavenly Host, and following an image from the book of Revelation, is often shown standing on a dragon, an image of Satan subdued and bound by the strength of Heaven. He is also shown with a drawn sword, or a spear and a pair of scales or balances, for he represents, truth, discernment, the light and energy of intellect, to cut through tangles and confusion, to set us free to discern and choose. He is celebrated and revered in all three Monotheistic religions.

#### *Michaelmas by Malcom Guite*

Michaelmas gales assail the waning year,  
And Michael's scale is true, his blade is bright.  
He strips dead leaves; and leaves the living clear  
To flourish in the touch and reach of light.  
Archangel bring your balance, help me turn  
Upon this turning world with you and dance  
In the Great Dance. Draw near, help me discern,  
And trace the hidden grace in change and chance.  
Angel of fire, Love's fierce radiance,  
Drive through the deep until the steep waves part,  
Undo the dragon's sinuous influence  
And pierce the clotted darkness in my heart.  
Unchain the child you find there, break the spell  
And overthrow the tyrannies of Hell.

[For Malcom Guite Michaelmas is in autumn when the year is waning]

### *News*

**Next Sunday is the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.** In 1979 St. Francis was named the Patron Saint of Ecology. Since that time we have learnt far more about the importance of bio-diversity, the interrelatedness of all creation and our impact upon it. Next Sunday we will celebrate the beauty of the created order, pray for those seeking to preserve it, and commit ourselves to playing our part. Can I encourage you to bring along your pets; their presence among us is a reminder of the created order in all its diversity.

#### **St Philip's National Mission - Australia Youth Engagement**

Our National Mission Project for 2020 is Australia Youth Engagement. AYE supports Church initiatives which engage young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) people. This Project has come out of a desire to support and guide vulnerable ATSI youth around Australia, most particularly in the Northern Territory. Your funds go towards producing culturally relevant Sunday School resources for these communities which are then incorporated in their existing programs and church services. In the last few years, such funds donated have also enabled interested Aboriginal Christians to travel to church and read the Bible in their own language. The Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) further assists such Christians with their Bible studies. Please give generously by donating in the envelopes provided at St Philip's.

Hope you enjoyed the latest edition of **Church Chat**; many thanks to our editor Laura Wood. Don't forget to get your recipes, news and chat to Laura for the next edition. [yourlaurawood@gmail.com](mailto:yourlaurawood@gmail.com)

**The ACT Chief Officer** regularly updates information regarding interstate COVID19 outbreaks. Below is the link to the site which outlines areas of risk in Australia (Hotspots).

[https://www.health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-08/COVID-19 Advice on interstate COVID-19 outbreaks\\_31082020.pdf](https://www.health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-08/COVID-19%20Advice%20on%20interstate%20COVID-19%20outbreaks_31082020.pdf)

[The latest guidance on this site is that only parts of Sydney are now considered areas of risk, not the entire greater Sydney area. Which is good news for those wanting to travel to Sydney to visit friends and family.]

**The NSW Chief Health Officer's site** provides detailed information on the situation in NSW. <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>

### *Bridging the Gap - Breaking the Cycle*

Each week St Philip's donates non-perishable food items to **St John's Care** in Reid. Thank you to those who continue to donate. The baskets at the back of the church are ready to receive your donations! Please refer to the list of suggested items and if you would like to know more about this important outreach visit [www.stjohnscare.org.au](http://www.stjohnscare.org.au).

**Pandora's Winter Clearance** continues! Thank you to our volunteers and shoppers! Come in and have a look at our \$2 clearance sale racks. We also have on offer a special \$10 Winter coat rack and other irresistible bargains including a wonderful display of shoes, scarves and bags that need new owners! Don't miss out!

Hopefully some of you may have found time to engage in another week of reflection through the **ABM resource 'Climate for Change.'** The resource can be found and downloaded on [https://www.abmission.org/data/resources/2020/Climate For Change 5.pdf](https://www.abmission.org/data/resources/2020/Climate%20For%20Change%205.pdf) The study has been written by a former St Philip's parishioner Russell Rollason. In this second week we have been dealing directly with the issues presented by the change in our climate and our response. The study gives us plenty of resources to consider. We have this year – our 'Year of Stewardship' installed a solar system on the Rectory, part of our planning to look to the future and the sustainable use of resources. The study will, I hope, help us to consider what more we are being called to do.

## *Calendar @ St Philip's*

Today	<i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
8am	<b>Eucharist</b> - Livestreamed
10am	<b>Eucharist with Music</b>
Tuesday 29 September	<i>St Michael and All Angels</i>
	<b>Eucharist</b> – Sir Leslie Morshead Manor
Wednesday 30 September	<i>St Jerome, priest &amp; biblical scholar</i>
	Funeral – Norwood Park Crematorium Dorothy Steele RIP
Thursday 1 October	<i>Feria</i>
10am	<b>Eucharist</b>
Friday 2 October	<i>Feria</i>
5pm - 6pm	Happy Hour online, for those who wish to catch up: <a href="#">St Philip's Happy Hour link</a>
Saturday 3 October	<i>Feria</i>
10am – 1pm	Pandora's Preloved Fashions – Winter Clearance!
<i>Daylight saving begins – put your clocks forward one hour</i>	
Sunday 4 October	<i>St Francis of Assisi</i>
8am	<b>Eucharist</b> - Livestreamed
10am	<b>Family Eucharist with Music and Blessing of Pets</b>

*PS Feria is the opposite of Festival*

## Roster

	<b><u>September/October</u></b>	<b>27-Sep-20</b>	<b>4-Oct-20</b>	<b>11-Oct-20</b>
	Sunday of Month	<b>4th</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>
	Liturgical Season	17th Sunday after Pentecost	St Francis Day	19th Sunday after Pentecost
	Flowers			
<b>8am</b>	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)			
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Tim & Shane	Alison & Alistair	Margaret & Russell
	Liturgical Assistant	Peter W	Lisa C	Ellie P
	Bible Reader	Shane W	Alison or Alistair	Margaret or Russell
<b>10am</b>	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)			
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Sally A, Fred A & helper	Nirmal F, Fred A & Janene B	Hardy & Helen P, Jeanette M
	Liturgical Assistant	Philippa W		Crucifer: Zara Server: Leighton
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F
	Bible reader	Ashton R	kids?	David R
	Additional details/notes	<i>School holidays</i>	<i>10am Sunday Zone. Labour Day public holiday long weekend. School holidays.</i>	<i>School holidays</i>

**Sunday Zone @ St Philip's**

**is on again.....**

**10.00am**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

*It is St Francis Day and we'll be thinking about the world and the beauty of creation. You can bring your pets to church for a blessing.*

**Come & See!**

**There'll be lots of things to do and see!**

**Want to know more?**

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**See you there.....Martin**

*At St Philips we gather under a COVIDSafe plan to keep us all safe and well.*