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Fifth Sunday of Easter



Psalm 148 Richard Gunther

Welcome to St Philip's

St Philip's COVIDSafe Plan We are asking folk to 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

By this time next Sunday we will, I hope, have an idea of who will govern this nation over the next Parliamentary Term. I watched a movie recently called 'The Journey.' It recalled a trip on a bus by Dr Ian Paisley and Mr Martin Guinness, bitter enemies in the political divide between Unionists and Republicans in 'the Troubles' of Northern Ireland. Whilst the movie clearly contained much that was fictitious – it was set in the context of the Good Friday agreement, it was a reminder of the toxic mix of political and religious extremism. The two men were seen warming to one another as they found common ground, it had its heartwarming moments but overwhelmingly there was a sense of the awful destruction and death wrought by years of conflict, because of the intransigence of the opposing sides and their unwillingness to seek a compromise. It is crucial that the Church is seen to be above partisan politics, but we should be involved and well informed.

To this end the Diocesan Public Issues Commission has prepared a resource to help us focus our thoughts and prayers. It includes prayer material and information from a number of Church bodies on six important aspects of our common life; they are:

A Welcoming, Compassionate and Diverse Nation: Safety for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Renewal of the Whole of Creation: Action on Climate Change

A First Peoples Heart: Voice, Treaty, Truth

Flourishing communities: Economic participation and housing for all

An Inclusive and Equal Society: Health and Ageing to our Full Potential

Contributing to a Just and Peaceful World: Humanitarian Assistance and Foreign Policy

The full document is available through the Diocesan Website or in the News section below.

I am flying to the UK this evening and I will be away for the next four Sundays. If you require Priestly ministry please call one of the clergy, they will be happy to help. Matters concerning the buildings or administration should be directed to the Wardens or the Parish Council. Details are in the Parish Directory, if you don't have a copy ask one of the welcomers next time you come to church.

I look forward to returning to you all very soon...whoever is in power!

Blessings, *Martin*

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The flowers are given in loving memory of Barry Johnson.

Eucharist for the fifth Sunday of Easter

Introit Hymn (10am) 223 t.485 (TiS)

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the troubled breast,
is manna to the hungry soul
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace:

Jesus, my shepherd, brother, friend,
my prophet, priest and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see you as you are
I'll praise you as I ought.

John Newton 1725-1807

Entrance Antiphon

'I give you a new commandment,' says the Lord, 'that you love one another. As I have loved you, you also should love one another.'

John 13:34

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

And also with you.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a true and sincere heart.

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:

We behold your glory, O God,
in the love shown by your Son,
lifted up on the cross and exalted on high;
be glorified anew in the love we have for one another
as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you now and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

Amen.

Today's Readings

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (11:1-18)

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ⁸But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:
O praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all his angels:

O praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon:
praise him, all you stars of light.

Praise him, you highest heaven:

and you waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for he commanded and they were made.

He established them for ever and ever:

he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.

O praise the Lord from the earth:
praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, mist and snow:

and storm-wind fulfilling his command;

Mountains and all hills:
fruiting trees and all cedars;

Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:

creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth, and all peoples:
princes, and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens:

old men and children together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for his name alone is exalted.

**His glory is above earth and heaven:
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.**

Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:
of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

A reading from the book of Revelation (21:1-6)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.'

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Gradual Hymn (10am) 699 (TiS)

A new commandment I give unto you
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this will others know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another;
by this shall all know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.

Gradual (8am)

Alleluia,

Alleluia!

Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.

Revelation 21:5

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel according to John (13:31-35)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

When he (Judas) had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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, Katherine, 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, The 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: Gordon Phillip Temme, Albertina del Santos, the victims of war and pandemic, those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time: Fred Langman (19/5/2019), Winifred Vollmer (20/5/1999) 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, crucified and risen be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn (10am) 675 (TiS)

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

*Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain:

As we gaze on your kingly brightness

So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain:

Graham Kendrick 1950-

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.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
In your loving care you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,
your Son, 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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,

And now we give you thanks
because in his victory over the grave a new age has dawned,
the long reign of sin is ended,
a broken world is being renewed
and humanity is once again made whole.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

Sanctus & Benedictus

**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:
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

**It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To
the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.**

Revelation 21:6

The Sending out of God's People

Let us pray:

Eternal God, giver of life,
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.
May we who celebrate this holy feast
walk in his risen light
and bring new life to all creation.

Most loving God, **you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and
with courage in the power of your Spirit.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight; 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. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Recessional Hymn: 411 (TiS)

Filled with the Spirit's power with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord.
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.

Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire.
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.

Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care all those of every race.
Like wind and fire with life among us move,
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

J.R. Peacey (1896-1971) alt.

A Reflection

*"Proclaiming a Crucified Eschaton," by **Frederick Niedner** (Institute for Liturgical Studies, Valparaiso University Indiana US, 1998). Here are some excerpts:*

This Sunday's gospel tells of the new commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you." But what is the old commandment? And why do we need the new one now, here at the last supper which foreshadows the banquet we'll share in the End Time? The answer lies in the first words of this lesson, "When he had gone out..." The antecedent to the pronoun is Judas. Now that Judas has left the table everything is different.

Have you ever wondered whether, upon hearing Jesus' new commandment about the way the disciples should now love one another, any one of them went out into the night looking for Judas in order to extend that love to him? Did anyone fear for him, miss him, or try, even after he brought soldiers to Gethsemane, to bring Judas back to talk him out of his shame, his anger, his rapidly deepening hell?

We know not how to answer those questions. My guess is no one found him, even if someone tried. To this day it seems that no one has found Judas. He is still out there, it seems, wandering somewhere in the night, forsaken by every generation of disciples since that ancient Thursday, the night of the new commandment. Every time we gather for our sacred meal we commemorate Judas and his unforgivable behavior when we speak of "Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed," taking bread. We speak of his sin, but we do not name him. We have not searched for him, and we have not found him. His place at the Lord's table remains empty.

We are no strangers to such brokenness, either, or to its accompanying pain. In our generation we have known the pain of broken churches. We all bear the name of Christ, but there are some with whom we would not eat his meal. We all claim to be the heirs of Abraham, our father in the faith, but some among us cannot abide even the presence of a real, live Jew. Our families, too, know the pain and shame of places at the table where no one sits any more. We ache and we sob over friendships that were put to death with hasty, angry, bitter words. For each of us, at least one Judas wanders about in the night unforgiven. From another perspective, each of us is Judas, slipping about in the shadows, unforgiven, unloved, utterly alone.

How then shall we love one another in the family, as the new commandment requires? The very love we need if we're to love in that new way is given to us as a gift by the one who commands its practice. Our gospel lesson records Jesus' identification of the moment of Judas' departure into the night as the moment in which Jesus' glorification began. In John's gospel, Jesus' glorification is the ironic code word for his crucifixion. Jesus will be glorified and his Father will be glorified in him when he loses his life, when he gives it up. Then, and only then, comes the glorification.

Jesus loved truly by giving himself away, by losing himself. Genuine love always means losing oneself — in another's arms, in another's laughter, in another's tears. But more, to love is to lose oneself and thereby to find oneself, to find one's true humanity. Such was and is the love of Jesus. He lost himself when he gave himself up for us. And now, risen, he lives. He lives in us who are his body, the baptized who are animated by his Spirit. In us he has found his place for loving. The love that he commands he also gives. It lives — he lives! — restlessly within us, looking for Judas, searching for all the traitors out there in the night. We who are baptized and have lost ourselves in that Lord of ours now search out whomever it is that has become Judas for us that we might lose ourselves in the pain that he or she has inflicted upon us, or we have inflicted upon him or her. And in that losing ourselves, the Risen Christ promises us, we shall find ourselves. We shall live, and we shall find our real selves, loved, forgiven, and seated again as friend at the table with one who has betrayed me, or whom I have betrayed, one with whom I had lost the capacity to share humanity.

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have loved one another," Jesus said. Jesus gifts the world with his love by losing himself in this community which still has its agents out looking for Judas, a community restless forever with the love of the one who gave the new commandment the moment Judas left the room on a mission from which he still has not returned. If you would find God in this lonely world, then look for the community that has its messengers out searching the ditches and hedgerows for you, and for me. There you will find the love of God. There you will find God. There you will find yourself.

Will we ever find Judas? Will he ever sit again at his place? Only God knows. But we have reason to hope. Despite what all the other passages in the New Testament say, we can hope if for no other reason because of the promise in today's second lesson in Revelation 21. Some day, one day, when the New Jerusalem comes down out of heaven decked out like a bride approaching her breathless husband, God will set out a great marriage feast. God will throw the party to end all parties at which God will wipe away every tear. Then will end all mourning — no more tears, no more pain.

Will Judas be present? Dare we hope that? I suspect we can. He will sit amongst all the rest of us who bear the scars of our own treachery beneath our white robes. For so long as Judas remains out there in the night, wandering alone or swinging lifeless in the breeze, there will be tears and aching in the community where his place is still set at the table, but where he does not sit. When he has been found, then I know that I, too, shall have been found, and forgiven, and loved.

The banquet is set before us. We remember once more that night of the new commandment, but also we look ahead to the day of its fulfillment. Let us celebrate the joy we have in sitting

together as family, reconciled to each other, having lost ourselves but having also found ourselves in each other, and living in hope while waiting for the day when every place at our table will be filled. And let the people say, *Amen*.

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.

The ministry at **St John's Care** is increasingly important in these difficult economic times. If you are able to donate foodstuffs, toiletries etc the baskets are at the back of the church. Check out the website for more information on how to help. <https://www.stjohnscare.org.au/>

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.

Is anyone keen on board games? Maurice Nevile would like to host a weekend open house board games afternoon and evening, in May or June. Don't think of knowledge tests (Trivial Pursuit) or trying to drive opponents into bankruptcy (Monopoly). Modern board games have exciting themes and different forms of play. So instead, consider walking with friends across Japan, growing a forest or coral reef, running a zoo, building a rail network, being an architect in ancient Egypt, fleeing from falling lava in Pompeii, saving a town from 1950s movie monsters, or battling with bandits on a wild west train (none of those games uses dice). I'll teach all the games and play along. The aim is to have fun. If you're interested, think of some possible suitable dates for you and see me after the 10am service, or email me at maurice.nevile@gmail.com.

The ANU Chaplaincy Annual Lecture is on Tuesday 24 May at 8pm at Burgmann College Chapel, on '**A Pedagogy and Theology of Kindness - Educating the Mind Whilst Caring for the Heart**'.

The lecture will be given by Dr Monica Short, a social science researcher and senior social work lecturer at Charles Sturt University. Dr Short is a member of a think tank 'Project Kindness in Teaching and Learning' at CSU. She has received a number of prizes and awards, including for meritorious research in Christianity and Australian Society, and is a member of the Anglican Church of Australia and a Centre Scholar with the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.

The attached brochure has details. Attendance is free. For those attending in person, registration is required at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/anu-chaplaincy-annual-lecture-dr-monica-short-a-pedagogy-of-kindness-tickets-330347146207>. Online attendance is at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83951217505?pwd=aHJSaFlXMHRMVGJTCg5VMFN6NFpwQT09>

Sarah Boddington from Parish Council writes: Are you interested in social justice? Do you want to make a difference at a local, national and international level? Why not consider helping St Philip's by raising awareness about our selected missions? We are always looking for new ways to raise funds and create connections with Raw Potential, Wontulp College and the Vanuatu Program. Further information can be found via our website: <https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/care/missions.php> or by speaking with Julianne Stewart or Laura Wood in person or by email yourlaurawood@gmail.com, julianne1000@gmail.com and my phone contact 0431516608.

Do you have a flare for journalism or a general interest in the news of parishioners? Do you enjoy reading the Church Chat and want to contribute more? You can volunteer as little or as much as you would like. On a small level, you can provide seasonal recipes, book/film reviews, photographs et cetera on a monthly basis. On a larger scale, you can help in the collation of material, writing of articles and sourcing news. Any support would be greatly appreciated. Please

Speak with Laura Wood in person or by email (yourlaurawood@gmail.com).

If you would be willing to help, the Flower team are always looking for more members. Speak to Susan Johnson to learn more, either in person or drop her an email: susanjohnson58@gmail.com

St Philips would like someone to take over managing the volunteer rosters. It is quite an enjoyable role that brings you into contact with lots of people in the Parish. If you might be able to assist, then please speak to Leighton Mann for more information, or drop him an email: rosters@stphilipsoconnor.org.au

The May edition of Anglican News has been published. It can be found at: <https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/anglicannews/>
Let the parish know if you would like a printed copy.

Key points from May Parish Council meeting

Weekly giving: Parish Council is reviewing our arrangements for weekly giving at St Philip's. Currently we offer direct debit banking (our preferred method), tap donations through an EFTPOS machine, and cash collections during the service. While each has its pros and cons, handling cash collections requires considerably more effort in terms of the number of volunteers, governance arrangements, trips to the bank and people's time. In addition, over the COVID-19 pandemic, the share of weekly giving from the offering bag has dropped from 29% in 2018 to 6% in 2021. If you have any views about phasing out cash collections, please have a chat with Alistair Davidson, Mel Rath or Revd. Martin.

Repairs: The security light at the rear of Pandora's and the disabled toilet cistern have been repaired.

Strategic thinking: Following the AGM, Council has begun thinking strategically about how best to support St Philip's Parishioners and its mission in our local community over the long term. With many new on Parish Council, Council has taken the time to understand St Philip's journey over the past 10 years and familiarise itself with past planning initiatives. One of the next steps after Martin returns from overseas in June is to identify ways for Parishioners to be part of this process. In the meantime, please feel free to have a yarn with anyone on Parish Council about what's on your mind.

Working bee rectory path: There will be a working bee to prepare the site for a path to the rectory. A small gang of Parishioners who can wield crowbars, mattocks and spades would make light work of this. If you're interested in being part of the action, please contact Russell McCaskie and a date can be set.

From the Bishop

Dear sisters and brothers,

One of the privileges and responsibilities of living in Australia is casting our vote mindful of God's kingdom priorities and the well-being of people and the wider creation. As we approach a Federal election our Diocesan Public Issues Commission has prepared the attached resource. It includes prayer material and information from a number of church bodies on six important aspects of our common life.

I encourage you to read it carefully and prayerfully (especially if you feel differently about some of the issues or feel other issues might be added) and distribute it as appropriate.

Thank you.

With every blessing,
+Mark

When you vote on 21 May, will your vote help realise this vision of God's kingdom?

Australia, a leader among nations, combines generosity with wise and good stewardship, consisting of communities of justice, compassion, inclusion and mercy

Here is a prayer and some things to consider about six visions (in no particular order) that will contribute to this overarching vision.

Please read and share these resources – and if one or more of these issues strikes

you as important, we encourage you to find out your local candidates' views.

The Public Issues Commission, Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, has prepared this material, based on election publications from the Anglican church, [Anglicare](#) and other [major Church welfare providers](#), the [Catholic](#) and [Uniting](#) Churches of Australia. In addition to the linked publications, [Common Grace](#) has further useful guidance and resources to help discernment during this important time.

Visions

- **A Welcoming, Compassionate and Diverse Nation: Safety for Refugees and Asylum Seekers**
- **Renewal of the Whole of Creation: Action on Climate Change**
- **A First Peoples Heart: Voice, Treaty, Truth**
- **Flourishing communities: Economic participation and housing for all**
- **An Inclusive and Equal Society: Health and Ageing to our Full Potential**
- **Contributing to a Just and Peaceful World: Humanitarian Assistance and Foreign Policy**

Prayer for the election (adapted from Australian Catholic Bishops Conference)

God of this land and of every people,
who shapes all things according to your own design
and writes your law in every human heart:
we thank you for this country we call home,
from the First Nations people to others born here
and those you have gathered from across the earth.
We pray for the citizens of our land in this troubled time,
that we may be committed to justice,
to the dignity of each life,
and to solidarity with all Australians and with the world.
Guide all who seek election to serve the nation;
may the Holy Spirit inspire them to pursue a better politics
that is wise and courageous and governs for the good of all.
May all of us see and hear you in the most vulnerable,
that we may respond to the cry of the earth
and the cry of the poor,
that we may respond to you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Vision 1: A Welcoming, Compassionate and Diverse Nation: Safety for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Bishop Carol Wagner pointed out at the Palm Sunday Rally that at a time when the numbers of refugees across the globe are increasing exponentially, our government has actually decreased the number of refugees we will take. There has been a loss of more than 28,000 places over the last two years. Further, we spend more than \$470,000 a year PER PERSON on hotel quarantine, or \$362,000 a year PER PERSON in a detention facility, and have spent over \$7 million on denying one family - the Murruguppan family from Biloela - permanent residence.

[40 Anglican Bishops](#), in writing to our major party leaders, stated that "We continue to pray for all those who are displaced in our world, and that our Nation's response will be as generous as possible." Catholic Bishops state that "We need a just, humane and timely system for assessing claims for asylum".

Churches' calls include:

- A target for Afghan and Ukrainian refugee resettlement much higher and appropriate to the magnitude of the problem, and permanent protection for Afghan people already in Australia on temporary visas.
- An end to mandatory and indefinite off-shore and on-shore detention either in Alternative Places of Detention (hotels) or detention centres.
- Community detention of refugees and asylum seekers must allow access to education, work and housing support.
- Enhanced safeguards for people on temporary visas including overseas students and migrant workers.

Vision 2: Renewal of the Whole of Creation: Action on Climate Change

[Australian church leaders](#) wrote an open letter at Easter calling for more action on climate change:

“Churches along with other institutions in civil society and the business community must examine our own practices so we can help reverse damage to the climate. We commit to this action, in particular to support and protect marginalised communities and First Nations people who are on the frontlines of these dramatic environmental changes.

As our political leaders continue their election campaign this Easter, we welcome them to our churches and call on them to take powerful action to preserve and protect God’s creation.”

Australian Catholic Bishops say: “We need a holistic, long-term vision for the future – not just a vision for the economy but a vision for Australian society, the human community and the whole earth community.” They state that “the social, economic, health and ecological dimensions of the current environmental crisis must be addressed by a new integral ecology”.

Churches call for:

- Halving carbon emissions this decade, in line with the recommendation of scientists and targets of our major trading partners.
- Transforming our energy system towards 100% renewable electricity while delivering a planned and just transition for energy workers.
- Investing in programs to support communities on the frontlines to plan, prepare and adapt to the extreme weather events.
- Australia to play a significant role in our region and globally in addressing the causes and impacts of climate change, responding to the call from Pacific countries, including the Pacific Conference of Churches, for our country to act more decisively to reduce carbon emissions.

Vision 3: A First Peoples Heart: Voice, Treaty, Truth

[Australian Anglicans](#) have long supported constitutional recognition of First Nations peoples.

Catholic Bishops say Constitutional recognition and active steps towards reconciliation are fundamental moral issues. The Uniting Church has a vision of us as “First and Second Peoples, [walking] together, creating socially just and culturally safe relationships, listening and learning from one another.”

Churches and the major Church providers (including Anglicare) call for:

- Constitutional change to enshrine a First Nations Voice to Federal Parliament.
- Recognition of the sovereignty of First Nations and establishment of a commission for treaty making, truth telling, justice and reconciliation
- Sufficient funding to achieve the Closing the Gap targets, prioritising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations to deliver services wherever possible.

Vision 4: Flourishing communities: Economic participation and housing for all

We are called by Jesus’ example to respond to human need and injustices in our society.

[Anglicare](#)’s identity and mission reflects this.

The Uniting Church states “In the midst of the challenges we face, we encourage current and future leaders of our country to work with courage and commitment, and to work collaboratively with communities, to provide all people and all of God’s creation with every opportunity to flourish and to live life abundantly.”

Anglicare Australia points out that “Over three million Australians live in poverty, and wealth inequality is now the worst it has been in seventy-five-years. ” It adds that “Our own research shows that Australia forgoes \$68 billion each year in subsidies to the wealthiest Australians. If we can afford to forego this revenue, then we can surely afford a safety net, a secure home, and a dignified life for every Australian”.

Churches and the major Church providers (including Anglicare) call for:

- A human-centred economy that allows all people to flourish and provides them the support they and their families need, including a job creation program
- An increase in Centrelink payments, especially Jobseeker, to above the poverty line.
- An investment in affordable and social housing, including in the regions and rural areas (e.g. create 500,000 affordable homes including social and Aboriginal housing)
- Tax reforms to increase the progressive nature of the Australian tax system to address unhealthy inequality.

Vision 5: An Inclusive and Equal Society: Health and Ageing to our Full Potential

In their election letter, major church providers declare “we believe that every human being is

equal. Our Christian faith teaches us that every one of us is made in the image of God. We believe that every one of us is worthy and deserving of love and dignity. The same faith that compels us to provide care and support to whoever needs it, compels us to advocate for something better – for systemic and structural change that addresses the underlying causes of the hardships we see every day.”

Churches and the major Church providers call for:

- A clear commitment to make sure all parts of the aged care system have adequate funding.
- Fair wages for aged care workers.
- Improved mental health support for people in rural and remote Australia that is adequately funded, able to be flexibly used and well managed locally.
- Ensuring that the NDIS delivers on its objectives.

Vision 6: Contributing to a Just and Peaceful World: Humanitarian Assistance and Foreign Policy

Pope Francis calls for “A better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the Common Good”, recognising the cry of the earth, and the cry of the poor, worldwide. We are among the richest nations in the world, and can provide financial and moral leadership in how we act on with our neighbours.

Anglican Overseas Aid aims for “Life. Abundantly. For all”. Its [CEO, Jo Knight, noted](#) in the context of the election that, “In my years with foreign aid I’ve seen that particular area decline constantly... We can and must demand a hopeful future... at the end of the day our politicians work for us and we need to call them to account”.

The Uniting Church in Australia has called for Australia to:

- Centre Australia’s foreign policy on a commitment to justice and peace; collaborating internationally to deliver community development and human rights.
- Legislate Australian Aid to reach 0.5% GNI by 2026 and the world target of 0.7% GNI by 2030.
- Increase support to fight COVID globally.
- Sign on to the global treaty banning nuclear weapons.
- Increase support to vulnerable nations to help address the impact of climate change.

This week @ St Philip’s

Today	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
8am	Eucharist
10am	Eucharist with Hymns
Thursday 19 May	<i>Dunstan, archbishop of Canterbury (d.988)</i>
10am	Eucharist
Saturday 21 May	<i>Feria of Easter</i>
10am-1pm	Pandora’s
11am	Holy Communion – Kankinya*
Sunday 22 May	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>
8am	Eucharist
10am	Eucharist with Hymns
Readings: Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10-14, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29	

*Our ministry to Kankinya (Canberra Aged Care) is subject to restrictions being lifted following an outbreak of the COVID virus in the facility.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 23 - Thurs 26 May	Diocesan Clergy Conference
Thursday 26 May	Ascensiontide
Mon 30 May – Sat 4 June	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Sunday 5 June	Day of Pentecost
Sunday 12 June	Trinity Sunday
Friday 9 September	Diocesan Synod (9-11 Sept)

Roster

		15-May-22	22-May-22	29-May-22	
	Sunday of Month	3rd	4th	5th	
	Liturgical Season	5 th Sunday of Easter	6th Sunday of Easter	7th Sunday of Easter	
	Flowers	Susan	Susan	Barbara	
8am Eucharist	Celebrant				8am
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				
	Sidespeople	Susan & Rhonda	Tim & Shane	<i>Volunteers</i>	
	Liturgical Assistant		Brian McK		
	1st Bible reader - OT	Rebecca P	Shane W	Alison D	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Julianne S	Shane W	Julianne S	
10am Eucharist with music	Celebrant				10am
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Janene B, Jeannette McH & Richard G	Sally A, Fred A & helper	<i>Volunteers</i>	
	Liturgical Assistant		Philippa W		
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist				
	1st Bible reader - OT	Fiona D	Fred A	Jeanette D-T	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Kerry-Anne C	Rev'd Lyn P	Liz D	
	Morning Tea	Liz D	Anne M & Barbara G	Helen P	
<i>Additional details/notes</i>			<i>Reconciliation Day public holiday weekend</i>		