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Christ the King

8am Eucharist

10am Eucharist: Holy Baptism, Confirmation & Reception with music (*begins on page 8*)

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



The Christus Rex (Christ the King) Wangaratta Cathedral, Victoria

Welcome to St Philip's

St Philip's COVIDSafe Plan - It is a requirement that everyone checks in via the *CBR Check In* app. If you need assistance the Sidespeople and Welcomers 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. We are now able to have up to 65 folk in church. Masks are not mandated but should be worn if you are vulnerable or unable to maintain a social distance. We are not yet singing in church, but this morning we will sing in the courtyard – weather permitting to open and close our liturgy at 10am.

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,

After a difficult, rather disrupted year, it is fitting that we should conclude with celebration. Today, the last Sunday in the Church calendar, we keep the Feast of Christ the King and we do so with great solemnity and joy. Bishop Stephen Pickard will preside and preach at the 10am Eucharist and will lay his hands on Douglas Macnicol and Ashton Robinson in the sacrament of Confirmation and will receive Sarah Boddington into the Anglican Church. Douglas will be Baptised by Canon Scott prior to his Confirmation. It is with great joy that we formally welcome our friends into the Communion of the Church.

This festival is a relatively new one. It was created to counter the rising tide of authoritarianism between the wars. The ideologies of fascism and communism would go on to create, in Hitler and Stalin, two of history's most notorious, monstrous leaders. Today is an opportunity for us to reaffirm this basis on which the feast was established, our faith in the God to whom we owe allegiance.

I hope that many of you will be able to attend our 60th Anniversary of Dedication Evensong and Dinner. Please use the RSVP to enable us to plan catering etc. See the details in the 'News' section for RSVP link.

Blessings to you all, *Martin*
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Eucharist for Christ the King - 8am

Entrance Antiphon

Worthy is the lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing.

Revelation 5:12

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.

The kingdom is yours,
but we turn away from your just rule:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The power is yours,
but we trust in our own power and strength:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

The glory is yours,
but we fall short of the glory of God:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

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:
Everlasting God,
whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son,
our Lord and King:
grant that the people of earth
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together under his gentle
and loving rule;
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 Daniel (7:9-10, 13-14)

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thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousand served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgement,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages

should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Psalm 93

The Lord is king, and has put on robes of glory:
the Lord has put on his glory, he has girded himself with strength.

**He has made the world so firm:
that it cannot be moved.**

Your throne is established from of old:
you are from everlasting.

**The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice:
the floods lift up their pounding.**

But mightier than the sound of many waters,
than the mighty waters or the breakers of the sea :
the Lord on high is mighty.

**Your decrees are very sure:
and holiness, O Lord, adorns your house for ever.**

A reading from the book of Revelation (1:4b-8)

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us
to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and
ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come,
the Almighty.

Alleluia!

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Your decrees are very sure and holiness, O Lord, adorns your house for ever.

Psalm 93:6

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (18:33-37).

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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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, 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, those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Constance Morton (25/11/2001), 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.

Blessed be God,
who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
May we feed upon the bread of God
and drink the royal wine of heaven.

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with the oil of gladness
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
that he may bring before your infinite majesty
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels
and all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending hymn of praise:

**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

**To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be
a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for
ever and ever. Amen.**

Revelation 1:5-6

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:
Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;

that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ our exalted King pour upon you his abundant gifts
and bring you to reign with him in glory; 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.

Eucharist, Baptism, Confirmation and Reception for Christ the King - 10am

Gathering and preparation - We gather in the courtyard

Introit Hymn 237 (TiS) Hail Redeemer King Divine

1. Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

Refrain. Angels, saints and nations sing :
"Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"

2. King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our hearts, our minds, our wills;
till in peace, each nation rings
with thy praises, King of kings.
3. King most holy, King of truth,
guard the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ the King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light.
4. Shepherd-king, o'er mountains steep
homeward bring the wandering sheep;
shelter in one royal fold
states and kingdoms, new and old.

We process into the church, the Bishop welcomes us:

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

Amen.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

there is one hope in God's call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism,

one God and Father of all.

and introduces the rite:

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We have come together today to obey that command. Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives through the Holy Spirit.

In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body the Church universal.

In confirmation those who have been previously baptised come to confirm their baptismal promises through the laying on of the Bishop's hands and with prayer. We pray that those who are baptised and confirmed will be empowered by the Holy Spirit for the ministry and service to which God shall call them.

So we welcome you Douglas and Ashton with your sponsors.

We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

Deacon: Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image. Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.

Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

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Bishop: Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you your sins, and keep you in life eternal.

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For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

The Presentation

The priest addresses the congregation:

I invite the sponsors of Douglas to present him for baptism.

We present Douglas to be baptised.

The Decision

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

Will you by God's grace strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

and to the congregation:

You have heard our brother respond to Christ. Will you support him in this calling?

We will.

Let us pray. Grant, merciful God that Douglas may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in him. May the fruit of your spirit grow and flourish in him.

Amen.

May he know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May he proclaim by word and example, the good news of God in Christ.

Amen.

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ.

Amen.

The Baptism

All gather around the font, the water is blessed:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that you have called Douglas to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that those who are baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May they die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue forever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The priest then says to the candidate and sponsors:

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The priest says to the congregation:

This is the faith of the Church.

The congregation responds:

**This is our faith:
We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The candidate is brought to the water. The priest baptises him pouring water saying:

Douglas William I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

After Baptism

The priest makes a cross on Douglas' forehead saying:

Douglas, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever

and addresses him:

Live as a disciple of Christ;
fight the good fight,
finish the race,
keep the faith.

and the congregation responds, saying:

**Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

Lighting a candle the priest says:

God has brought you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

and the congregation responds:

**Shine as a light in the world to the
glory of God the Father.**

The priest continues:

God has called you into his Church.

and the congregation responds:

**We therefore receive and welcome you as a
member with us of the body of Christ, as a child
of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor
of the kingdom of God.**

Confirmation

The candidates for confirmation are brought to the Bishop:

We welcome those who come to be confirmed. I invite their sponsors to present them now.

We present Douglas and Ashton who come to be confirmed.

Bishop: Let us pray for those who are to receive the laying on of hands.

Merciful God, deliver them from all evil that they may walk in the way of truth and life;

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Open their hearts by the Holy Spirit to your grace and truth;

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your Holy Church;

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Send them into the world to witness to your love and justice;

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bring them and us all into the fullness of your peace and glory;

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord

now, and for ever. Amen.

Almighty and everliving God,

you have given your servants

new birth by water and the Spirit,

and have forgiven them their sins.

Strengthen them, we pray, with the Holy Spirit

that they may grow in grace.
Increase in them the spirit of wisdom
and understanding,
the spirit of discernment and inner strength,
the spirit of knowledge and true godliness,
and fill them with wonder and awe at your presence,
through Jesus Christ our Lord
now and for ever.

Amen.

Those who are to be confirmed kneel before the Bishop.
Strengthen, Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit.
Empower and sustain him for your service.

Amen.

The congregation responds:

**Defend O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may
continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.**

Reception

The priest presents the candidate:

Sarah has already been baptised and has formerly been a communicant member of the Roman Catholic Church. She now asks to be received into communicant membership of the Anglican Church of Australia and seeks our prayers in the fellowship of this parish.

The Bishop says to the candidate.

Do you stand by the Christian confession and commitment made at your baptism?

I do.

Do you desire to be admitted into communicant membership of the Anglican Church of Australia and accept her doctrine and order?

I do.

We recognise you as a baptised and communicant member of the Christian Church.

The congregation responds:

We receive and welcome you into the communion of the Anglican Church.

The Bishop says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray
God of wisdom and love,
source of all good,
by your Holy Spirit strengthen your servant
and guide her in your way of peace and love.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The candidate kneels before the Bishop.

Sarah may the Holy Spirit direct and uphold you
in the service of Christ and his kingdom
in the fellowship of this Church.
God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
bless, preserve and keep you.

Amen.

After the Laying on of Hands

Almighty and everliving God,
watch over these your servants

upon whom we have now laid our hands.
Let your Holy Spirit always be with them
and lead them to know and obey your word,
that they may serve you in this life,
and dwell with you in the life to come:
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Greeting of Peace

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord, crucified and risen be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Eucharist

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.

The 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

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.
By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

In baptism you have united us to him
and brought us out of darkness into light.
You pour your spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, and calling us to serve you as a
royal priesthood.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are 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.

Deacon: Let us proclaim 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 the Bread and Communion

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.**

The Communion Antiphon

**To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be
a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and
dominion for ever and ever. Amen.**

Revelation 1:5-6

The sacrament is administered.

The Sending out of God's People

Let us pray. Gracious God, in baptism you made us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ.

**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.**

All who have been baptised and confirmed are called to study the Bible, to take part in the life of the Church, to share in the Holy Communion, and to pray faithfully and regularly. We are called to share with others, by word and example, the love of Christ and his gospel of reconciliation and hope. We are called to love our neighbours as ourselves, to honour all people and to pray and work for peace and justice. I invite all of you to commit yourselves anew to this calling.

**We will gladly do so,
in the strength of the Holy Spirit.**

We process into the courtyard:

Closing Hymn 256 (TiS) This is our God the Servant King

From heaven you came helpless babe

1. Entered our world, your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live

Refrain This is our God, the Servant King
 He calls us now to follow Him
 To bring our lives as a daily offering
 Of worship to the Servant King

2. There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
'Yet not My will but Yours, ' He said
3. Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered
4. So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; give honour to all;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;

and the blessing of God almighty, ✕ creator, redeemer and sanctifier, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Deacon: Go in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

For Reflection

What Kind of King?

Once there was a king named Arthur. You remember him, the one who thought up the Round Table and had Lancelot as his knight and Guinevere as his wife.*

Long before he became king, in fact when he was just an infant in the cradle, a strange thing happened. The nurse stepped out for a moment and, quick as a wink, Merlin the magician stepped in and then stepped out again ...

... taking the boy with him.

Jesus was “king” because he understood every minutest texture of everyone’s life and world.

This was not a kidnapping. Merlin was a kindly old magician and his commission was to let the boy grow up as a normal—not a spoiled, pampered or “royal”—person. He was not to be miles above the animals and the people and the tiny, precious specks of beauty in the most surprising places in our lives.

He was to live with us.

So Merlin transported Arthur to a bedraggled castle ruled by a third-rate Lord named Sir Ector. The people were nice enough, and ordinary, and the crannies and nooks of the castle were perfect for a little kid to hide in and the halls for him to run around in.

All the servants and even the lords and ladies were his friends.

How could they not be? He was an ordinary lad, though he would be king one day. They called him Wart (which in those days rhymed with Art, which was short for Arthur).

Merlin, funny old character, decided to educate Wart in a special way. Magically, he changed the boy into various and sundry animals, each for a time. He turned him into a hawk, for instance—to witness first-hand the world as it appeared in a hawk's eyes. Or a fish. In fact, especially a fish because Wart could then attend a formal “school of fishes” and learn from their teacher.

It seems that Jesus had a few things in common with the Wart. Jesus was not called “King” or “your highness” as a boy, any more than Wart was referred to as “your majesty.” This one was called “Jesus,” a common name in those days. He played outside, helped his dad, rolled in the mud, cut his finger, even helped birds to fly. And his mom was his very most favorite person.

He had a teacher who was even better at teaching than Merlin: the Spirit of God. It helped him through the creeks and cubbyholes of the earth and made him friends with the funny, sweet people who lived all around.

Both Wart and Jesus did grow up to be the kind of king they were meant to be. But they brought new images of a king. Their love was not just for the noble and the mighty but love for everyone. They were lowly. Jesus was “king” because he understood every minutest texture of everyone’s life and world.

Pilate would ask Jesus if he were a king. He was, specifically, but not in any way Pilate could have imagined. Smallness was his power. Persuasion was his scepter, along with an amazing ability to teach.

He was Christ the King.

Oh, I almost forgot. I typed a wrong key when I began writing, and hit a “d” instead of a “g” at the end of the word King. It came out “Christ the Kind.”

This is who we will find waiting for us on Sunday.

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* This story of Arthur is based on the first book (*The Sword in the Stone*) of the wonderful series of novels by T. H. White called *The Once and Future King* (New York: Penguin/Putnam Inc., 1965).

News

Today 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 and will lay hands on our candidates for Confirmation and Reception. Bishop Stephen is soon to retire as Director of the Centre and we thank him for coming among us before he begins a new chapter of life.

Thursday, 16 December - 60th Anniversary of the Dedication of St Philip's

5.30pm: Evensong with Bishop Mark Short

6.30pm: Dinner in the courtyard

To book your place for dinner, please RSVP by the 11 December via

<https://forms.gle/59CN5GepHCRq2iog8>

\$35 per adult, \$15 per child (under 12)

Payment via Eftpos or cash at the dinner

BYO drinks

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.

Everyday items required include: Vegemite, Tinned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Biscuits and Washing Powder

Key points from the November Parish Council meeting

- A new replacement 4kW solar system has been installed on the Kindergarten roof. Its installation involved several environmentally-responsible decisions, including: recycling the old panels, making use of the existing near-new inverter and forgoing the sale of additional renewable energy certificates (to which the Parish was entitled, but wanted to avoid legitimising further carbon pollution for no commensurate carbon saving).
- Council agreed to increase church seating capacity from 45 to 65 in line with the ACT Government's relaxed COVID regulations.
- Council has scheduled a working bee on Saturday 4 December between 9am and 11am to tidy and maintain the church grounds.
- Housing ACT will schedule a date to remove the invasive bamboo from 3 Burt St once it has heard from the National Zoo and Aquarium, to which it has first offered the bamboo for the Zoo's pandas.

The following is an excerpt from a letter received from the Director of Karinya House, Marie-Louise Corkhill

I am writing, first and foremost to thank you, Pandora's Pre-Loved Fashion and the community of St Philip's Anglican Church O'Connor for your continued care and support to women through Karinya House. This support is so very valued by me personally and indeed by Karinya House. I would be grateful if you could please extend this email to the Church Clergy and community.

As Executive Director, I also write to you to advise that the Committee accepted yesterday the notice of my retirement, effective 25 March 2022. You will appreciate, given the significance of this stage in the Karinya House journey, we have given much time and consideration in recent years to succession planning, ensuring operational as well as financial sustainability.

For more information on the work of Karinya House check out their website on www.karinyahouse.asn.au

An Addendum to the Parish directory has been produced and is available in the foyer for those with a copy of the Directory.

This week @ St Philip's

Today	<i>Christ the King</i>
8am	Eucharist – Livestreamed on Facebook
10am	Eucharist, Holy Baptism, Confirmation & Reception
Thursday 25 Nov	<i>Ember Day*</i>
10am	Eucharist
Saturday 27 Nov	<i>Ember Day*</i>
10am – 1pm	Pandora's Fashions
11am	Eucharist - Kankinya
Sunday 28 Nov	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
8am	Eucharist – Livestreamed on Facebook
10am	Eucharist
	Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-38

**Among many Christians, it is a custom to observe Ember Days, a cluster of four sets of three days in the calendar year, roughly around the start of the four seasons. They are set aside by the Church as a way to mark the passage of seasons through prayer and fasting.*

Roster

		21-Nov-21	28-Nov-21	5-Dec-21	
	Sunday of Month	3rd	4th	1st	
	Liturgical Season	Christ the King	First Sunday of Advent	2nd Sunday of Advent	
	Flowers	Flower Team	Flower Team	<i>no flowers for the season of Advent – the focus being on the Advent Wreath</i>	
8am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Canon Scott	8am
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)	Rev'd Canon Scott			
	Sidespeople	<i>volunteers</i>	Tim & Shane	Margaret & Russell	
	Liturgical Assistant		Brian McK	Lisa C	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Rebecca P	Susan J	Russell M	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Julianne S	Shane W	Margaret M	
10am	Celebrant	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	10am
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)	Bishop Stephen Pickard		Rev'd Canon Scott	
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Janene B, Jeannette McH & Richard G	Sally A, Fred A & helper	Denise M, Nirmal F & Fred A	
	Liturgical Assistant	Rev'd Martin	Philippa W		
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Sarah B	Tim G	Fiona D	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Colin D	Denise M	Richard G	
	Morning Tea	Jan G	Ann M	Helen P	
	<i>Additional details/notes</i>				

Dates for your Diary

4 December	9am	Working Bee 9am
11 December	10am – 1pm	Pandora's 'Festive Fashions'
16 December		60 th Anniversary of St Philip's Dedication
	5.30pm	Evensong
	6.30pm	Dinner

24 December	11.30pm	Christmass Eve - Midnight Mass 1130pm
25 December	9am	Christmass Day - Eucharist 9am
26 December	9am	First Sunday after Christmass (only one service @ 9am)