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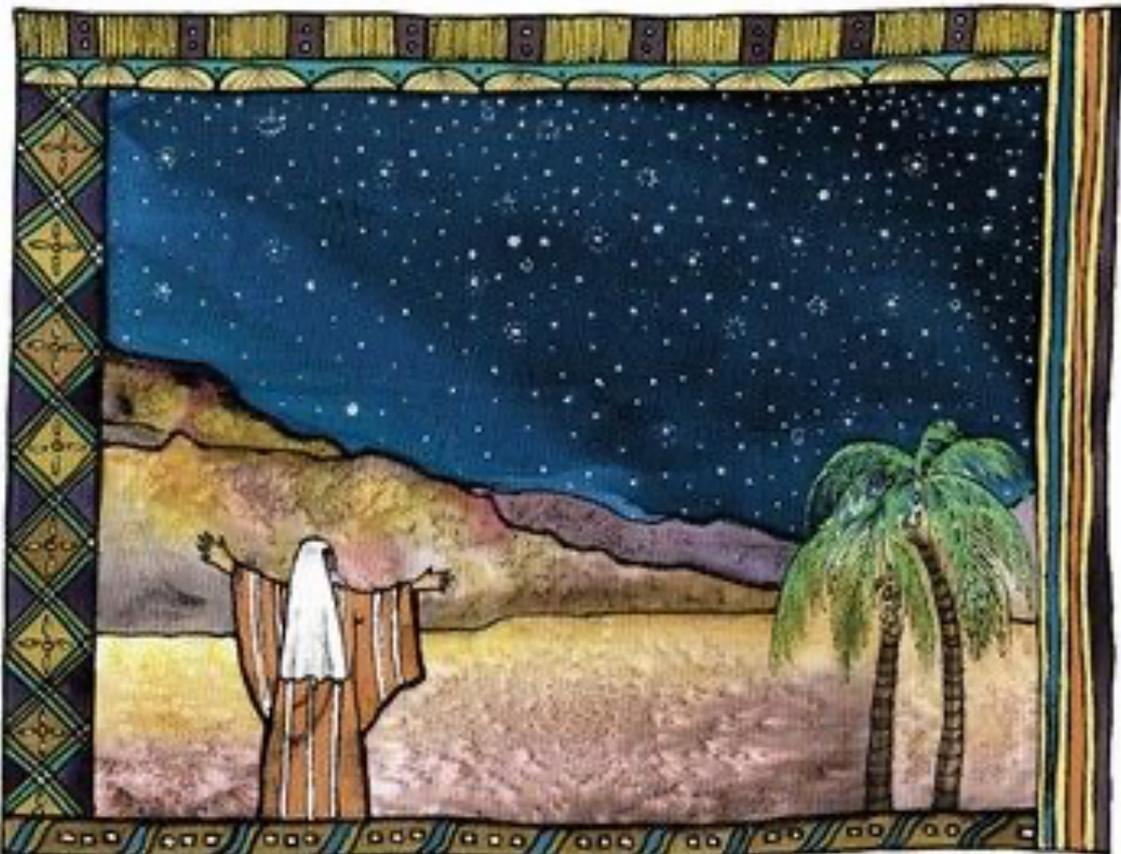
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## **Sunday 7 August 2022**

# *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*



*Abraham and the stars, 2004, Pomegranate Studios.*

### *Welcome to St Philip's*

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we worship, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present and emerging. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who worship with us.

The **flowers** in the Sanctuary today are in loving memory of Mary Reid.

**St Philip's COVIDSafe Plan:** We are asking folk not attend church if they feel unwell, to be aware of their hand hygiene and to be mindful of social distance. Thank you. Masks are available for those who wish to wear one.

**Pewsheets & Order of Service:** the full Pewsheets 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. Service cards, Pew Bibles and Prayer Books are also 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.

**If you'd like to volunteer** as a reader, sidesperson, welcomer, or another role on the Roster, then please email [rosters@stphilipsoconnor.org.au](mailto:rosters@stphilipsoconnor.org.au)

### *From the Rector*

Dear Friends

*The times they are a-changin'* sang Bob Dylan in 1964, it could be an anthem for our time. Last winter we considered the theology of environmentalism, this year we are listening to the 'Statement from the Heart.' What is being asked of us is engagement with that fundamental Christian ethic, that of reconciliation, it is a call to repentance. We are being called as a society, a community, a Church to collectively recognise wrong and commit ourselves to undoing the wrongs of the past.

In the same vein we are planning a Safe Ministries Day. This is part of the Church's response to the Royal Commission into institutional Responses to Sexual Abuse. It is true, many of us have not been impacted by this issue, but we as a community need to respond to ensure that we are aware of our responsibilities as we go forward.

I am asking all of us to commit to a two hour session 9-11am followed by lunch on Saturday 17 September. This demonstrates our willingness to recognise and reflect on this issue and to commit ourselves to ensuring that our parish communities remain safe places.

More information on this soon, in the meantime if you have any concerns or questions, please let me know.

Every blessing, *Martin*

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### *Eucharist for the ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Introit Hymn (10am)** 116 (TiS)

Begin, my tongue, some heavenly theme  
and speak some boundless thing,  
the mighty works or mightier name,  
of our eternal king.

Tell of his wondrous faithfulness,  
and sound his power abroad;  
sing the sweet promise of his grace  
and our fulfilling God.

His very word of grace is strong  
as that which built the skies;  
the voice that rolls the stars along  
speaks all the promises.

He said, "Let wide the heaven be spread,  
and heaven was stretched abroad;  
'Abram, I'll be your God,' he said  
and he was Abram's God.

O might I hear your heavenly tongue  
but whisper, 'You are mine';  
those gentle words should raise my song  
to notes almost divine.

How would my leaping heart rejoice,

and think my heaven secure!  
I trust the all-creating voice,  
and faith desires no more.

*Isaac Watts 1674-1748*

### **Entrance Antiphon**

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

*Matthew 24:42,44*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠ and the love of God, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**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.**

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**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.**

**Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy.**

### **Gloria**

**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:

Kindle in our hearts, Father,  
the same faith that impelled Abraham  
to set out from his home  
and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land.  
As we, like him, look for the city  
that none but you can design and build,  
keep us watchful for your Son's coming,  
that we may be faithful stewards  
of all that you have entrusted to us.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Today's Readings**

*A reading from the book of Genesis 15:1-6*

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I

am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' <sup>4</sup>But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' <sup>6</sup>And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*Psalm 33:13-21*

The Lord looks down from heaven and surveys all the children of Adam :  
he considers from his dwelling-place all the inhabitants of the earth;

**He who fashioned the hearts of them all :  
and comprehends all that they do.**

A king is not saved by a mighty army :  
nor is a warrior delivered by much strength;

**A horse is a vain hope as a deliverer :  
nor can he rescue any by his great power.**

But the eye of the Lord is on those that fear him :  
on those that trust in his unfailing love,

**To deliver them from death :  
and to feed them in the time of dearth.**

We have waited eagerly for the Lord :  
for he is our help and our shield.

**Surely our hearts shall rejoice in him :  
for we have trusted in his holy name.**

Let your merciful kindness be upon us, O Lord :  
even as our hope is in you.

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrew 11:1-3, 8-16*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**Gradual hymn (10am) 470 (TiS)**

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
Their depth of adoring, Lord, Help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;  
Some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:  
Our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,

Who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:  
They share our complaining, our comforts, our cares:  
What patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saint forgets how to praise.  
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
Their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

*Frederick William Pratt 1903-2000*

### **Gradual (8am)**

Alleluia,  
**alleluia!**

We have waited eagerly for the Lord:  
for he is our help and our shield.

*Psalm 33:19*

**Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 12:32-40*

### **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup> 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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, David, Otto, Bob, Noel, Ermida, Vanessa, Molly and Katherine, those unable to gather with us, those in hospital, residential or home care and those from whom we are isolated.

We pray for Raw Potential, the Outreach Workers as well as the disadvantaged young people they support. We pray that accommodation may be available for young people when they need it, and that they may have the confidence to accept the assistance that Raw Potential can provide. We pray that the Outreach Workers will be successful in making connections with disadvantaged young people so that they can help them to begin to turn their lives around. We pray that our contributions will have a positive impact on this important service.

We commend to God the recently departed, James Eedle and Dorothy Ayton, those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Marilyn Brewin (10/8/2021), Michael Clarke (14/8/2021), the victims of war, disaster and pandemic, 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.**

### **Offertory Hymn (10am) 275 (TiS)**

Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
great David's greater Son;  
hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free,  
and take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

He comes with help and mercy  
to those who suffer wrong,  
to raise the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong,  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls condemned and dying  
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth;  
before him on the mountains  
shall peace the herald go,  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing;  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious,  
all blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand for ever,  
that name to us is love.

### **Offertory**

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.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross  
and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
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:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ has risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

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.**

### **Agnus Dei**

**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**

**Truly I tell you, the master will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat,**  
**and he will come and serve them.**

*Luke 12:37*

### **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 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.**

### **Recessional Hymn: 462 (TiS)**

Now we come, our heavenly Father,  
one in glad community,  
needing still your guiding mercies,  
stronger faith, more fervent plea;  
all your blessing now confessing,

we would praise you trustingly.

Through the years your spirit guided  
those who blazed the path we tread,  
in the glow of faith they laboured,  
by the Bread of Life were fed;  
while their yearning hearts were learning  
more of Christ, their living head.

Proudly high they held his gospel,  
far surpassing human creeds,  
striving for his church united  
in the things for which he pleads:  
torn no longer, but made stronger,  
one church meeting all our needs.

Lift we, then, their torch with gladness,  
Pledging all to this high aim:  
your lost world reclaimed from darkness,  
yielded to your sovereign claim;  
visions firing, hearts inspiring,  
march we onward in your name!

*Clifford George Taylor (1915-1994)*

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.**

## *Reflection*

Faith, according to letter to the Hebrews, is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things unseen.

It's as good a definition as any, although the object of the faith is essential. Some self-help gurus insist you can achieve anything if you just have enough faith. Not so. No matter how much conviction or hope I have I will never be world chess champion. What the writer means is not faith for personal ambition, not positive thinking nor optimism, but faith in the promises of God as revealed in the Bible. A little later, he spells out the most important promise of all: "I will never leave you, nor forsake you. ... The Lord is my helper." In the Greek text, each negative is emphasised by being doubled, "I will not, never, leave you."

The letter to the Hebrews has a whole chapter of biblical examples of faith to encourage his persecuted readers to stay strong. They include Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Joseph, Moses and Rahab, the prostitute who lived in Jericho. It continues: "And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies."

Faith is a central aspect of most religions, including non-theocentric religions such as humanism (belief in progress) and nationalism, and it is not unusual for faith to encounter trials. But, as the list in Hebrews demonstrates, the spiritual history of the world is a history of the victories of faith.

"The conviction of things unseen" is important because it requires an awareness beyond the arena of material facts. Those who believe the only things that exist are the things we can measure by our senses or scientific instruments will not be impressed, but it seems to me that such a world view takes a great leap of faith.

As author C. S. Lewis wrote, "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

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## *News*

**We assure Judy and Bob Lindbeck of our prayers** following the death of Judy's Mother Dorothy Ayrton last Thursday morning. Dorothy's funeral will be held at St Philip's next Saturday (13 August) at 11.30am. Rest eternal grant unto her O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.

On **Sunday 28 August** we will **farewell Denise Manley** with a lunch following the 10am Eucharist as she heads north to warmer climes! Do put this date in your diary and come along to thank Denise for her many years of ministry to the parish community.

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of **flowers** see Susan or use one of the envelopes in the narthex. They can be dedicated in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving and a note placed in the pew sheet.

The ministry from **St John's Care** is increasingly important in what are difficult economic times for many. Currently SJC are keen to receive donations of men's deodorant, shampoo, small packets of sultanas, Vegemite. If you are able to assist please leave your donations in the baskets at the back of the church. Cash donations are also appreciated, please see their website [www.stjohnscare.org.au/](http://www.stjohnscare.org.au/) for further information on how to contribute.

The summons for this year's sitting of the **Diocesan Synod** has been sent to members. Synod will commence at 2.30pm on Friday, 9 September, will conclude by 4.00pm on Sunday, 11 September and will be held at the Goulburn Workers Club. We thank Alison Davidson, Ann Munro and Leighton Mann for representing the parish.

## *News from Lambeth*

From Bishop Mark:

As I write this update, Bishop Carol, our spouses and I are part way through a very exciting journey. Because of the generous support of the Diocese we have been able to join with over 650 other Bishops and 450 other Bishop's spouses in the 15<sup>th</sup> Lambeth Conference of the Anglican Communion. The Conference is one of the four instruments that keeps Anglicans from 160 countries connected with each other. This is the first Conference since 2008 so there has been lots of catching up to do.

It's certainly been a full program! Yesterday we travelled from Canterbury to London for a garden reception where we heard from activists responding to our climate emergency. We committed to the Communion Forest Initiative ([www.communionforest.org](http://www.communionforest.org)) as one way to express our care for God's creation. Earlier in the week we gathered for worship in Canterbury Cathedral, heard about the exciting and creative church planting that is happening through the communion (you can find out more at [www.plantanglican.org](http://www.plantanglican.org)) and were reminded of our call to make our churches safe for all and our communities places where the dignity of each person is recognised and valued.

For all that, the highlight for me has been the opportunity to study the Scriptures with bishops from across the world. Each morning we've listened to expositions of the New Testament letter of 1 Peter from the Archbishop of Canterbury. In one of those talks he explained how the letter contains "a single calling to the Church, although the application will vary according to context". This has been confirmed as we've subsequently broken into small groups to further explore the themes of the letter. It's been illuminating and challenging to hear

- . what alienation feels like in contexts where the church is growing fastest amongst people who are excluded from social power
- . what holiness looks like in contexts where corruption and graft is the accepted way of doing business
- . how reconciliation takes place in contexts of warfare or conflict between groups such as farmers and graziers

The overall theme of the conference is "God's Church for God's World" and we've been challenged to consider the diversity of that world. Far from being a retreat from that world, reading, listening to and learning from Scripture together is an indispensable preparation for engaging it faithfully with the love and truth of Jesus.

Bishop Carol and I look forward to sharing further reflections from our time at Lambeth when our Diocesan Synod gathers in September. Then, as now, I pray we might together live out the calling of 1 Peter 4:8 in our own context – "Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind."

*Bishop Carol adds*

I am most grateful to our diocese for the privilege of being able to be part of this wonderful conference.

Like Bishop Mark, I have greatly valued the Bible Studies in 1 Peter. Through the teaching of Archbishop Justin Welby and the multi-national discussions in my study group, I have gained fresh insights on how we can better serve God together in this beautiful yet broken world, and how we can, as a global Anglican Communion, show the love of God and bring about a more just and caring world.

I have also valued hearing the stories from our African and Asian bishops, about their struggles and their joys. I suspect that sometimes we forget just how privileged we are in the West!

Today's study was on Suffering in Christ in 1 Peter. A statement that moved me to the core was from one of the African bishops when he said, "There is no greater pain than leading a divided church". For many bishops in Africa, the tribal divisions in their countries have meant war. For us in Australia there is no war, but there is a somewhat strained and brittle Communion, divided over issues of theology and practice. This brings its own pain.

A call to unity despite our differences has been a strong thread through all plenary and group sessions. We all hope and pray that as we work towards this, we will be able to shine as Christ's light in this world.

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

Today	<i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i>
8am	<b>Eucharist</b>
10am	<b>Eucharist with Hymns</b>
Monday 8 August	<i>Dominic, priest &amp; friar (d.1221), Mary McKillop, educator &amp; social reformer (d.1909)</i>
3.30pm	Funeral – James Eedle RIP (William Cole Chapel)
Tuesday 9 August	<i>Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union (d.1921)</i>
7-9pm	Uluru Statement from the Heart – Reflection 4
Wednesday 10 August	<i>Laurence, deacon &amp; martyr (d.258)</i>
10am-12noon	Pandora's sorting & tidying
7pm	Parish Council
Thursday 11 August	<i>Clare of Assisi (d.1252)</i>
10am	<i>John Henry Newman, priest &amp; theologian (d.1890)</i> <b>Eucharist</b>
Saturday 13 August	<i>Jeremy Taylor, bishop &amp; spiritual writer (d.1667)</i>
10am-1pm	Pandora's - OPEN
11.30am	Funeral – Dorothy Ayrton RIP
Sunday 14 August	<i>Mary, Mother of our Lord</i>
8am	<b>Eucharist</b>
10am	<b>Eucharist with Hymns</b>
	<i>Readings: Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Magnificat, Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:1-7</i>

### *Dates for your Diary*

Tuesday 16 August	Uluru Statement from the Heart – Reflection 5
Sunday 28 August	Farewell lunch for Denise Manley

Friday 9 September  
 Wednesday 14 Sept  
 Saturday 17 Sept

Diocesan Synod (9-11 Sept)  
 Parish Council  
 Safe Ministries Day

## Rosters

		<b>7-Aug-22</b>	<b>14-Aug-22</b>	<b>21-Aug-22</b>
		<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
	Liturgical Season	9th Sunday after Pentecost	10th Sunday after Pentecost	11 Sunday after Pentecost
	Flowers	Flowers Team	Flowers Team	Flowers Team
<b>8am</b>	Celebrant	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)			Rev'd Canon Scott
	Sidespeople	Margaret & Russell	Alison & Alistair	Rhonda & Susan
	Liturgical Assistant	Lisa C	Ellie P	Rev'd Martin
	1st Bible reader - OT	Russell M	Alistair D	Julianne S
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Margaret M	Alison D	Rebecca P
<b>10am</b>	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Canon Scott
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)	Rev'd Canon Scott		
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Denise M & Fred A	Katie C, Helen & Hardy P	Laura W, Jeannette MCH & Richard G
	Liturgical Assistant		Rebecca K	Rev'd Martin
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F
	1st Bible reader - OT	Jos G	Kerry-Anne C	Laura W
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Liz D	Richard G	Sarah B
	Morning Tea	Ann M & Barbara G	Helen P	Jan G
	<i>Additional details/notes</i>			