

This coming week @ St Philip's

Tue – Fri	8am	Morning Prayer
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	10am	Eucharist and Morning Tea
Friday	10am – 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions
Saturday	10am – 1pm	Pandora's Pre-loved Fashions
	10.30am	Eucharist @ Kankinya

Prayer Points

For those in need: Elizabeth Comino; Pat Forbes; Colin Forbes; Fred Langman; Roger Sharp; James Kim; Brian McKinlay; Cath Holt; Grace Barnes; Roberta; Margaret Woodbridge; Barbara Dowley.

Those we remember: Irene Keast (17/4/04); Noel Collins (18/4/70).

Next Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 8.26-40; Psalm 22.26-32; 1 John 4.7-21;
John 15.1-8

Presiding & Preaching: The Rev'd Martin Johnson

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am:	Sidesperson:	Volunteer
	Liturgical Assistant:	Elizabeth Allinson
	Readers:	Volunteer
10am:	Welcomer:	Denise Manley
	Sidespeople:	Louise & Matt McKay
	Music:	Colin Forbes
	Liturgical Assistant:	tba
	Readers:	Kerry-Anne Cousins (OT) Fiona Dyer (NT)
	Chalice Servers:	Denise Manley & James Kim
	Morning tea:	tba

Pewsheets deadline: Thursday 12noon. Please forward notices and prayer points to pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au or 0414 309 469

EFTPOS available in the foyer to assist with your giving.

There will be a concert 'Tanuja Sings Things' in the church on Sunday afternoon at 4pm. Entry \$10 to cover costs. We have heard Tanuja's beautiful voice at a number of Services over Easter. Now is a wonderful time to hear her again and to support her as she prepares for her upcoming examination.



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Sunday 22 April 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10am Music

Hymns: 111, 630, 245 & 420

Sentence

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'I know my own and my own know me.'
John 10.14

Prayer of the day

Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, where you live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Readings

Acts 4.5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 2.15-17, 3.16-24; John 10.11-18.

Today's Rosters

Flowers: The Flower Team

8am Preaching & Presiding: The Rev'd Martin Johnson; Sidesperson: Tim Woodburn; Liturgical Assistant: Elizabeth Allinson; Bible Reader: Shane Woodburn.

10am Preaching & Presiding: The Rev'd Professor Canon Scott Cowdell; Welcomer: Helen Palethorpe; Sidespeople: Fred Anchell & Hardy Palethorpe; Liturgical Assistant: Sarah Gowty; Music: Colin Forbes; Bible Readers: Fred Anchell (OT), Linda Anchell (NT); Chalice Servers: Hardy Palethorpe & James Kim; Morning Tea: Alison Davidson & Rosemary Knight.

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.
- 3 He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

From Canon Scott

Open Letter to Bernard Salt

Dear Bernard (if I may),

One of the highlights of my Saturday breakfast routine is reading your column in The Weekend Australian (and, no, my usual breakfast is not smashed avocado). I love your articles on the census results, too, and the demographic insights you glean. But your column is a special delight, exploring changes in our national life across your lifetime, and examining old-fashioned values alongside newer trends and challenges.

Last Saturday (14 April) you told us why you left the Catholic Church in your twenties. You could no longer reconcile God creating the universe and then 14 billion years later coming to save us from damnation to hell. This is a narrative that you could see working for some people, but no longer for you.

As a priest (Anglican) and a theology professor, whose first degree was in physics, I agree with your sentiments. A god like that, with a narrative like that, is unlikely to inspire belief.

Growing up Catholic in mid-century regional Australia, you probably encountered a highly negative view of humanity's nature and its eternal prospects. This outlook came here via Ireland from seventeenth-century Jansenism in France. Its dark account of sin and damnation shares similarly harsh teachings with Calvinism, which have together been called 'bastard Augustinianism'. There was no place in this view, or in the scholastic education of Catholic priests up to the 1950s, for the insights of modern science, psychology, and philosophical trends more attuned to historical context and human experience. Your questions about cosmic origins and human evolution, perhaps too about a vision of life and human sexuality marked by suspicion and guilt, would not have elicited a lively, adult faith in response.

Yet the values you cherish tell a different story. You prize commitment to family, community, hard work, initiative, creativity, mutual support as needed, living

simply and authentically, emphasizing good health and relationships. You respect people and their varied ways of life, writing with real affection both for the battlers and for the aspirational—though it's clear where your sympathies lie. Might I say that this remains a very Christian picture of the good life? It's probably indebted to Catholic social teaching, and to all those Sunday gospel readings you once heard.

What I want to say is that all this can be held together theologically and liturgically and communally in the Church: science and faith, psychological insight and the theology of human personhood, the human sciences and a faithful reading of Scripture. In addition, the Church's loss of power and social purchase has freed us from our old role as god's police. Christian faith can be more attuned to people's proper hopes and dreams—with the ordination of women, for instance, and same-sex marriage.

The narrative you abandoned was problematic because it betrayed human wisdom and aspiration—also failing to truly integrate the good news of Jesus Christ.

Here endeth the lesson!

Blessings to you and your family.

Scott Cowdell
Anglican Church, Canberra

St Philip's Calendar

<http://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/calendar.php>

Friday	27 Apr 5 – 7pm	Happy Hour – April Fools Theme
Friday	4 May 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Wed'day	2 May 7pm	Parish Council – Lamerton Centre
Friday	4 May 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Sunday	6 May – 10am	St Philip's Day – Sunday Zone followed by Special Morning Tea. Please bring a plate of food to share.
Sunday	13 May	Ascension Day
Friday	18 May 7 – 8.30pm	St Philip's Youth Group
Sunday	20 May	Day of Pentecost
Friday	25 May	Happy Hour – Theme: Royal Wedding
Sunday	27 May	Trinity Sunday

On Sunday August 12 Bp Stephen Pickard will preside and preach at the 10.00am service and will Confirm our candidates. Please speak to Martin if you would like to prepare for Confirmation.

A number of workshops are taking place throughout the Diocese to provide input to the Episcopal Election Committee as they seek candidates for the next Bishop of our Diocese . The North Canberra Workshop will take place at St John's Reid on May 3 at 7.00pm. There are plenty of resources on the Diocesan website to enable you prepare for the workshop.