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Sunday 14 November 2021 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Eucharist

10 Eucharist with music

The 8.00am Eucharist will be live on *Facebook*. Then it will be available on either our *YouTube channel* or *Facebook*. All links and details are on our web page *www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au*



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 Welcomers/Sidespeople can check you in. 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 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 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: 702-389 05202512. 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 on the Lamerton Centre deck, please join us - *Come & See*

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

We continue today with our month of remembering. During the week we recalled the signing of the Armistice which brought to an end the Great War. The guns on the Western Front fell silent at the 11^{th} hour on the 11^{th} day of the 11^{th} month. Today we will acknowledge and remember all those who have died as a result of war and conflict both civilians and combatants.

Remembering is central to our tradition. 'Do this in remembrance of me' words we hear every time the Eucharist is celebrated. But we don't just remember as a passive act, like looking at a photograph album (remember those!), active remembering involves making present for us today the love of God in Christ. Recalling the saints whose lives have inspired us in our Christian journey and calling to mind those things for which we need to bring to bear God's healing and forgiving love.

During the week I sat at the feet of The Rev'd Dr Brian Rosner, the head of Ridley College in Melbourne as he spoke to us military chaplains of God's love and why it matters. We looked at God's love in 1 Corinthians the 'love is' passage, we examined God's love in John's Gospel - the commandment to love in chapter 15 and then in Romans chapter 5 – God's love has been poured into our hearts.

In between times I sat quietly watching and waiting for birdlife at the Fivebough Wetlands. Birdwatching is like Christianity, it requires a great deal of patience, sometimes you simply catch a glimpse, and sometimes you fail to see anything! But when you do see something new, it is a revelation! Thank you for the opportunity to have some time on retreat. Thank you to The Rev'd Lyn Porritt for ministering to the Thursday congregation.

We are entering a new phase in our response to the COVID Pandemic. Restrictions are being eased and increasingly we are beginning to take precautions depending upon our own situation. Masks are no longer mandatory but clearly we should wear one if we are vulnerable or unable to maintain social distancing. Please let me know if you have any concerns about our COVIDSafe planning.

Blessings to you all, *Martin* 0478 619 911 rector@stphilipsoconnor.org.au

Eucharist for the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Remembrance Sunday) Entrance Antiphon

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and his anointed.

1 Samuel 2:10

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, ♣ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

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.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy Lord have mercy.

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

Let us pray:
O God,
welcoming refuge for the outcast,
and upholder of justice for the oppressed:
maintain the hope of the poor,
so that the time may soon come
when no one need want for food and shelter,
and all will learn to share freely
following the example of your Son, who gave his very self;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of Daniel (12:1-3)

'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Preserve me, O God:
for in you have I taken refuge.

I have said to the Lord

I have said to the Lord, You are my lord: and all my good depends on you.

As for those who are held holy on the earth: the other gods in whom people delight,

Though the idols are many that they run after: their offerings of blood I will not offer,

nor take their name upon my lips.

The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup: you hold my lot in your hands.

The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places: and a fair land is my possession.

I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel: at night also he has instructed my heart.

I have set the Lord always before me: he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.

Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices: my flesh also shall rest secure.

For you will not give me over to the power of death: nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life: in your presence is the fullness of joy, and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (10:11-25)

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', ¹³and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

 16 'This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds',

¹⁷he also adds,

'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Alleluia!

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Hebrews 10:21

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (13:1-11).

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' ²Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the

birth pangs.

⁹'As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. ¹⁰And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. 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: Ben, Gage, Hugh, Sarah, Myrle, David, Otto, Mandy, Bob, Noel, Claudia, Denise and Margot, 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 especially Mary McGivern-Shaw, those whose anniversaries fall at this time: William Keal Trivett (15/11/1990), Stanley Roy Vincent (16/11/2002), all those who have died as a result of war and conflict and all whose memories are dear to us.

The Greeting of Peace

Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.'

John 14.27

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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.

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.

Father all powerful and ever-living God

we praise and thank you through Jesus Christ our Lord for your presence and action in the world.

In the midst of conflict and division,

we know it is you

who turn our minds to thoughts of peace.

Your Spirit changes our hearts:

enemies begin to speak to one another,

those who were estranged join hands in friendship,

and nations seek the way of peace together.

Your Spirit is at work

when understanding puts an end to strife, when hatred is quenched by mercy, and vengeance gives way to forgiveness.

For this we should never cease

to thank and praise you.

We join with all the choirs of heaven

as they sing for ever to your glory:

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.

Merciful God, we thank you

for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;

and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,

and again giving you thanks

he gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Drink from this all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant

shed for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:

proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:
Blessing and honour and glory and power

are yours for ever and ever. 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.

The Breaking of Bread and Communion

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread:

so may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

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

In your presence is the fullness of joy, and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

Psalm 16:12

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

At this time 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.

The Sending out of God's People

Let us pray:
Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting; 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.

For Reflection

When I was a child, back in the 1970's, I was mesmerised by the BBC broadcast of Remembrance Sunday from the Cenotaph. I was transfixed by the slow martial movement of old men and women, and the laying of the wreaths by the great and the good, as well as by the Two Minutes' Silence. The curious choreographies and silences simply called me to stillness. To this day, I never cease to be moved by the rituals of Remembrance Sunday.

This year will be different, and yet we also live in echoes of events which affected those who gathered for the Armistice and Remembrance parades in the first years after the Great War. For, we often forget that back then communities negotiated multiple griefs: not only was the nation and Empire mourning the loss of a million dead in war, but countless others in the Spanish Flu pandemic which ripped through exhausted populations between 1918 and 1920. The trauma ran almost unimaginably deep.

The word 'trauma' is derived from the Ancient Greek word for hurt or wound. We live in a world marked by so very many wounds. Arguably, for the most part, the raw traumas of the First and Second World Wars have healed sufficiently for them to become scars. Like scars on a human

body, the cultural scars of a society can be rich places from which to speak. The abyss of the Holocaust remains that – an abyss. However, to return to the metaphor of wound and scar, the scars the Holocaust left on the political, cultural and social body are surely powerful places from which to speak and act against all forces in our society which would allow something like it to arise again.

Trauma can be raw, however. To speak out of raw wounds can be risky. In an age when a terrorist can rip apart communities and individual lives in heartbeats, the desire to 'strike back' can feel overwhelming. Jesus invites us to model another way: that of the Prince of Peace. Jesus is the Prince of Peace because he models and embodies the deep truth at the heart of God – that in the final analysis, however fraught and difficult that may be, we are called to seek reconciliation and forgiveness in our communities and within ourselves.

Violence and war typically generate more violence and war. Human history shows this. However, Jesus subverts this pattern. Jesus is, himself, the victim of violence – he is put to death – and yet in resurrection he comes not seeking revenge, but welcome, reconciliation and love. He invites us to live in a different way to that which the world typically lives by.

The concept of 'remembrance' holds within it the notion of 're-membering'. That is, of 'bringing back together'; of taking the parts and fragments of a body and gathering it up so that it may be whole again. This season of remembrance is meaningless if it entails simply looking backwards. It invites us to gather up the fragments of loss and trauma and, slowly, surely, begin to live as a body of people in a way which models hope, openness and promise.

Now is a time for tears and a time for silence. Now is a time to hold the memory of lost loved ones before us – grandparents and great grandparents; brothers and sisters and friends. Now is the time to allow the silence to hold our ongoing shock and trauma in a world where violence is common-place. Now is the time to allow God to meet us in remembrance and draw us towards his way of promise and reconciliation, so that we never let the horror of our memories or our grief cut us off from love's promise.

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News

Next Sunday (21st November) we will celebrate **the Feast of Christ the King** and Bishop Stephen Pickard from the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture will preside and preach at the 10am Eucharist. Bishop Stephen is soon to retire as Director of the Centre and we look forward to his coming among us before he begins another chapter of life.

The ACT pandemic restrictions have eased again this past week. We are now able to increase our numbers in church to 1 person per 2m². The wearing of masks is not mandatory, but is encouraged in indoor settings such as places of worship.

The Parish Council meets this week and will review our COVIDSafe plan.

We will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the **Dedication of St Philip's** on Thursday, 16 December. Evensong will be celebrated at 5.30pm followed by dinner in the Courtyard at 6.30pm. Bishop Mark will be our guest. Bookings will open shortly to enable us to plan catering for the evening. This celebration will take the place of our usual Advent Dinner.

We are gearing up for a busy end to 2021 here at **St John's Care** with preparations well underway for our Christmas programs.

If you would like to make a contribution to St John's Care this Christmas, we are seeking some items to fill our Christmas Treat bags:

- Packet of Lollies (Family pack)
 - 1 Litre Juice
 - Tube or packet of chips
 - Jelly (85 grams)
- Chocolate biscuits or Shortbread
 - Popcorn

To supplement the Christmas Hampers and Christmas Treat bags, we will be giving each registered family a \$15 supermarket gift card. We are currently seeking \$15 supermarket gift cards and welcome any support we can receive with this.

All donations can be dropped at 45 Constitution Avenue in Reid from 9:30am-2pm Monday to Fridays.

<u>Everyday Items required include:</u> Vegemite, Tinned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Biscuits and Washing Powder

This week @ St Philip's

Today Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Remembrance Sunday)

8am **Eucharist** – Livestreamed on Facebook

10am **Eucharist**

Tuesday 16 November Margaret of Scotland, queen, helper of the poor (d.1093)

2pm **Eucharist** – Sir Leslie Morshead Manor

Wednesday 17 November Hilda of Whitby, abbess (d.690). Hugh bishop of Lincoln (d.1200)

7pm Parish Council

Thursday 18 November Feria

10am Eucharist

Friday 19 November Elizabeth of Hungary, princess & philanthropist (d.1231)

7pm Youth Group

Saturday 20 November Feria

10am – 1pm Pandora's Fashions 11am **Eucharist –** Kankinya

Sunday 21 November Christ the King

8am **Eucharist** – Livestreamed on Facebook

10am Eucharist

Readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 93, Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

Roster

	<u>November</u>	14-Nov-21	21-Nov-21	28-Nov-21	
	Sunday of Month	2nd	3rd	4th	
	Liturgical Season	25th Sunday after Pentecost	Christ the King	First Sunday of Advent	
	Flowers	Flower Team	Flower Team	Flower Team	
8am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	8am
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)		Rev'd Canon Scott		
	Sidespeople	Alison & Alistair	volunteers	Tim & Shane	
	Liturgical Assistant	Ellie P		Brian McK	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Alistair D	Rebecca P	Susan J	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Alison D	Julianne S	Shane W	
10am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin	10am
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)		Bishop Stephen Pickard		
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Helen & Hardy P & helper	Janene B, Jeannette McH & Richard G	Sally A, Fred A & helper	
	Liturgical Assistant	Rebecca K	Rev'd Martin	Philippa W	
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
	1st Bible reader - OT	volunteer	Sarah B	Tim G	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Ashton R	Colin D	Denise M	
	Morning Tea	Janene B	Jan G	Ann M	
	Additional details/notes				

Dates for your Diary

28 November Advent Sunday

11 December 10am – 1pm Pandora's 'Festive Fashions'

16 December 5.30pm 60th Anniversary of St Philip's Dedication

Evensong followed by dinner

24 December 11.30pm Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass 25 December 9am Christmas Day - Eucharist

26 December 9am First Sunday after Christmas (only one service)