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Welcome to St Philip's

Check-in: it is a requirement that everyone checks in via the *CBR Check In* app. If you need assistance the Sidespeople/Welcomers can check you in, we have masks available too. If you are unsure of current restrictions the ACT Chief Health Officer's latest update (21 July) can be found at: https://health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-07/COVID-19%20Advice%20for%20high%20risk%20settings_21072021.pdf

There is a printed copy in the porch. We are asking all folk to be aware of the restrictions, to be careful and thorough with their hand hygiene, to be mindful of social distance and not to attend church if they feel unwell.

Pew sheet & Order of Service: the Pew sheet including a complete order of service with hymns is available on our website. The QR code in the pews will direct you to the current edition, please use your phone/tablet and follow along. Alternatively hymn books, service cards and a printed abridged Pew sheet is available.

Offertory: at the offertory when our gifts are brought forward, there is an opportunity for you to make your contribution. A self-serve Eftpos machine is available in the foyer, you can use it before or after the service. St Philip's EFT details are also available if you would like to make a direct transfer. Giving cards are in the foyer if you wish to place something in the offertory bag after giving electronically.

Communion: if you are baptised you are welcome to receive communion, which at present is in 'one kind.' If you would like to receive a blessing please cross your hands on your chest as you come forward.

Breakfast or Morning Tea: all our services are followed with hospitality in the Lamerton Centre, please join us - 'Come & See'

From the Rector

Dear Friends.

A few weeks ago a group of us gathered in the chapel at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture for the launch of the book *Joy and Compassion* an anthology of prayers and reflections compiled by Maurice Neville from the work of his late wife Susan Joy Neville. Alison Davidson offers her thoughts on the book below. We cope, I think, with times of uncertainty by routine and discovering ways of nurturing our souls. This book offers us one such opportunity. The book is available through Coventry Press - <https://coventrypress.com.au/> Maurice may also have some copies. Thank you Alison for your thoughts.

We take a detour over these weeks from the gospel of Mark to the fourth gospel. It is often said that John's account is a commentary on Mark's. John takes the account of the feeding of the multitudes in Mark and offers this chapter *on what it means*. It provides the basis on which we understand our Eucharistic gathering. At the end of the chapter some folk are turning away from Jesus because his teaching is 'too difficult.'

Sometimes it all seems too difficult for us. Perhaps we struggle to understand or perhaps we want to see results. It is natural that we would think this way. But ultimately we are called simply to accept the welcome that Jesus offers. Hence the fundamental and central quality in the Gospel narratives of table fellowship. *It has been said so many times, it hardly needs saying again—but let's say it! Table fellowship is the concrete and specific form of 'being with Jesus' which brings about healing and wholeness.* (Words of Rowan Williams).

To try and 'understand' this is to fail to appreciate the simple hospitality that is offered to us all and which we receive with thankful hearts.

Blessings to you all, *Martin*

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Today's Liturgy

Introit Hymn 540 TiS (Tune 179) (10am)

Christians, lift your hearts and voices,
let your praises be outpoured;
come with joy and exultation
to the table of the Lord;
come believing, come expectant,
in obedience to his word.

See, presiding at his table,
Jesus Christ our great high priest;
where he summons all his people,
none is greatest, none is least;
graciously he bids us welcome
to the eucharistic feast.

Lord, we offer in thanksgiving
life and work for you to bless;
yet unworthy is the offering,

marred by pride and carelessness;
so, Lord, pardon our transgressions,
plant in us true holiness.

On the evening of his passion
Jesus gave the wine and bread,
so that all who love and serve him
shall for evermore be fed.
Taste and see the Lord is gracious,
feed upon the living bread.

John Edward Bowers 1923-

Entrance Antiphon

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Isaiah 55:2

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.
Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

'Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you ✠ and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Living God,
whose Son Jesus fed the hungry with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us with your true and living bread,
Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God now and for ever.

Amen.

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of Exodus (16:2-4, 9-15)

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' ⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." ' '

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Psalms 78:22-28

Then he commanded the clouds above:
and opened the doors of heaven.

**He rained down manna for them to eat:
and gave them the grain of heaven.**

So they ate the bread of angels:
and he sent them food in abundance.

**He stirred up the south east wind in the heavens:
and guided it by his power.**

He rained down meat upon them thick as dust:
and winged birds like the sands of the sea.

**He made them fall into the midst of their camp:
and all about their tents.**

So they ate and were well-filled:
for he had given them what they desired.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (4:1-16)

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,
'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.'

⁹(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Gradual Hymn 429 TiS (10am)

Break now the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves
beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you,
O living Word.

Bless your own word of truth,
dear Lord, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease,
all shackles fall;
and I shall find my peace,
my All in all!

Mary Artemisia Lathbury 1841-1913

Alleluia! (8am)

Alleluia!

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

John 6:35

Alleluia! (8am)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6:24-35)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' ³²Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

³⁵Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Let us affirm the faith of the church

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is

seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

In our prayers we remember those in need, particularly: Ros, Ben, Gage, Hugh, Sarah, Myrle, Margot, David, Otto, Joan, Mandy, Bob and Noel, those unable to gather with us, those in hospital, residential or home care and those from whom we are isolated.

We commend to God the recently departed, those whose anniversaries fall at this time; Dhruba Jyoti (Jyo) Sen (2/8/1994), June Norton McKinlay (2/8/2004), Mary Reid (6/8/1994), Athol Thomas (Toby) Grahame (6/8/2012), all whose memories are dear to us, and those who have no one to remember them.

The Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn 535 TiS (10am)

I am the bread of life.

those who comes to me shall not hunger;

those who believes in m shall not thirst.

No one can come to me

unless the Father draw them.

Refrain

And I will raise them up,

and I will raise them up,

and I will raise them up on the last day.

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and those who eat this bread,
they shall live for ever,
they shall live for ever.

Refrain

Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.

Refrain

I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
those who believe in me
even if they die,
they shall live for ever.

Refrain

Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who has come

into the world.
Refrain

Suzanne Toolan 1927-

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
And for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, faithful God,
always and everywhere,
for with your only begotten Son and life-giving Spirit
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing,
a universe of beauty and splendour,
bringing light from darkness
and order from chaos.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.
You called us by name and searched us out,
making a covenant of mercy,
giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.

And so we praise you,
joining with your faithful people of every time and place,
singing the eternal song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth and full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

When the fullness of time was come,
you sent your Son to be born of Mary.

Bright image of your glory,
he learnt obedience to you in all things,
even to death on a cross,
breaking the power of evil,

freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.

You raised him from death,
exalting him to glory,
and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed
your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends,
his companions on the way.

While at table took bread,
Blessed, and broke it,
and giving it to them said:
'Take, eat; this is my body.'

He took a cup of wine,
and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
'This is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,
we remember his life of obedience to you,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and exaltation,
and his promise to be with us forever.
With this bread and this cup,
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Accept we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration
that all who eat and drink at this table
May be strengthened by Christ's body and blood
to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people,
may we proclaim the everlasting gospel
of Jesus Christ our Lord,
through whom, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and forever.
Amen.

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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon

He rained down manna for them to eat: and gave them the grain of heaven.

Psalm 78:29

The Sending out of God's People

Let us pray:

Bountiful God,
at this table you graciously feed us
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.
May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament
be strengthened in your service;
we who have sung your praises
tell of your glory and truth in our lives;
we who have seen the greatest of your love
see you face to face in your kingdom
and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

Most loving God, **you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully
and with courage in the power of your Spirit.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, ☐ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn 469 TiS (10am)

This is the truth we hold,
source of the joy we share,
hope that can make us bold
trusting the name we bear:
that 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
in Christ shall all be made alive.'

This is the song of praise
echoing down the years,
true for the present days,
through all our doubts and fears:
that 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
in all shall Christ be made alive.'

Christ is the living bread,
Christ is the word to speak,
Christ is the way to tread,
Christ is the goal to seek
for 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
in Christ shall all be made alive.'

One in the faith we share,
Out in his name we go;
Jesus awaits us there,
longing that all should know
that 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
in Christ shall all be made alive.'

Basil Ernest Bridge 1927-

Reflections

The Lectionary continues its hiatus from Mark's Gospel this Sunday and for the next three weeks. On each of the Sundays of August, the church reflects on a portion of the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, a reflection often called the "Bread of Life" discourse.

John crafted this lengthy address, unique to his Gospel, as a response to a specific event. The crowd that Jesus had miraculously fed followed him through the night back to Capernaum with the intention of making him king. They recognized accurately that he was the prophet Moses foretold (Dt 18:15), but their desire for his leadership did not extend yet beyond their desire for him to heal their illnesses and satisfy their hunger. Bread was only a symbol of the gift Jesus offered, but the crowd had confused the symbol with the reality.

Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus' miracles are a means to an end. The crowd pursued him for his miraculous food, but this was not his true gift. Although his miracles alleviated the suffering of many, their purpose was to reveal the love he shared with the Father and offered to his disciples. Divine love was the "bread" that kept him going and the food that would sustain his disciples for eternal life. Jesus wanted disciples who pursued him for this gift, not for the symbols that only pointed to its reality.

"The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." Divine love strengthens any who commit to Christ's example, and this commitment gives life to many. Following the Gospel is not easy. Conforming one's life to the Gospel can be a constant struggle. Opportunities to abandon the task, especially in the face of opposition, can be quite tempting. One finds an example of this in the writings of Jean Donovan, a lay minister from Cleveland who was murdered in El Salvador in 1980. Not long before her death, she wrote to a friend: "Several times I have decided to leave El Salvador. I almost could, except for the children, the poor, bruised victims of this insanity. Who would care for them? Whose heart could be so staunch as to favour the reasonable thing in a sea of their tears and loneliness? Not mine, dear friend, not mine."

Jean's commitment in the face of danger was the bread she shared, the symbol of the same divine love that Jesus knew. Like Jesus, her death led ultimately to life for others. The Evangelist shows us a hungry crowd who failed to understand this deeper gift, but it is important not to forget that the very existence of John's Gospel, written decades later for a growing community, reveals that many who had been captivated at first by signs of love later came to share in the fullness of its reality.

Just so, as disciples today encounter Christ in ways both mundane and sacred, they find the opportunity to craft their own symbols through which to share that gift. Through personal example, service, sacrifice, teaching, ministry and advocacy, each disciple shares the love of God by which all the world is fed.

Michael Simone, S.J., teaches Scripture at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry.

I recently purchased a copy of Susan Joy Nevile's book *Joy & Compassion: Stories & Prayers for a Life of Faith*. It is a book of 86 reflections, each one including a Bible reading, story-based reflection, a couple of questions to ponder and a prayer. Elegant line drawings based on Susan Joy's artwork and detail from one of her watercolours on the front cover add to its simple beauty.

I am thoroughly enjoying and being refreshed by using this book as part of my almost daily quiet times with God. As a lover of story and as a storyteller, Susan Joy's voice speaks through the pages as she weaves God's word with life – sometimes upbeat and with a sense of fun as she engages with children, sometimes clearly but quietly as she reflects on sitting with people in their last moments of life and sometimes with reference to literature (including the Narnia stories, which I love!) and other deep thinkers. And the message she shares is how through observing and engaging with life's often ordinary moments we can deepen our relationship with God and each other.

I am grateful to Maurice Neville for sharing Susan Joy's writing with us and would encourage fellow parishioners to delve into this book for encouragement and a fresh perspective on living as people of faith.

Alison Davidson

News

"On any given night, nearly 500 young people in Canberra are homeless. Some "couch-surf" with friends, others face a night on the streets or hidden away in the bushlands. No young person should feel like they have nowhere to go. **Raw Potential Canberra** actively provides outreach services to at-risk young people, of 12-25 years, in an effort to help those facing homelessness and violence.

They offer after hours support and a non-judgemental approach to helping those in need.

They work in partnership with other local services to go out into the community and engage with young people who cannot, or will not, access services, working with them over time to re-connect them to mainstream society. Your donation to St Philip's Local Mission project will help Raw

Potential to do this vital work." If you would like to know more check out the website at:

<https://rawpotential.com.au/about-us/>

The ANU Chaplaincy Centre is presenting a discussion on **Caring for Each Other in a Time of Pandemic** on Wednesday 3 August. The discussion will be led by Professor Tracy Smart AO, The ANU Public Health Lead – COVID Response Office.

The evening will touch on a number of topics with mental health as the core, including areas that Professor Smart has written blogs on, such as:

- Resilience - <https://www.anu.edu.au/news/all-news/being-resilient>
- Grief - <https://www.anu.edu.au/news/all-news/grief-and-the-global-pandemic>
- Anxiety about COVID-19 - <https://www.anu.edu.au/news/all-news/feeling-anxious-about-going-out-into-the-covid-world>
- Harnessing our sense of the "greater good" - <https://www.anu.edu.au/news/all-news/have-we-developed-'greater-good'-fatigue>

Is getting vaccinated currently the ultimate sign of caring for the community?

The evening restarts the annual ANU Chaplaincy speaking event. It will be held in Burgmann College Chapel, at rear of the College. Entry is by EventBrite booking.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/caring-for-each-other-in-a-time-of-pandemic-tickets-159632455973> We will begin at 7pm with drinks and food. Professor Smart will present at 8pm, followed by discussion and supper. Maximum 50 attendees.

ANU Chaplaincy is supported by the University and by churches and faith groups to provide spiritual and pastoral support to students. Enquiries phone 0407 866 777

<https://www.anu.edu.au/students/contacts/chaplaincy>

The Bishop has decided to suspend the current sitting of the **Diocesan Synod** because of the ongoing uncertainty presented by the COVID restrictions. Planned for 10-12 September 2021, it is hoped that the Synod will sit in the first quarter of 2022.

On Sunday 26th September Bishop Stephen Pickard will preside and preach, at the 10am Eucharist. His visit coincides with the end of 'The Winter Journey' which provides an opportunity for folk to prepare for Confirmation and Reception at Bishop Stephen's hands. Please put this date in your diaries, we look forward to a great celebration.

Plans are underway to celebrate the **60th anniversary of the Dedication of St Philip's** on Thursday 16th December. It is hoped that Bishop Mark will be able to join us perhaps for a Festal Evensong followed by dinner in the courtyard – we are considering how we might mark this occasion. If you have any ideas on how we might commemorate this milestone in the life of our Parish Community please speak to Martin or one of the Wardens.

Bridging the Gap – Breaking the Cycle. Each week St Philip's donates non-perishable food items to **St John's Care** in Reid. The baskets at the back of the church are ready to receive your donations! This week there is a special need for powdered milk (full cream), Irish Stew or Pepper Steak tinned meals, shampoo and conditioner. Please check the use by dates on foodstuffs, thank you. Supermarket gift cards of \$20 and \$50 are also appreciated.

Flowers @ St Philip's You may wish to remember a loved one, a special anniversary or celebration. Please see the Rector or place your request in one of the 'flower envelopes' which can be placed with the offertory. The flower roster can be found in the Narthex ~ please see Susan if you would like to join the team!

Pandora's Christmas in July ~ Bling theme! Thank you to all who supported Pandora's in any way. Despite the weather the crowds kept coming in and enjoyed a wonderful morning browsing and buying – we raised \$2,000 – the mulled wine and mince pies went down a treat, the atmosphere was fantastic! Our takings enable us to continue supporting various organisations; local, national and international. Events like this foster great relations with our donors, customers and community alike. Pandora's is open every Saturday, 10am to 1pm; Eftpos is available. We have a superb collection of clothing and accessories, there's a men's rack where you'll find designer clothing, ties and shoes. There is also a selection of children's clothing. Come and support us, there's something for everyone! *Come & See!*

Our Winter Journey has recently commenced a book group with a weekly gathering to touch base with fellow travellers and explore theologically the issue of our day – the ecological crisis. Our guide is a book by American Theologian Elizabeth Johnson, *Creation and Cross – the mercy of God for a planet in peril*. The first two weeks have set the scene – what does it mean to say that 'Jesus died to save us?' What about the creation and where does that fit in? We explored last Tuesday evening the theory by the 11th century Archbishop of Canterbury St Anselm. His was a theory of the cross which resonated deeply with the people of his time and remained at the forefront of our spirituality for a millennia. We are looking to explore a renewed idea of the cross which resonates with us today. We'll keep you posted on what we find.

This week @ St Philip's

Today	<i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
8am	Eucharist
10am	Eucharist with Hymns
Tuesday 3 August	<i>Feria</i>
2pm	Eucharist – Sir Leslie Morshead Manor
7pm	Winter Journey - Book Group, Book 2
Thursday 5 August	<i>Oswald, king & martyr (d.642)</i>
10am	Eucharist
Friday 6 August	<i>The Transfiguration</i>
7.30pm	Youth Group
Saturday 7 August	<i>Feria</i>
10am-1pm	Pandora's
11am	Eucharist – Kankinya
Sunday 8 August	<i>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</i>
8am	Eucharist
10am	Eucharist with Hymns
Readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8, Psalm 34:1-8, Ephesians 4:25-5:2, John 6:35, 41-45	

Dates for your Diary

10 August	Winter Journey – Book Group, Book 3
15 August	Mary, Mother of Our Lord
26 September	Eucharist - Confirmation & Reception
23 October	'Spring Fling' Annual Parish Fair
24 October	Anglicare Sunday
1-5 November	Clergy Retreat, Galong
16 December 60 th	Anniversary of St Philip's Dedication

Rosters

		1-Aug-21	8-Aug-21	15-Aug-21
	Sunday of Month	1st	2nd	3rd
	Liturgical Season	10th Sunday after Pentecost	11th Sunday after Pentecost	12th Sunday after Pentecost
	Flowers	Flower Team	Flower Team	Flower Team
8am	Celebrant	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)			Rev'd Canon Scott
	Sidespeople	Margaret & Russell	Alison & Alistair	<i>volunteers</i>
	Liturgical Assistant	Lisa C	Ellie P	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Russell M	Alison D	Julianne S
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Margaret M	Alistair D	Rebecca P
10am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Canon Scott
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)	Rev'd Canon Scott		
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Denise M, Nirmal F & Fred A	Helen & Hardy P & Laura W	Janene B, Jeannette McH & Richard G
	Liturgical Assistant		Rebecca K	Rev'd Martin
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F
	1st Bible reader - OT	Denise M	Fiona D	Fred A
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Richard G	Laura W	Sarah B
	Morning Tea	Helen P	Janene B	Jan G