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Sunday 8 November 2020 *Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost* *Remembrance Sunday*

While the COVID19 restrictions are in place St Philip's is delighted to be celebrating the Eucharist online on [Facebook](#) at 8.00am this morning. It will then be available on either our [YouTube channel](#) or [Facebook](#). All links and details are on our web page www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au



Poppy in the church garden, photo by Susan Johnson

Dear Friends,

Today we continue in our season of Remembrance following on from All Saints and All Souls. Today is Remembrance Sunday when many churches across the Commonwealth will remember the end of the Great War and reflect on those whose lives were taken during that war and in subsequent conflicts. Such an event also offers the opportunity to pray for all those whose lives have been changed by warfare particularly the wounded and those who mourn the loss of loved ones. For every soldier killed many more were wounded often suffering dreadful injuries and the impact on families whose loved ones were killed or wounded is incalculable.

I recently attended the Annual Army Chaplaincy Seminar at Duntroon. One of the presenters, Dr Lindsay Carey, a psychologist and RAAF Chaplain spoke of the current research into Moral Injury. Many of us are aware of PTSD, one of unseen injuries of war. But in recent years it has been

identified that some men and women returning from war zones are plagued by an injury of the Psyche or the Soul. This has been coined Moral Injury and is experienced by folk who have been involved in a traumatic event which has violated their deeply held moral beliefs or ethical standards.

The Chaplains have important role in the care of MI sufferers alongside the Psychologists. The care of these folk involves classic components of good Pastoral practice, coming alongside, allowing for the telling of stories and for reconciliation and forgiveness. In our remembrance today we remember all those who suffer the unseen Psychological and Spiritual wounds of warfare.

One of our local MPs Andrew Leigh along with Nick Terrell, have authored a book called - *Reconnected: A community builder's handbook*. The title rather caught my interest. Regarding religious communities the authors make these recommendations, which I rather took to and which got me thinking: "Don't create a bland service in the hope of mass uptake – instead, build a dedicated tribe of enthusiasts. Create activities that aren't just good, they're double-plus-good; offering an irresistible mix of endorphins and altruism. Keep your model simple – and, if possible, free. Use Sutton's Law of Social Capital (potential connections are strongest where needs are the greatest) to guide you towards the neediest."

Susan and I will be taking some time away from the parish during the coming week and I will be on Retreat from Monday 16 November. We both appreciate the opportunity for a little rest.

Blessings to you all *Martin*
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Front Cover

Entrance Antiphon [Introit]

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24:42, 44

Prayers 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,
so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes
we may go out joyfully to meet him,
and with him enter into the marriage feast
that you have prepared for all who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, in glory everlasting.

Amen.

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos (5:18-24)

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹ as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰ Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹ I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²² Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Psalm 70

O God, be pleased to deliver me:

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let them be put to shame and confounded who seek my life:

let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil.

Let them turn away for shame:

who say to me 'Aha, aha!'

Let all who seek you be joyful and glad because of you:

let those who love your salvation say always 'God is great.'

As for me, I am poor and needy:

O God, be swift to save me.

You are my helper and my deliverer:

O Lord, make no delay.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (4:9-18)

Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; ¹⁰and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more, ¹¹to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, ¹²so that you may behave properly towards outsiders and be dependent on no one.

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Gradual

Alleluia! **Alleluia.** Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. **Alleluia!**

Matthew 24:42, 44

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:1-13)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." ⁹But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." ¹²But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers of the People

In our prayers we remember those in need, particularly: Roger, Ros, Sam, Ben, Gage, Hugh, Beryl, Denise, Margot, Sarah, Tien and Myrle, those unable to gather with us and for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We commend to God the recently departed especially Joan Anderson and those whose year's mind falls at this time especially Joyce Webster (10/11/2010). We remember those whose lives were lost in the defence of freedom and peace.

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.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. In green pastures he gives me rest, he leads me besides the waters of peace.

Psalm 23

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

[When the clergy make their communion 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.

[If you are interested in the history and the theology behind Spiritual Communion this YouTube clip is helpful. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uBiqbTY7oA&feature=youtu.be>]

For Reflection

In the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross, the laying down of a life in freedom and peace, we see revealed the love of God who created us, gives us life and calls us into his kingdom of justice and peace. That hope has been carried onto the battlefield with the prayer that our lives may be given not for a foolish and vain politics, but for the good and peace of all humanity. Blessed are those who mourn, blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, blessed are the merciful, blessed are the peacemakers, said Jesus. In remembering those who gave their lives in the bitterness of war, in the giving of our lives in the service of one another, in remembering that every human life is a gift of God of infinite value to be nurtured and treasured, may we be blessed as peacemakers and defenders of the vulnerable who strive first for the kingdom of heaven and the justice

News

Key Points from November Parish Council Meeting

- As of 5 November, ACT Health was identifying the following as COVID affected areas:
 - All of Victoria
 - Two locations in Greater Sydney: Camden LGA & Liverpool City LGA
- The Kindergarten has refunded to the Parish the amount of the partial rent relief that Parish Council provided earlier in the year when the likely impact of COVID in the ACT was less clear. Parish Council has acknowledged this action with thanks.
- Pandora's will participate in a Canberra Garage Sale Trail from 9am to 1pm on Saturday 21 November. Weather permitting, the Parish will hold a mini Garage Sale in the courtyard at the same time, limited to a book sale and some garage sale type items.
- From 10am to 1pm on Saturday 28 November Pandora's will hold a *Festive Fashions* event in the Lamerton Centre and courtyard.
- The Advent Dinner will be held in the courtyard at 6pm on 28 November weather permitting. Because of COVID 19 requirements, bookings will be necessary to manage numbers and the arrangements for food and seating will be different to previous years. More details on booking will be available shortly.
- There will be a Christmas Concert at 7pm on both Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 December. Bookings will be necessary. More details to come.
- Thank you to those who helped at the Spring Working Bee on the church grounds on Saturday 31 October.
- Over the next couple of weeks the carpark will be regraded and the surface topped up with gravel. The carpark will necessarily be closed for a short period for the work to be done. Further advice will be provided when the exact date is known.

The Anglican News for November is now out. <https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/anglicannews/>
If you like a copy printed please let Martin know.

Joan Anderson one time 8am regular died on Wednesday morning (28 October) at The Leslie Morshead Manor. Her funeral will be conducted at St Philip's tomorrow, Monday 9 November at 11am. May she rest in peace.

Watch out for the next edition of **Church Chat** to hit your inbox. You may have missed the deadline for this edition! But if you have an article or a recipe or some news contact our Editor in Chief: yourlaurawood@gmail.com

This week @ St Philip's

Today

8am
10am
3pm

Remembrance Sunday

Eucharist - Livestreamed

Eucharist with music

Pop up Concert – has had to be postponed due to illness. We look forward to rescheduling and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Monday 9 November *Feria*
 11am Funeral Joan Anderson

Friday 13 November *Feria*
 7pm – 9pm Youth Group

Saturday 14 November *Feria*
 10am – 1pm Pandora’s Preloved Fashions - OPEN

Sunday 15 November *Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*
 8am **Eucharist** - Livestreamed
 10am **Eucharist with Music**

Dates for your Diary

Saturday, 21 November 9am-1pm CBR Garage Sale Trail @ Pandora’s, with additional stalls including books & garage sale.

Sunday, 22 November Christ the King

Saturday, 28 November 10am – 1pm Festive Fashions @ Pandoras

Saturday, 28 November 6pm Advent Dinner – (More on this soon)

Saturday, 19 & Sunday, 20 December 7pm Christmas Concert

Christmas Services – More details soon.

Roster

		8-Nov-20	15-Nov-20	22-Nov-20
	Sunday of Month	2nd	3rd	4th
	Liturgical Season	23rd Sunday after Pentecost	24th Sunday after Pentecost	Christ the King
	Flowers	Flower team	Flower team	Flower team
8am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)			
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Alison & Alistair	Vicki L & helpers	Tim & Shane
	Liturgical Assistant	Ellie P	Lisa C	Peter W
	Bible Reader	Alison & Alistair	Rebecca P	Shane W
10am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)			
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Hardy & Helen P, Jeanette M	Laura W, Richard G & Sally A	Fred A, Janene B & helper
	Liturgical Assistant	Rebecca K		Philippa W
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F
	Bible reader	Jeanette D-T	volunteer	Kerry-Anne C