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## *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Today 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](http://www.stphilipsoconnor.org.au)



Hildegard of Bingen, "Self-Portrait," 1141-1151, Scivias, Illuminated Manuscript

Dear Friends,

Our 'Winter Journey' came to an end during the week. It has offered an opportunity to engage in a theological exploration about the nature of God and the place of the cross, but importantly it has helped us reassess these important elements of the Christian tradition in light of the created order and our place within it. The author of our study book coined the phrase 'community of creation' and encouraged us to think kinship rather than domination, think circle of life rather than pyramid of privilege and subordination. To help us keep this thinking front and centre we

will use today a Eucharistic Prayer from the *Book of Common Prayer (1979)* of the Episcopal Church of the United States. As Canon Scott put it: *It's a wonderful and beautiful example of how we can bring our hope in the 'community of creation' to expression liturgically, and of how liturgy can inform and shape that hope.* In this season of the Spirit, this 'Green' season we will continue to offer our prayers for all that is being done to preserve the natural order and to reflect on our place within it.

Once again during the week we have the opportunity in our calendar to celebrate Christian witness across the centuries. On Friday we celebrate the life of Hildegard of Bingen and our reflection in this week's pew sheet engages us in her thought world - it strikes me as being very contemporary, clearly she has been there before us in considering the wonder of the creation.

We look forward this week to news updates concerning the ongoing restrictions on gathering and movement, in the meantime we continue to gather, worship and pray together virtually. It is becoming clearer that there will be, for some, ongoing problems post Lockdown. Our young folk whilst less susceptible to illness are suffering effects of isolation and disconnection and this is a reminder to us all that whilst virtual gatherings provide an opportunity to chat and see one another, it can never replace our getting together in reality. There is much talk too about virtual prayer and worship, books and blogs are being written on the subject. But gathering is central to our faith, sharing in the one loaf and the one cup can never be virtual, it is real. The Bible was not meant to be read sitting quietly at home, like a good novel. It was meant to be read publicly, we are meant to *listen* to God's word.

I am keen that we use social media and other digital means to enhance our outreach and further our mission, but it can never replace our communion.

Blessings to you all, *Martin*  
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*The flowers in church today are in memory of Pat Forbes.  
Rest eternal grant unto her O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.*

## *Eucharist for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

### **Entrance Antiphon**

**Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for the sake of the gospel will save it.**

*Mark 8.35*

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

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**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.**

Knowing the goodness of God and our failure to respond with love and obedience, let us confess our sins, saying together,

**Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have broken your holy laws and have left undone what we ought to have done.**

**We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us, change us. By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you; 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.**

**Lord have mercy.**

**Christ have mercy.**

**Lord have mercy.**

**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:

God of mercy,  
help us to forgive as you have forgiven us,  
to trust you, even when hope is failing,  
and to take up our cross daily,  
and follow you in your redeeming work;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
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 Isaiah (50:4-9a)*

<sup>4</sup> The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.

<sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

<sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9</sup> It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

*Psalm 116:1-9*

I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:  
the voice of my supplication;

**Because he inclined his ear to me:  
in the day that I called to him.**

The cords of death encompassed me, the snares of the grave took hold on me:  
I was in anguish and sorrow.

**Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
'O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me!'**

Gracious and righteous is the Lord:  
full of compassion is our God.

**The Lord preserves the simple:  
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

Return, O my soul, to your rest:  
for the Lord has rewarded you.

**For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death:  
my eyes from tears and my feet from falling.**

I will walk before the Lord:  
in the land of the living.

*A reading from the letter of James (2:18-26)*

But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith. <sup>19</sup>You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. <sup>20</sup>Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith without works is barren? <sup>21</sup>Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup>You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. <sup>23</sup>Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness', and he was called the friend of God. <sup>24</sup>You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. <sup>25</sup>Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? <sup>26</sup>For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

Alleluia!

**Alleluia!**

Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

*Isaiah 50.4*

**Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (8:27-38)*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' <sup>29</sup>He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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: Ros, Ben, Gage, Hugh, Sarah, Myrle, David, Otto, Joan, Mandy, Bob, Noel and Claudia, 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: Michael Fitzgerald Clarke (obit. 14/8/2021), those whose anniversaries fall at this time, 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.**

### 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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe,  
you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.**

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus

Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honour, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

**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.**

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*

**He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.**

*Isaiah 50.8*

### **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:  
Bountiful God,  
At this table you graciously feed us  
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.  
May we who have reached out our hands to receive

this sacrament  
be strengthened in your service;  
we who have sung your praises  
tell of your glory and truth in our lives;  
we who have seen the greatness of your love  
see you face to face in your kingdom  
and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.  
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.**

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge  
and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; 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*

This week, on the 17th September, the Church celebrates the feast day of the Benedictine  
Abbess and polymath Hildegard of Bingen (1098 – 1179), who is also my favourite writer and  
composer. For me, Hildegard's writings on Wisdom are the bedrock of Wisdom Spirituality.  
Hildegard spoke extensively about social justice and was firmly focused on the duty of ensuring  
that every human being, made in the image of God, has the opportunity to develop and use the  
potential of the gifts and graces that God has given.

Pope Benedict XVI made Hildegard a Doctor of the Church in 2012, recognising her as one of  
only four women so named in Christian history. At the time, Pope Benedict described St.  
Hildegard as a woman of Wisdom, "of brilliant intelligence, deep sensitivity, and recognized  
spiritual authority." He also celebrated her "fearlessness, a feature of every prophet."

Hildegard herself writes:  
O Highest Wisdom,  
who circles the great circle,  
who envisions the whole world  
as one living path,  
you have three wings.  
One soars above the sky,  
another moistens the ground with sweat,  
while a third flies  
everywhere at once.  
O Wisdom, we sing your praise.

A woman of immense intellectual stature, Hildegard is known for her musical compositions,  
theological works and botanical, and medicinal texts detailing 2,000 remedies. She also created a  
sizable collection of miniature paintings illustrating her visions.

Although considered a Christian mystic, in Germany School children are taught to recognise  
Hildegard as the founder of scientific natural history. In all her work she presents the fecundity of  
the natural world and feminine archetypes for the Divine.

Hildegard writes:  
The earth is at the same time mother,  
she is mother of all that is natural,  
mother of all that is human.  
She is the mother of all,  
for contained in her are the seeds of all.  
The earth of humankind contains all moisture,  
all verdancy, all germinating power.



It is in so many ways fruitful.  
All creation comes from it.  
Yet it forms not only the basic raw materials  
for humankind, but also  
the substance of Incarnation.

Born into a noble family, Hildegard entered religious life at a young age, around 8 years old. She was instructed for ten years by the Blessed Jutta. When Hildegard was 18, she became a Benedictine nun at the Monastery of Saint Disibodenberg. Ordered by her spiritual director to write down the visions that she had received since the age of three, Hildegard took ten years to write her *Scivias* (Know the Ways). Pope Eugene III read it, and in 1147, encouraged her to continue writing.

A respected theologian, and contemporary of the Cistercian, St Bernard of Clairvaux, Hildegard, like St Bernard was a commentator on the Rule of St Benedict, yet in her time, she was a visionary whose mysticism was expressed as the unity of the human self with God and God's creation. Hildegard's vision far exceeded the often limited theological views of her male contemporaries. Hildegard's visions included seeing humans as 'living sparks' of God's love, coming from God just as daylight comes from the sun," she expresses this in *Scivias*:

"All living creatures are sparks from the radiation of God's brilliance, and these sparks emerge from God like the rays of the sun. If God did not give off these sparks, how would the divine flame become fully visible?"

In contemporary spirituality Hildegard is most well known for her music which functioned as an instrument for her own mystical experience. Within Hildegard's treasure house, there are more than 70 musical works. There are more chants by Hildegard than by any other known composer of her time. Hildegard's compositions were the result of Divine inspiration in the form of a mystical experience. She writes:

"Next I saw the most lucid air, in which I heard . . . in a marvellous way many kinds of musicians praising the joys of the heavenly citizens . . . And their sound was like the voice of a multitude, making music in harmony."

In the music world, Hildegard was the only known female composer of her time," The revived interest in her music coincided with "the 'new age' chant craze in the mid-1990s,"and it continues to move listeners—of faith and no faith—who hear in her song celebrations of the divinely feminine and the wonders of the natural world. Hildegard writes:

O Beloved,  
your way of knowing is amazing!  
The way you recognize every creature  
even before it appears.  
The way you gaze into the face  
of every human being  
and see all your works gazing back at you.  
O what a miracle  
to be awake inside your breathing.

from *Symphonia* by Hildegard of Bingen

So what can we learn from Hildegard today? Contemporary Benedictine and former Prioress, Sr Joan Chittester believes Hildegard has a lot to teach us about social justice. Recalling a struggle with the Church, Chittester recounts a famous story of Hildegard burying in the monastic cemetery a man who had been censured by the local bishop. The man had been excommunicated, so the bishop demanded that she dig up the body and take it out of blessed ground. Instead, she led her community to the cemetery and they scraped off the tops of every grave with their walking sticks so that nobody would be able to tell where the new grave was. She refused to dig up that young man just because a bishop had condemned him to hell. Hildegard's community suffered as a consequence. That bishop put them under what the Church calls interdict, meaning that they couldn't receive the sacraments, they couldn't have Mass, and they couldn't sing the Divine Office. But that community stood together and went on living their religious life under these difficult conditions. The people around them knew that the interdict was wrong, and when a new bishop came in, the interdict was lifted. But it is that dogged determination to make the Gospel plain, even in the face of individuals claiming law over love,

that is at the very heart of Hildegard's story.

While Joan Chittester focuses on the social justice she finds in Hildegard, Another Benedictine Sister, the late Macrina Wiederkehr, has often drawn on Hildegard for mystical inspiration. Like Hildegard, Wiederkehr's vision of God was a joyful one, concentrating on the abundance of the world and mother earth rather than on the sorrowful and self-sacrificial Christ. One of Hildegard's most famous visions describing her relationship to God goes like this: Listen: there was once a king sitting on his throne. Around him stood great and wonderfully beautiful columns ornamented with ivory, bearing the banners of the king with great honour. Then it pleased the king to raise a small feather from the ground and he commanded it to fly. The feather flew, not because of anything in itself but because the air bore it along. Thus I am . . . A feather on the breath of God.

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## *News*

### **Key Points from the September meeting of the Parish Council.**

- Parish Council considered the operation of the Parish during the current lockdown. It is monitoring advice from the ACT Government and the Diocese in the lead up to Parish activities scheduled before Christmas.
- Contractors have completed the annual testing and tagging of the Parish's electrical equipment and testing of the Parish's fire extinguishers.
- Other non-essential repairs and maintenance of the church and rectory are currently on hold while the COVID-19 lockdown is in force.

**St John's Care will remain open during the current Lockdown.** We will do what we can to support them within the restrictions currently in operation.

### **The world's three main Christian leaders issued an unprecedented joint appeal to members of their Churches to "listen to the cry of the Earth" and back action to stem the effects of climate change.**

In "A Joint Message for the Protection of Creation," Pope Francis, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew asked Christians to pray that world leaders at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow in November make courageous choices: "We call on everyone, whatever their belief or world view, to endeavour to listen to the cry of the Earth and of people who are poor, examining their behaviour and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the Earth which God has given us," the message said.

Francis heads the 1.3 billion-member Roman Catholic Church, Bartholomew is the spiritual leader of the world's some 220 million Orthodox Christians and Welby is the senior bishop of the worldwide Anglican Communion, which has about 85 million members.

"This is the first time that the three of us feel compelled to address together the urgency of environmental sustainability, its impact on persistent poverty, and the importance of global cooperation," they wrote. "We say: choose people-centered profits; make short-term sacrifices to safeguard all our futures; become leaders in the transition to just and sustainable economies."

All three have been very active in environmental affairs and concur that climate change and global warming is at least partially caused by human activities such as the use of fossil fuels.

"We stand before a harsh justice: biodiversity loss, environmental degradation and climate change are the inevitable consequences of our actions, since we have greedily consumed more of the Earth's resources than the planet can endure," the message said.

Recent extreme weather events, natural disasters, floods, fires, droughts and rising sea levels have shown that "climate change is not only a future challenge, but an immediate and urgent matter of survival."

Europe had its warmest summer on record this year, though only by a small margin over two previous highest temperatures for June-August, European Union scientists said earlier on Tuesday. Green groups have called for the COP26 conference to be postponed; typically

delegates from more than 190 countries attend the annual talks, yet with many countries grappling with Covid-19 and poorer nations struggling to access vaccines, it should be delayed, the Climate Action Network (CAN) said.

Scotland's bishops have said Pope Francis, who underwent intestinal surgery in July, will take part in the Glasgow conference, health permitting. A spokeswoman for Welby said he would attend. Bartholomew's office did not immediately respond to an email about his plans.

On Oct. 4, the Vatican will host a major gathering of world religious leaders and scientists to take a common stand to raise the stakes ahead of the Glasgow conference. Called "Faith and Science: Towards COP26," it is being organized by Britain and Italy. It will bring together some 40 leaders from the world's major religions and 10 scientists.

Dear friends,

**"Urgent request for sewing masks for our brothers and sisters in the Bathurst Diocese. Could you please make masks that are attractive for families, ie adults and children?"**

Can you help with sewing and donating masks for people who are having problems accessing them, please? Cyrena Harris, a First Nations woman who lives in Dubbo, is leading an initiative of creating care packs for people in her area who either cannot afford masks and sanitiser or cannot access them due to supply problems. The packs include masks, hand sanitiser, and correct information about testing and vaccination. The Dubbo Anglican Church and the local Anglicare are supporting this important and urgent initiative. The Anglican Church at Dubbo and Anglicare would appreciate donations of homemade masks. **To ensure the masks are as effective as possible it is important to follow the Australian Government instructions on how to make a cloth mask, which can be found at:**

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/how-to-make-cloth-mask>.

The aim is to help everyone stay healthy. With this in mind, could you please ensure the material used is clean and has not been used for other purposes and also that you are healthy and your hands are sanitised/cleaned every time you touch the masks? Please mail the masks directly to: Anglicare, PO Box 141, Dubbo NSW 2830. Mailing directly your donated masks to Anglicare will ensure there is no delay in the people who need them receiving them. Thank you for your generous donations and willingness to care for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Here is a news release about this:

[https://www.dailyliberal.com.au/story/7401668/cyrena-on-a-mission-to-protect-the-vulnerable-2000-mask-care-packs-go-out/72116523/?fbclid=IwAR3vPucOD3CtN8ry8ZEN7f\\_6noLcavBpOmwpRwQkALhgACZRrtHk-vmPgJ4](https://www.dailyliberal.com.au/story/7401668/cyrena-on-a-mission-to-protect-the-vulnerable-2000-mask-care-packs-go-out/72116523/?fbclid=IwAR3vPucOD3CtN8ry8ZEN7f_6noLcavBpOmwpRwQkALhgACZRrtHk-vmPgJ4)

God bless you and thank you.

*Revd Sarah Plummer, Executive Manager Mission and Culture - Anglicare and  
Dr Monica Short, Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn.*

**The Lockdown in the ACT remains in place until at least 17 September** and we await news to see how the ongoing response to the pandemic will affect us. At this stage we will continue to offer the Livestream Eucharist on Sunday mornings at 8am followed by a Zoom Breakfast and on Friday evenings we will gather on Zoom for a catch up at 5pm, all are welcome. The Thursday Eucharist will continue at 10am and will be livestreamed on the Parish Facebook page. Morning and Evening Prayer will also be Livestreamed at 8am and 4.30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. I hope that these opportunities to pray, worship and socialise will help to maintain our communion with one another and with God during these restrictions. All links are below in the 'This Week' section and on the calendar page on the website

<https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/calendar.php>

**The September Anglican News** is now available on our website

<https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/anglicannews/>

Toni Hassan – a parishioner at Holy Cross Hackett is curating a public lamentation to honour and affirm the stories she has been collecting this year about Black Summer. To be held on **today at 2.00pm** and is called **City Hill Lamentation: Grief and Hope in Four Acts.**

The event with readings, art and experimental sound was due to be held outdoors on symbolic City Hill but the lockdown in Canberra has made it a virtual event.

The Lamentation is driven by Toni's concern that one of the tragedies in our politics about a warming planet is the absence of a sense of tragedy. To register go to a dedicated Eventbrite page:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-summer-lamentation-on-city-hill-grief-and-hope-in-four-acts-tickets-168687106677>

Once you are registered Toni will send an email how to best prepare for the shared Lamentation.

**News from Canberra Girls Grammar School (CGGS)** CGGS warmly welcomes Fr Christopher Lewis as the School's new Chaplain. He will join CGGS at the start of Term 4, as soon as he completes his quarantine in the ACT.

Father Chris, as he likes to be called, arrives at CGGS after a rewarding career in the Royal Australian Navy, where he served in a variety of ships and establishments. A graduate of St Mark's National Theological Centre, the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn is Father Chris' 'home' diocese, where he was formed in the Anglo-Catholic tradition and was ordained in 2016.

Father Chris is married to Rebecca and they have four children, Georgina (10), Benjamin (8), Annalise (6), and Beatrice (4). He loves spending time with his family, and enjoys reading and meditation. A Canberran at heart, he and his family are avid supporters of the Canberra Raiders. Father Chris' life was changed by the Gospel and he seeks to journey with others as they each run their own race of faith. Theologically generous, Father Chris seeks to grow the Kingdom of God through peace, love, hope, joy, inclusion, and forgiveness. We hope you join us in making him and his family feel very welcome in our CGGS community.

Fr Chris has joined us for worship here at St Philip's when on shore leave and we look forward to seeing more of him and his family in the future.

Although our plans are tentative, we are still hoping to celebrate the **60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dedication of St Philip's** on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. It is hoped that Bishop Mark will be able to join us for Festal Evensong followed by dinner in the courtyard – As restrictions are eased will have a better idea of how we might be able to celebrate this milestone in the life of the parish.

**Flowers @ St Philip's** You may wish to remember a loved one, a special anniversary or celebration. Please speak to the Rector or place your request in one of the 'flower envelopes' which can be placed with the offertory. The flower roster can be found in the Narthex ~ please speak to Susan if you would like to join the team!

### *This week @ St Philip's*

Today	<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
8am	<b>Eucharist</b> – Livestreamed on Facebook
9am (following 8am Eucharist)	Breakfast Catch-up - Join us on Zoom to catch up and discuss the sermon! <a href="https://adcg.zoom.us/j/97199501164">https://adcg.zoom.us/j/97199501164</a>
Monday 13 September	<i>Cyprian of Carthage, bishop &amp; martyr (d.258)</i>
8am	Morning Prayer – Livestreamed on Facebook
4.30pm	Evening Prayer – Livestreamed on Facebook
Weds 15 September	<i>John Oliver Feetham, bishop and bush brother (d.1947)</i>
8am	Morning Prayer – Livestreamed on Facebook
4.30pm	Evening Prayer – Livestreamed on Facebook
Thursday 16 September	<i>Ninian of Galloway, bishop and missionary (d.432)</i>
10am	<b>Eucharist</b> – Livestreamed on Facebook
Friday 17 September	<i>Hildegard of Bingen, abbess &amp; spiritual writer (d.1179)</i>
8am	Morning Prayer – Livestreamed on Facebook
4.30pm	Evening Prayer – Livestreamed on Facebook
5-6pm	St Philip's Lockdown Catch-up - Join us on Zoom for a catch up while we are in lockdown and cannot meet in person. <a href="https://adcg.zoom.us/j/99182316280">https://adcg.zoom.us/j/99182316280</a>

Sunday 19 September  
8am

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Eucharist** – Livestreamed on Facebook

*Readings: Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 54, James 3:1-12, Mark 9:30-37.*

*Dates for your Diary*

26 September	Eucharist - Confirmation & Reception [TBC]
23 October	'Spring Fling' Annual Parish Fair [TBC]
24 October	Anglicare Sunday
1-5 November	Clergy Retreat, Galong
16 December	60th Anniversary of St Philip's Dedication