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St Luke - Evangelist & Martyr

8am & 10am Eucharists

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



Dear Friends,

Welcome to this celebration of St Luke, evangelist, martyr, physician and artist. St Luke's gospel often strikes us as the most inclusive. The gospel offers a vision of the kingdom, in which Jew and Gentile, rich and poor, male and female, insiders and those on the margins has a place. For this reason it has contemporary bite and significance! The parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son are among the best and most loved passages in the tradition. Indeed the Good Samaritan or at least that term is among the most often quoted pieces of scripture.

There is nothing in the gospel to confirm the name of the author. The same applies to all four gospels. Luke certainly rates a mention in Paul's letters and is clearly a companion of Paul and in one place he is described as my beloved physician. Paul does mention his ailments from time to time, perhaps Luke provided him with care during his travels. Today we celebrate this aspect of the Lucan story, and the Church's ministry of healing. We hold in prayers those known to us who are in need and seek healing for ourselves and our world at this time of Pandemic.

The latest report (15 October) from the ACT Chief Health Officer is available in the Foyer. The link is in the news section of the pew sheet. The latest report does not change our plan in any way. We

are now working towards the resumption of hospitality following the Sunday and Thursday services. Christmas services are also in the planning. I attended a concert by members of the Canberra Symphony Orchestra during the week, and as well as enjoying very fine music I was able to see how a COVID SAFE musical event could be conducted.

Also during the week we celebrated the life of Teresa of Avila. Teresa lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social, and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent – the Catholic Church’s response to the Reformers. Her gift and her mark on the Church and world of her day from Teresa was threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer. Prayerful and practical; perhaps what we need more than ever in these challenging times.

Blessings to you all *Martin*
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Entrance Antiphon [Introit]

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest.

Luke 10:2

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:
Almighty God,
who inspired your servant Luke the physician
to set forth in his gospel
the love and healing power of your Son:
graciously continue in your Church
this love and power to heal,
to the praise and glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Today’s Readings

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah (8:22-9:3)

Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

² O that I had in the desert
a traveller’s lodging-place,
that I might leave my people
and go away from them!

For they are all adulterers,
a band of traitors.

³ They bend their tongues like bows;
they have grown strong in the land for falsehood, and not for truth;
for they proceed from evil to evil,
and they do not know me, says the Lord.

Psalm 145:10-18

All creation praises you, O Lord:
and your faithful servants bless your name.

**They speak of the glory of your kingdom:
and tell of your great might,**

That all mankind may know your mighty acts:
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:
and your dominion endures through all generations.**

The Lord upholds all those who stumble:
and raises up those that are bowed down.

**The eyes of all look to you in hope:
and you give them their food in due season;**

You open wide your hand :
and fill all things living with your bounteous gift.

**The Lord is just in all his ways:
and faithful in all his dealings.**

The Lord is near to all who call upon him:
to all who call upon him in truth.

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy (4:9-17a)

Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. ¹²I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. ¹⁵You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁶At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it.

The Gradual

Alleluia! **Alleluia.** I chose you from the world to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last says the Lord. **Alleluia!**

John 15:16

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (10:1-9)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

For the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Prayers of the People

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation.

We praise and bless you, Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly.

We praise and bless you, Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence.

We praise and bless you, Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being.

We praise and bless you, Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or disabled, that they may be made whole. We bring to prayer Roger, Ros, Sam, Ben, Gage, Hugh, Beryl, Joan, Denise, Margaret, Sarah, Tien and Myrle

Hear us, Lord of life.

Grant to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Grant to all who minister to those who are suffering wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore to those in distress soundness of mind and serenity of spirit.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Sustain and support those who seek your guidance and lift up all who are brought low by the trials of this life.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved. We recall Ian Hall who has died recently and Ivor Baldwin (18/10/2005) and Majorie Sheehan (23/10/2001) whose anniversaries of death fall at this time. May they know life in its fullest.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world.

Hear us, Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does mighty wonders.

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, Lord, is the well of life

and in your light do we see light.

Hear us, Lord of life:

heal us, and make us whole.

Let us pray. O Lord our God, accept the prayers of your people;
in your mercy look with compassion
upon us and all who turn to you for help;
for you are gracious, O lover of souls,
and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Anointing and laying on of hands

Communion Antiphon

The Lord sent his disciples to proclaim to all the towns: the kingdom of God is very near to you.

cf. Luke 10

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

The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available to anyone in our tradition who, because of illness, advanced years or a pending operation, wishes to access the grace of the sacrament. There was a time when the sacrament was only provided to people who were 'in danger of death'. However, the sacrament has since been reclaimed as a sacrament of healing for the living.

The sacrament of Anointing is normally accessed in one of two ways. If you are in hospital, a care facility or at home, a member of staff, a friend or a family member can arrange to have a member of clergy visit to provide the sacrament. Otherwise, some parishes offer a regular 'anointing Eucharist' which you might like to attend.

While the focus of the sacrament is on spiritual healing, the prayer for physical healing is not without relevance. As we have noted elsewhere, the spiritual and the physical are intimately connected in the Christian experience.

It is as we learn to serve those in need that we discover the very essence of our faith. Everything else we experience as important from a faith perspective finds its meaning and purpose in our service of one another, and of the men, women and children who are not part of our community whose lives intersect with ours.

When Jesus was asked for the central teaching of the Jewish law the anticipated answer was 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind.' Jesus gave the right answer, and then gave it a significant twist: '... and you shall love your neighbour as yourself' (Mark 12:30-31). In doing this Jesus enunciated the principle that we have referred to a number of times in other contexts: that the spiritual authentically manifest in the physical. Jesus takes a spiritual reality (love the Lord your God etc. whom you cannot see) and makes it physical (love your neighbour whom you can see).

His teaching on the significance of our pastoral care and service of others is made imperative in Matthew 25. There, he makes it clear that the spiritual by itself does not impress God. When questioned as to who will join him in his kingdom, Jesus replies: 'Those who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, visited those who were sick or in prison...' in fact, those who through compassion and a desire to help assisted anyone who was in need.

These acts of service need not be large. Indeed, it is often small acts of kindness, patience, mercy and love that remain unremarked and yet profoundly significant. Every baptised Christian must give regular prayer and thought to the service they are offering to others. A life of faith devoid of service is a faith life stillborn: "It is not those who say to me 'Lord, Lord' who shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but those who do the will of my Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

From the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

News

St Philip's National Mission - Australia Youth Engagement

Our National Mission Project for 2020 is Australia Youth Engagement. AYE supports Church initiatives which engage young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) people. This Project has come out of a desire to support and guide vulnerable ATSI youth around Australia, most particularly

in the Northern Territory. Your funds go towards producing culturally relevant Sunday School resources for these communities which are then incorporated in their existing programs and church services. In the last few years, such funds donated have also enabled interested Aboriginal Christians to travel to church and read the Bible in their own language. The Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) further assists such Christians with their Bible studies. Please give generously by donating in the envelopes provided at St Philip's.

Hope you enjoyed the latest edition of **Church Chat**; many thanks to our editor Laura Wood. Don't forget to get your recipes, news and chat to Laura for the next edition. yourlaurawood@gmail.com

The **Anglican News** for October is available: <https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/anglicannews/>
If you would like a copy printed, please let Martin know.

Bridging the Gap - Breaking the Cycle

Each week St Philip's donates non-perishable food items to **St John's Care** in Reid. Thank you to those who continue to donate. The baskets at the back of the church are ready to receive your donations! Please refer to the list of suggested items and if you would like to know more about this important outreach visit www.stjohnscare.org.au.

The ACT Chief Officer regularly updates information regarding interstate COVID19 outbreaks. Below is the link to the site which outlines areas of risk in Australia (Hotspots).

https://www.health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-10/COVID-19%20Advice%20on%20interstate%20COVID-19%20outbreaks_15102020.pdf

[The latest guidance on this site dated 15th October is in the church foyer. Only very few places are now designated areas of risk which is good news for those wanting to travel to Sydney to visit family and friends].

The NSW CHO's site provides detailed information on the situation in NSW.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>

Hopefully some of you may have found time to engage in another week of reflection through the ABM resource '**Climate for Change.**' The resource can be found and downloaded on https://www.abmission.org/data/resources/2020/Climate_For_Change_5.pdf The study has been written by a former St Philip's parishioner Russell Rollason. In this final week of study we are reminded that hope is central to our faith tradition. We are encouraged by the words the fourth century bishop, Augustine of Hippo who wrote: "Hope has two beautiful daughters, their names are anger and courage. Anger that things are the way they are, and courage to see that they do not remain as they are."

The flowers in the sanctuary were given by the Mahony family in loving memory of Ivor Baldwin. Those at the votive stand are in memory of Ian Hall whose funeral was conducted here last week.

Calendar @ St Philip's

Today	<i>St Luke, evangelist and martyr</i>
8am	Eucharist - Livestreamed
10am	Eucharist with anointing and laying on of hands
Thursday 22 October	<i>Feria</i>
10am	Eucharist
Friday 23 October	<i>James of Jerusalem, brother of our Lord (d. c62)</i>
5pm – 6pm	Happy Hour online, for those who wish to catch up.
Saturday 17 October	<i>United Nations Day</i>
10am – 1pm	Pandora's Boutique
Sunday 25 October	<i>Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost</i>
8am	Eucharist - Livestreamed
10am	Eucharist with music

Roster

	October	18-Oct-20	25-Oct-20
	Sunday of Month	3rd	4th
	Liturgical Season	St Luke, evangelist & martyr	21st Sunday after Pentecost
	Flowers		
8am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)	Rev'd Canon Scott	
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Vicki L & helpers	Tim & Shane
	Liturgical Assistant	Lisa C	Peter W
	Bible Reader	Rebecca P	Shane W
10am	Celebrant	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)		
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Laura W, Richard G & Sally A	Fred A, Janene B & helper
	Liturgical Assistant		Philippa W
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F
	Bible reader	Jack A	Fiona D
	Additional details/notes		