



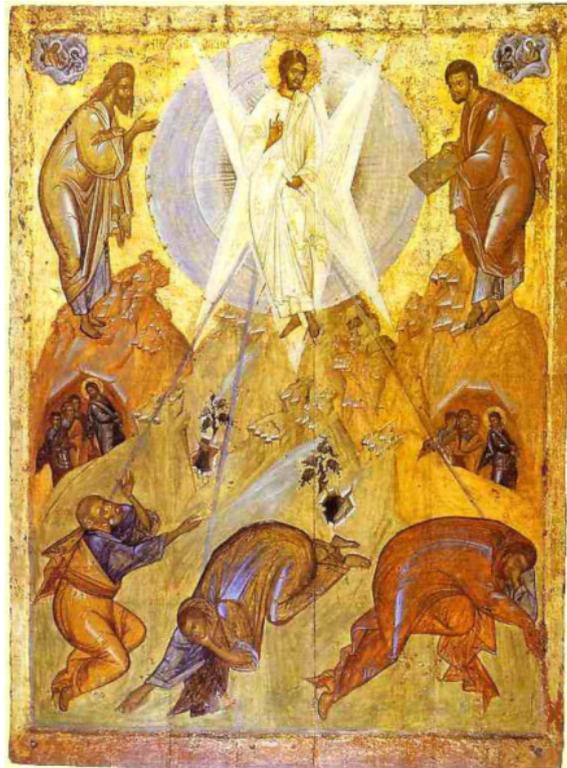
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Sunday 27 February 2022
Last Sunday after Epiphany
Transfiguration



Theophanes the Greek, Icon of the Transfiguration, early 15th century, now in the Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow.

Welcome to St Philip's

St Philip's COVIDSafe Plan: We are asking all folk not to attend church if they feel unwell, to be aware of their hand hygiene, to be mindful of social distance, and to wear a properly fitted mask. Thank you.

The QR code for the 'CBR Check In' app is available if you wish to make use of it.

Pew sheet & Order of Service: the Pew sheet including a complete order of service 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. Alternatively service cards and a printed abridged Pew sheet is 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.

Breakfast or Morning Tea: all our services are followed with hospitality on the Lamerton Centre deck, please join us - 'Come & See'

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Wednesday this week marks the beginning of our Lenten Pilgrimage to the Cross. It is time which is gifted to us in which we might immerse ourselves in our faith that we might be better equipped to proclaim the gospel of Christ. I have been tardy in planning Lenten Studies as I had been waiting to see how the COVID regulations might impact on our gatherings.

Now that the mask mandate has been lifted in the ACT and we are free to gather without restriction I am envisaging a study that can be engaged with in groups or at home. More on this next week – the first Sunday in Lent.

Unless there is a major outbreak of the virus or a new strain, I think we can confidently look to the future. One element of our worship that has been set aside is the use of the Common Cup. I am now considering this issue and what alternatives we might have open to us. More information on this soon.

I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend the AGM today at 11.15am. Our Council it seems will be quite different this year with a number of folk stepping aside. I hope that we will gather to give fulsome support to those willing to serve our community and express our gratitude to those who have given many years of service to the life of our parish.

Today of all days we echo those words of Peter on the Mount of Transfiguration. 'Tis good to be here!' We relish the opportunity to gather in this place, a spiritual home for so many, but we are reminded as we gather that we are called onwards, in the words of the introit hymn:

*How good Lord to be here,
yet we may not remain
but since you bid us leave the mount
come with us to the plain.*

Blessings to you all, *Martin*
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Eucharist for the Last Sunday after Epiphany - Transfiguration

Introit Hymn (10am) 234 (TiS)

How good, Lord, to be here!
your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here,
your beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past,
promise of things to be:
we hail your body glorified,
and our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
we see your Kingdom come;

we still would hold the vision bright,
and make this hill our home.

How good, Lord, to be here!
yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount
come with us to the plain.

Entrance Antiphon (Introit 8am)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Introductory Rites

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
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.

When Christ appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

As he is pure, all who have grasped this hope make themselves pure.

So let us confess our sins that mar his image in us.

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.

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:

O God, glorious and faithful,
you reveal the beauty of your face
to those who seek you with a sincere heart:
strengthen us in faith
to embrace the mystery of the cross,
and open our hearts to its transforming power,
so that, clinging in love to your will for us,
we may walk as followers of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of Exodus (34:29-35)

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Psalms 99

The Lord is king, let the nations tremble:
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.

**The Lord is great in Zion:
he is high above all nations.**

Let them praise your great and terrible name:
for holy is the Lord.

**The Mighty One is king and loves justice:
you have established equity,
you have dealt righteousness and justice in Jacob.**

O exalt the Lord our God:
and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

**Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his name:
they called to the Lord and he answered.**

He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud:
they kept to his teachings and the law that he gave them.

**You answered them, O Lord our God:
you were a forgiving God to them,
and pardoned their wrongdoing.**

O exalt the Lord our God:
and bow down towards his holy hill, for the Lord our God is holy.

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians (3:12-4:2)

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

¹Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Gradual Hymn (10am) 437 (TiS)

Blessèd Jesus, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you;
let our hearts and minds be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you;
by your gospel pure and holy,
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

All our knowledge, sense and sight

lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night
with your beams of truth unclouded;
you alone to God can win us,
only you work good within us.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart,
light of light from God proceeding;
open lips and ears and heart,
help us by your Spirit's leading;
hear the cry your church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

Gradual (8am)

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'

Luke 9:35

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (9:28-36)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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, Myrle, David,

Otto, Mandy, Bob, Noel, Claudia, Ermida and Molly, 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, those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Howard Done (25/2/1987), all whose memories are dear to us, and those who have no one to remember them.

We pray too for those ordained this weekend:

To the Diaconate -

Kim Hoey – Deacon Assistant, Wagga Wagga

Wendy Robertson – Defence Force Reserve Chaplaincy

To the Priesthood -

The Reverend Vicki Hancock – Hon Priest, Cartwright Mission District

The Reverend Kay Pendlebury – Assistant Priest, Manuka

The Reverend Craig Rogers – Assistant Priest, Wagga Wagga

The Reverend Byron Steele – Assistant Priest, Gungahlin

The Greeting of Peace

Christ will transfigure our human body and give it a form like that of his own glorious body.

We share his 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) 143 (TiS)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;
your justice like mountains high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small,
in all life now living, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on a tree,
then wither: but ever unchanged you will be.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
of all your rich graces this grace, Lord, impart--
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.

All praise we would render: reveal to our sight
what hides you is only the splendour of light;
and so let your glory, Almighty, impart,
through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.

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.

Holy God,

receive all we bring before you this day,
and bring us also to that radiant glory
which we see in the transfigured face
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The 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 thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For on this day he revealed his glory
before his chosen witnesses
and filled with divine splendour
the human flesh in which he is one with us.

So he prepared his disciples
to bear the scandal of the cross
and showed that in the Church, his body,
the same glory would be fulfilled
that shone forth from him, its head.

And so with joyful hearts we echo on earth
the song of the angels in heaven
as they praise your glory without end:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are 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.

In faith we acclaim you O Christ:
**Christ has died,
Christ is 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.

**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.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and
blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with
thanksgiving.

Communion Antiphon

**All of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in
a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to
another.**

2 Corinthians 3:18

The Sending out of God's People

Let us pray:
Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table

reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
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.

Christ Jesus,
the splendour of the Father and the image of his being,
draw you to himself that you may live in his light and share his glory;
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.

Recessional Hymn 217 (TiS)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave:
thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

A Reflection

The word and message that Jesus speaks to us and offers is life-giving and life-changing. The words of Jesus nourish, nurture and sustain us if we open our hearts and lives to hearing it. As John's gospel reminds us, *Lord, you have the message of eternal life.*

The Transfiguration gives us a brief and fleeting glimpse of Jesus in all his glory. It is a taste of what is to come. It is offered to encourage and challenge us in our daily lives. It reminds us that our lives are far more than what we see, hear and experience every day. It is not just a matter of getting through the day, being a follower of Jesus is about living with meaning, purpose and hope. The transfiguration not only offers us a glimpse of Jesus in all his glory, it also offers each of us a foretaste of what God promises each of us in the fullness of the Kingdom.

We may never experience anything as powerful as the Transfiguration. But every day in countless and seemingly small ways God does break into our world and our daily lives. Every time we experience a moment of peace, joy, reconciliation or forgiveness, God is with us. Every time that we reach out to help another person is a moment of transfiguration both for ourselves

and for those we help. Each time somebody shows care and concern for us is a moment when God reaches out to us.

This week, let us open our hearts so that we may hear Jesus speaking to us. May we slow down and look for moments of small but important times of transfiguration in our own ordinary daily lives.

*Michael Moore OMI
RC Parish of Kilburn London UK.*

News

The Parish AGM will be held today Sunday, 27 February at 11.15am. The meeting will be held in the church, please make your way back to your pew with your tea or coffee.

QR code available to access reports or please refer to the email you received last Saturday.

St John's Care If you are able to assist please leave your donations in the basket at the back of the church. Honey, jam, milk and pasta sauce are the items currently in need. Thank you.

As many of you know it is our practise here at St Philip's to select three organisations – Local, National and International and support them over three years. We begin this year with our National Mission.

National Mission 2022

Prayers points for Wontulp-Bi-Buya College

- For the College Principal, Rev'd Canon Victor Joseph, and the staff
- For all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who come from many parts of the country to study at the College
- For the communities and families who will benefit from the students' skills upon graduation, skills in suicide prevention, addictions management, theology, Christian ministry and community development
- That we may go deeper into our own journey of reconciliation with this country's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
 - That we may listen to their Statement from the Heart (available here: <https://ulurustatement.org/the-statement/>)
- That we may be advocates and worthy allies of our First Nations sisters and brothers

If you need some context, here is something:

The name "Wontulp Bi-Buya" conveys the meaning of faith and the light of Christ. Wontulp Bi-Buya College exists to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to become leaders with the faith, vision and skills to be effective in building up their people, their church and their community. The College offers courses covering Christian ministry, theology in Indigenous contexts, community development, addictions management and suicide prevention. Wontulp is our national mission for the next four months.

ch sitting of the **Diocesan Synod** has been postponed. The Synod will now sit from Friday 9th – Sunday 11th September, the venue will be announced shortly.

Within the bounds of the Parish are two **Ukrainian congregations**. The Ukrainian Orthodox gather in Turner and the Ukrainian Catholics in Lyneham. The parish has written to these congregations assuring them of our prayers and concern at this time.

The Canberra Refugee Action Campaign is again organising The Palm Sunday Rally in Garema Place in support of the refugee community. Speakers at this year's rally will be Craig Foster (former Socceroo and SBS television sports reporter), Bishop Carol Wagner (Assistant Bishop, Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn) and Mostafa Azimitabar (a Kurdish refugee who was a detainee in the Park Hotel in Melbourne which became famous when Novak Djokovic was detained there in January).

This week @ St Philip's

Today

8am

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Eucharist

10am 11.15am	Eucharist with Hymns Parish AGM
Wednesday 2 March 7pm	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
Thursday 3 March 10am	<i>Feria in Lent</i> Eucharist
Friday 4 March 6.15pm	<i>Feria in Lent</i> Youth Group
Saturday 5 March 10am - 1pm 11am	<i>Feria in Lent</i> Pandora's Eucharist – Kankinya
Sunday 6 March 8am 10am	<i>First Sunday in Lent</i> Eucharist Eucharist with Hymns <i>Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2,9-16, Romans 10:4-13, Luke 4:1-15</i>

Roster

		27-Feb-22	6-Mar-22	13-Mar-22	
	Sunday of Month	4th	1st	2nd	
	Liturgical Season	Transfiguration	1st Sunday in Lent	2nd Sunday in Lent	
	Flowers	Flower Team	<i>No flowers during Lent</i>	<i>No flowers during Lent</i>	
8am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin	8am
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				
	Sidespeople	Tim & Shane	Margaret & Russell	Alison & Alistair	
	Liturgical Assistant	Brian McK	Lisa C	Ellie P	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Shane W	Margaret M	Alistair D	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Susan J	Russell M	Alison D	
10am	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	10am
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)		Rev'd Canon Scott		
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Sally A, Fred A & helper	Denise M, Fred A & helper	Helen & Hardy P & Laura W	
	Liturgical Assistant	Philippa W		Rebecca K	
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Sarah B	David R	Denise M	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Colin D	Jeanette D-T	Jos George	
	Morning Tea	Janene B	Helen P	Liz D	
<i>Additional details/notes</i>			<i>Canberra Day public holiday Monday</i>		

Dates for your Diary

Friday 15 April	Good Friday
Friday 9 September	Diocesan Synod (9-11)