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Come & See

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Fourth Sunday in Lent



The Vagabond (The Prodigal Son) Hieronymus Bosch. 1487 –1516, oil, panel.
Museum Boijmans van Beuningen, Rotterdam, Netherlands

Welcome to St Philip's

St Philip's COVIDSafe Plan: We are asking that folk not attend church if they feel unwell, to be aware of their hand hygiene and to be mindful of social distance. Thank you. The QR code for the 'CBR Check In' app is available if you wish to make use of it, masks are also available for those who wish to wear one.

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,

Susan and I are attending a family wedding in Victoria this weekend. Many thanks to the Clergy team who have offered to lead the Thursday and Sunday liturgies and the Lenten Study group.

Following discussions with the Diocese after Easter I am hoping that we will be able to conduct our Safe Ministry Training together. For those of us not involved in children's and youth ministry we are proposing a two hour session which will conclude with lunch. It is my hope that as many of us as possible will join in to ensure that we have a large pool of folk we call upon to read and welcome, lead Home Groups and be involved fully in the life of the parish.

This month's Anglican News featured an article on strategic thinking. It included the statement: *Every parish is good at something otherwise it wouldn't exist!* This is a reminder to us that whilst we have the basic vocations of all Christian communities – to worship God, to make disciples and to care for the vulnerable, we all do so in different ways and we need to capitalise on what we do well, rather than trying to do things that other parishes are better equipped to do. We have a new Parish Council and I am sure that members of the Council are keen to hear what you think we do well and how we might do it even better!

Blessings to you all, **Martin**

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Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday in Lent (Refreshment or Laetere Sunday)

Introit Hymn (10am) 557 (TiS)

Awake, my soul, and with the sun
thy daily stage of duty run;
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
to pay thy morning sacrifice.

All praise to thee, who safe hast kept
and hast refreshed me while I slept.
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,
I may of endless light partake.

Lord, I my vows to thee renew.
Disperse my sins as morning dew;
guard my first springs of thought and will;
and with thyself my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest, this day,
all I design or do or say,
that all my pow'rs, with all their might,
in thy sole glory may unite.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Thomas Ken 1637-1711

Entrance Antiphon (Introit 8am)

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:18

Introductory Rites

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.

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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.

Kyrie (Sung at 10am) 757 (TiS)

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

God of compassion

you are slow to anger and full of mercy,
welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts:
receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you,
and seat them at your bountiful table,
that, with all your children
they may feast with delight on all that satisfies
the hungry heart.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of Joshua (5:2-12)

At that time the Lord said to Joshua, 'Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites a second time.' ³So Joshua made flint knives, and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath-haaraloth. ⁴This is

the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the warriors, had died during the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt. ⁵Although all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people born on the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. ⁶For the Israelites travelled for forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the warriors who came out of Egypt, perished, not having listened to the voice of the Lord. To them the Lord swore that he would not let them see the land that he had sworn to their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. ⁷So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way.

⁸When the circumcising of all the nation was done, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. ⁹The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Psalm 32

Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven:
whose iniquity is put away.

**Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame:
and in whose spirit there is no guile.**

For whilst I held my tongue:
my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.

**Your hand was heavy upon me day and night:
and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you:
and my iniquity I did not hide;

**I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord':
and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.**

For this cause shall everyone that is faithful
make his prayer to you in the day of trouble:
and in the time of the great water-floods,
they shall not come near him.

**You are a place to hide me in,
you will preserve me from trouble:
you will surround me with deliverance on every side.**

'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go:
I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.

**'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding:
whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'**

Great tribulations remain for the ungodly:
but whoever puts his trust in the Lord,
mercy embraces him on every side.

**Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad:
and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians (5:16:21)

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Gradual Hymn (10am) 145 (TiS)

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Henry Williams Baker 1821-77

Gradual (8am)

Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory!

We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (15:11-32)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." ²²But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back

safe and sound." ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" ³¹Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." ' "

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, Marj, David and Margot, those unable to gather with us, those in hospital, residential or home care and those from whom we are isolated.

We pray for Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, the 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, and for the communities and families who will benefit from the students' skills upon graduation. We pray for the ongoing work of reconciliation with this country's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, that we may listen to the Statement from the Heart and be advocates and worthy allies of our First Nations sisters and brothers.

We commend to God the recently departed, especially Myrle Bovis, Doreen Warren and the victims of war and pandemic, those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Allan Pound (28/3/1993), David Linaker (29/3/1996), Suzanne Lewis (2/4/1999) 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) 211 (TiS)

Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy refuge fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high;

hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me:
all my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
more than all in thee I find,
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am,
thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within:
thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee,
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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.

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
accept all we offer you this day;
in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

And now we give you thanks

because each year you give us this joyful season
when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery
with mind and heart renewed.

You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you
and of willing service to our neighbour.

As we recall the saving acts that give new life in Christ,
you bring the image of your Son to perfection within our hearts,
and so with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and saying:

**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.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

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 (Sung at 10am) 757 (TiS)

**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

**So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed
away; see, everything has become new!**

2 Corinthians 5:17

The Sending out of God's People

Let us pray:
Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
**Keep us firm in the hope that we have grasped;
so we and all your children shall be free
and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Christ our saviour draw you to himself,
that you may find in him crucified
a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sin forgiven
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 613 (TiS)

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Jan Struther, 1901-53

A Reflection

If you take the Lord's Prayer bit by bit, there's probably not a great deal that you wouldn't find somewhere in the Old Testament or in Jewish prayers.

But what's absolutely unique about it is that it begins simply with the address "Our Father", nothing else. Nothing more elaborate, nothing more grand, but just that address as to the father of the family.

So the really distinctive thing is that all the bits of the Lord's Prayer are put in that context. This is the prayer of God's family. This is the prayer which you address to God in the most intimate of terms, not telling him how wonderful he is, not grovelling in any way before him, but just coming with complete confidence.

And that must have sounded quite strange and quite, quite shocking to some people in Jesus' own day. In fact the one thing that everybody seems to have remembered about Jesus' own prayers is that he called God "Father", "Abba", the familiar, the intimate word in his own language. He doesn't call God "Lord" or "Master" or "Creator" first; he calls God "Father" first.

And in the Gospel of John after the Resurrection when he meets Mary Magdalene, Jesus says: "I'm ascending to my father and your father".

When Jesus talks about "fathers" and "children" he gives us quite a resourceful picture of relationships.

Think of the story of the prodigal son... The son who stays at home actually never really grows up. The son who goes on adventures away, makes mistakes, learns, says "sorry", comes back, somehow does grow up. He's a grown up child of the father.

And Jesus' teaching and the teaching of Saint Paul tell us that to depend on God completely as Father is not to be stuck in a childish helplessness. It's to be able to take risks, knowing that the Father will always be there to forgive and give you new beginnings.

And that's how we grow up. That's how we become real adults. And I don't think either Jesus or Saint Paul or anybody else in the New Testament wants us to be childish in our relationship.

And Jesus' own life is the measure of that. He's completely dependent on God, and yet he's as free as anybody could be imagined to be. Free to take risks, to face suffering and death because the Father is there, so "Father" is also what he says on the cross. "Father into your hands I commend my spirit."

And when the words "Our Father" are said we ought perhaps to think of that little Resurrection incident where Jesus says to a close friend and follower, *the relationship I have with God can be your relationship with God as well. You and I form a We together before God.*

And so as soon as you've said the first words Our Father you've said: I've been given a share in Jesus' relationship with God. I don't have to work out my relationship with God from scratch. I don't have to climb a long long ladder up to heaven, I've been invited into this family relationship and that's the gift that every prayer begins with. So the very words we start with tell us a huge amount about who we are as Christians, about our Christian doctrine and belief.

Rowan Williams

News

Wanted: Website Manager St Philip's website is vital to our outreach and for sharing information with each other. We need a new website manager to maintain and improve our website. This is a ministry over a period of years and is challenging and creative. As a web-developer, you will need a working knowledge of HTML5, CSS and basic PHP. Anyone who has studied computing or designed a website could learn these easily. Or perhaps you would like to develop a new skill? While we cannot train you in the required coding skills, we will give you a thorough briefing about the existing website. Interested? Please talk to Brian or Alistair.

We heard the news during the week of the death last Sunday of **Doreen Warren**, widow of Bishop Cecil Warren, one time Bishop of the Diocese and the first Rector of St Philip's.
May she rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Thank you to those who contributed to the fundraiser held last Sunday at the **Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Turner**. Our Morning Tea and Breakfast donations were also included. A group from St Philip's went along and we were able to meet with their parish priest Fr Michael Solomko, pass on our contribution and assure him of our support for his community. We are exploring possible opportunities to gather for prayer.

The Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) is working through Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance an organisation set up by the World Council of Churches to support global emergency relief work. ACT Alliance, has requested assistance as it seeks to respond to the escalating crisis in Ukraine. In response ABM has launched a tax deductible appeal which will not only seek to restore basic services for conflict-affected people in the Ukraine but also support refugees fleeing the Ukraine into Central Europe. To learn more or to donate, please visit the website at:

www.abmission.org/ukraine

Alternatively we can support The Ukraine Crisis Appeal co-ordinated by the Anglican Relief and Development Fund Australia: <https://ardfa.org.au/ukraine-crisis> and The Ukraine Emergency Appeal co-ordinated by the USPG and the Church of England Diocese in Europe: <https://ukraine-emergency-appeal.raisely.com/>

Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees On Palm Sunday, 10 April, Church groups will be joining the wider community at the annual Palm Sunday rally seeking more humane and compassionate policies towards refugees and asylum seekers in Australia. Speakers this year will be Bishop Carol Wagner (Assistant Bishop in our Diocese), Craig Foster (former Socceroo and SBS sports reporter) and Mostafa Azimitabar (a Kurdish refugee from Iran who spent nearly eight years in detention before being granted a temporary visa last year).

The rally starts at 1.00 p.m. in Garema Place but many parish groups will be meeting with their church banners at 12.30 at the merry-go-round in Petrie Plaza.

For more details, see the article on page 10 of the March issue of *Anglican News*. Also have a look at the short video by Bishop Carol - <https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/anglicannews/>

The team at **St John's Care** has reported a sharp increase in demand following increases in fuel and food prices. If you are able to assist please leave your donations in the baskets at the back of the church. Pasta meals, small tins of Milo, Tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned tuna, olive oil, pet food and treats as well as blankets and toiletries are the items currently in need. Cash donations are also appreciated, please see their website www.stjohnscare.org.au/ for further information on how to contribute. Thank you.

We are continuing to pray for and support the **Wontulp-Bi-Buya College** in Queensland. Please support this our National Mission if you are able, envelopes are available in the foyer. If you would like more information on the College you can visit their excellent website at <https://www.wontulp.qld.edu.au/>

The March edition of the Diocesan **Anglican News** is now out and can be accessed through the following links.

<http://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/>
<https://anglicancg.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Anglican-News-March-2022.pdf>

If you would like a printed copy please let the parish know.

We will gather for our **pre-Easter Working Bee** next Saturday 2 April 9-11am. Some priorities are being identified, but no doubt there will be the inevitable autumn leaves to be cleared in the courtyard! Morning tea and good coffee will be served!

As mentioned in last week's pew sheet we are moving to reintroduce the **kneelers** into the pews in the coming weeks, as part of our gradual return to normality. The question of Communion is a more difficult one. It is an issue that will come before the General Synod when it meets in May and we will wait and see what advice comes from the Synod. In the meantime we continue making our communion in one kind and in May we will weigh up the options open to us.

This is an important part of our Anglican tradition. In the Thirty-nine Articles at the back of your prayer book you will find Article XXX: **Of both Kinds**.

The Cup of the Lord is not to be denied to the Lay-people: for both the parts of the Lord's Sacrament, by Christ's ordinance and commandment, ought to be ministered to all Christian men alike.

The reception of Communion whilst kneeling is also part of our tradition and another facet of our return to normality that will need to be considered.

This week @ St Philip's

Today	<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent (Refreshment or Laetere Sunday)</i>
8am	Eucharist
10am	Eucharist with Hymns
Thursday 31 March	<i>Feria* in Lent</i>
10am	Eucharist
7pm	Lenten Reflection 4
Saturday 2 April	<i>Feria* in Lent</i>
9am	Working Bee
10am - 1pm	Pandora's - OPEN
11am	Eucharist - Kankinya
Sunday 3 April	<i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>
8am	Eucharist
10am	Eucharist with Hymns
	<i>Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:3-14, John 12:1-8</i>

** A Feria day is one in which no feast is observed.*

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 7 April	5-7pm	Lenten Reflection 5 7pm
		<u>St Philip's Holy Week and Easter Services 2022</u>
Sunday 10 April		Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
	8am	Eucharist & Distribution of Palms
	10am	Eucharist & Procession of Palms
Maundy Thursday 14 April		
	7pm	Eucharist, Washing of the Feet & Watch of Prayer

Good Friday 15 April

9am Morning Prayer
 12pm (Noon) Liturgy of the Day, Way of the Cross & Holy Communion

Easter Day Sunday 17 April

6am Lighting of the New Fire, Vigil & Eucharist
 (Incense will be used at this liturgy)
 8.30am Easter Breakfast
 9.30am Festal Eucharist

Saturday 30 April

Pandora's Winter Launch & Community event

Sunday 1 May

St Philip's Day

Friday 9 September

Diocesan Synod (9-11 Sept)

Roster

		27-Mar-22	3-Apr-22	10-Apr-22	
	Sunday of Month	4th	1st	2nd	
	Liturgical Season	4th Sunday in Lent	5th Sunday in Lent	Palm Sunday	
	Flowers	<i>No flowers during Lent</i>	<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	Susan J	Russell M	Alison D	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Shane W	Margaret M	Alistair 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				
	1st Bible reader - OT	Fred A	Liz D	Richard G	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Laura W	Ann M &	Ashton R	
	Morning Tea	Janene B	Liz D	Ann M	
	<i>Additional details/notes</i>		<i>Daylight saving finishes 2am (clocks back 1 hour)</i>	<i>School holidays</i>	