



St Philip's
Come & See

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Sunday 28 November 2021

First Sunday of Advent

8am Eucharist

10am 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

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 maintain a social distance.

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,

Welcome to Advent, a new season, indeed a new liturgical year. The colours have become muted.... violet, flowers have been replaced by an Advent wreath. But let's not confuse this season with Lent which we sometimes tend to do. Lent concludes with Holy Week and Good Friday, it is a season in which we prepare to enter into, and share in, the suffering of Jesus. Advent is different; it concludes at Midnight on Christmass Eve; we are preparing for a coming, Adventus means coming. We are preparing for the feast of the coming of Christ, the Word made flesh; 'The Advent of our God' in the words of the hymn. It is a period of waiting not something many of us are very good at.

It is now Year C and we shall be hearing from the gospel of Luke. When I introduce someone to the scriptures of the New Testament and to the gospels I usually suggest that they read Luke's gospel first. Luke I think helps us to draw close to Jesus, he wrote for a Greek speaking readership and that helps us too, it seems to resonate with us, I for one find Jesus more accessible in Luke.

When I taught ethics to army recruits I would often find myself relating the story of the Good Samaritan, how do we deal with those whom we are told are our enemies? Jesus draws us into the parables, we are not just passive hearers, we are members of the cast! I'm looking forward to travelling with you fellow cast members through Luke in this coming year.

Following today's Eucharist we will gather in the Courtyard for the interment of the Ashes of Roger Sharp. Roger was a Churchwarden, a stalwart of St Philip's and a great friend to many of us over many years, his legacy lives on in many projects around the place. As we inter his ashes in this place to which he devoted a great deal of time, and close to the first anniversary of his death, we give thanks for his life and assure his family and friends of our on-going prayers.

Blessings to you all, *Martin*

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Eucharist for the First Sunday of Advent

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

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

Amen.

May God, who enlightens every heart, be with you.

And also with you.

My brothers and sisters, today we begin the season of Advent. We open our hearts to God's love as we prepare to welcome Christ into our hearts and homes. The candles on this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of his glorious kingdom.

Father, as each year comes round anew, we look forward to the coming of your Son and recall his first coming in the stable at Bethlehem. We ask your blessing on this advent wreath ✠ which reminds us of your gift of Christ our light. Bless each of us and make us more Christ-like

this Christmas. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The first candle is lit.

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.

May we be obedient to your call
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

The Lord comes bringing to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Let us open our hearts to his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

Eternal God,

you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:

keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,
and make us strong in faith,

so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth,
we may go out joyfully to greet him;

and with all your saints,
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 the Prophet Jeremiah (33:14-16)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be

called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Psalms 25:1-10

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true:
for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.**

A reading from the first book of Paul to the Thessalonians (3:9-13)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Alleluia!

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Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Luke 21:33

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (21:25-38).

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

³⁷Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. ³⁸And all the people would get up early in the morning to

listen to him in the temple.
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 Christopher Seton *priest*, Millie Baguley, those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Roger Sharp (29/11/2020), 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 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 indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and saying:

**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:

**We remember his death on the cross
We proclaim the resurrection to new life
We await Christ's coming in glory.**

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.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion Antiphon

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21:28

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:

God for whom we wait;
we thank you that you have fed us with the bread of life
and the cup of salvation.
As we joyfully await your Son,
keep us ever watchful
that we may be ready to stand before him
on the day of his coming.

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.

Christ the Sun of righteousness shine upon you, and make you ready to meet him when he comes 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.

For Reflection

The Anglican Church keeps December 4th as the feast day of Nicholas Ferrar, the devout Anglican who founded the Community of Little Gidding in the early seventeenth century. Ferrar was trying to find a fruitful via media between protestant and catholic understandings of what it is to be Christian. As a member of a reformed church he and his community were devoted to reading the scriptures in their own language, to sharing their faith, and to worshipping together in the beautiful services of the Book of Common Prayer. But he was also keen to preserve and explore the Catholic heritage of community life, the daily offices of prayer, and praise, the pattern of Benedictine work and prayer, rooted in the psalms and the gospels. In holding these together he was recovering and preserving what he called. 'The right good old way'.

His great friend George Herbert, from his death bed sent Ferrar the manuscript of all his poems, and it was Ferrar who published them for all of us. In the 1930s TS Eliot visited Little Gidding, and eventually enshrined the experience of prayer and awareness granted him there, in the poem Little Gidding, the last of the Four Quartets.

Ferrar died on the 4th December 1637, the day after Advent Sunday, at 1 am, the hour he had always risen for prayers, and my sonnet touches on that. Certainly the place in which he and his community kept prayer going at all times, recited the psalms, and lived out their gospel harmony, is still soaked in prayer, still, a place through which the eternal light shimmers into time, still, as the inscription on the chapel says, 'The very gate of Heaven'.

I would like to dedicate this sonnet to the memory of Susan Gray, a friend and parishioner who loved Little Gidding, both the place and the poem. When I took her last communion to her in the Hospice, she spoke the line from Little Gidding 'In my end is my beginning'.

For Nicholas Ferrar

You died the hour you used to rise for prayer.
In that rich hush beneath all other sounds,
You rose at one and took the midnight air
Rising and falling on the wings and rounds
Of psalms and silence. The December stars
Shine clear above the Giddings, promised light
For those who dwell in darkness. Morning stirs
The household. From the folds of sleep, the late

Risers wake to find you gone, and pray
Through pain and grief to bless your journey home;
Those last glad steps in the right good old way
Up to the door where Love will bid you welcome.
Love draws us too, towards your grave and haven
We greet you at the very gate of Heaven.

Malcolm Guite
poet-priest and Chaplain of Girton College Cambridge

News

As always our Webmaster Brian McKinlay has created a wonderful **Advent Calendar** on our website. This provides us with another opportunity to journey through this time carefully and prayerfully amidst the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations. I hope you will make use of it. Thank you Brian. www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au

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:

- 1 Litre Juice
- Mince pies
- Tube or packet of chips
- Family Pack of Lollies
- 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. Our 'Present Room' opens on the 1st December 2021. We are still in need of your support. If you are able to support us, please follow the link here for gift idea:

<https://www.stjohnscare.org.au/about-6>

Everyday items required include: Savoury Biscuits, Cup-a-soups and Vegemite.

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>First Sunday of Advent</i>
8am	Eucharist – Livestreamed on Facebook
10am	Eucharist
12pm	Interment of Ashes – Roger Sharp RIP
Tuesday 30 Nov	<i>Andrew, Apostle and Martyr</i>
2pm	Eucharist – Sir Leslie Morshead Manor
Thursday 2 Dec	<i>Frances Perry, founder Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne (d.1892)</i>
10am	Eucharist

Saturday 4 Dec *Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, man of prayer (d.1637)*

9am Working Bee
10am – 1pm Pandora's Fashions
11am **Eucharist** – Kankinya

Sunday 5 Dec *Second Sunday of Advent*

8am **Eucharist** – Livestreamed on Facebook
10am **Eucharist**

Readings: Malachi 3:1-14, Ps The Song of Zechariah, Philippians 1:1-11, Luke 3:1-6
12pm Baptism - Izeyah & Kenslee Statton-Molloy

Roster

		28-Nov-21	5-Dec-21	12 Dec 21	
	Sunday of Month	4th	1st	2nd	
	Liturgical Season	First Sunday of Advent	2nd Sunday of Advent	3rd Sunday of Advent	
	Flowers	Flower Team	<i>no flowers for the season of Advent – the focus being on the Advent Wreath</i>	<i>no flowers for the season of Advent – the focus being on the Advent Wreath</i>	
8am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin	8am
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				
	Sidespeople	Tim & Shane	Margaret & Russell	Alison & Alistair	
	Liturgical Assistant	Brian McK	Lisa C	Ellie P	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Susan J	Russell M	Alison D	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Shane W	Margaret M	Alistair D	
10am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	10am
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)		Rev'd Canon Scott		
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Sally A, Fred A & helper	Denise M, Nirmal F & Fred A	Helen, Hardy P & Laura W	
	Liturgical Assistant	Philippa W		Rebecca K	
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Tim G	Fiona D	Fred Anchell	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Denise M	Richard G	Laura W	
	Morning Tea	Ann M	Helen P	Janene B	
	<i>Additional details/notes</i>				

Dates for your Diary

8 December		Parish Council
11 December	10am – 1pm	Pandora's 'Festive Fashions'
16 December		60 th Anniversary of St Philip's Dedication – see news section
24 December	11.30pm	Christmass Eve - Midnight Mass
25 December	9am	Christmass Day - Eucharist
26 December	9am	First Sunday after Christmass (only one service @ 9am)