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Sunday 13 November 2022 *Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*



Welcome to St Philip's

We acknowledge the triune God, the Creator of heaven and earth and his ownership of all things. (Psalm 24:1) We recognise that He gave stewardship of these lands upon which we meet to the First Nations Peoples of this country (Acts 17:26). In His sovereignty, He has allowed other people groups to migrate to these shores. We acknowledge the cultures of our First Nations Peoples and are thankful for the community that we share together now. We pay our respects to elders, both past and present, and those who are rising up to become leaders.

(Written by The Reverend Neville Naden, BCA Indigenous Ministry Officer)

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

Pew sheet & Order of Service: the full Pew sheet is available on our website. The QR code in the pews will direct you to the current edition, please use your phone/tablet and follow along. Service cards, Pew Bibles and Prayer Books are also available.

Offertory: at the offertory when our gifts are brought forward, there is an opportunity for you to make your contribution. A self-serve Eftpos machine is available in the foyer, you can use it before or after the service. St Philip's EFT details are also available if you would like to make a direct transfer: 702-389 05202512. Giving cards are in the foyer if you wish to place something in the offertory bag after giving electronically.

Communion: if you are baptised you are welcome to receive communion. If you would like to receive a blessing please cross your hands on your chest as you come forward.

If you would like to volunteer as a reader, sidesperson, welcomer, or another role on the **Roster**, then please email rosters@stphilipsoconnor.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.

The Flowers this week are donated by Martin and Julianne, in thanksgiving.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

Today many nations in the Commonwealth commemorate Remembrance Sunday, the closest Sunday to Remembrance Day - 11 November, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice in 1918 which brought an end to the Great War. Today we remember all wars and all who have died or suffered as a result of war and commit ourselves to peace. I am away this Sunday preaching at St John's, Camberwell and visiting family before the Christmas rush. Thank you to Canon Scott for covering this Sunday.

At Parish Council last week we reviewed some of the findings from the recent Parish Day. This will be an ongoing process over the coming weeks and months as you will see later in the Pew Sheet. During this time what we are asking folk to commit to is prayer. Each month we have a different focus for our prayer, and we will include prayers in our intercessions and in the pew sheet. Can we ask you all to pray for the mission and ministry of our parish as we seek renewal during this coming month. Thank you.

Ordinarily we would be ministering at the Sir Leslie Morshead Manor this week. However the facility has been closed due to an outbreak of COVID19. Their Remembrance commemorations were also cancelled last Friday, a great disappoint for many. As we pray for the staff and residents at this time, we are reminded that the virus remains in our community and we must be vigilant and careful as we move amongst one other.

Blessings, *Martin*

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Eucharist for the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Introit Hymn (10am) 104 t.361(TiS)

While morning still is breaking,
and day replaces night,
beneath God's care awaking
we thank him for new light.
We thank him that he calls us
to life and health anew;
whatever now befalls us
his care will still be true.

O Israel's guardian, hear us,
Watch o'er us this day;
in all we do be near us.
For others, too, we pray;

to you we would commend them,
our Church, our youth, our land;
direct them and defend them
when dangers are at hand.

O grant us peace and gladness,
give us our daily bread,
shield us from grief and sadness,
on us your blessings shed.
Grant that our whole behaviour
in truth and righteousness
may praise you, Lord, our Saviour,
whose holy name we bless.

You are our vine: O nourish
your branches, so that we
may grow in you and flourish
and ever fruitful be;
your Spirit pour within us,
and let the gifts of grace
to those good actions win us
that best may show your praise.

Johann Muhlmann 1573-1613

Entrance Antiphon

May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in all ways.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

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.

In life and in death we are with the Lord. Let us turn to the Lord who is full of compassion and mercy, and ask that he will forgive us our sins, and extend his healing love upon our broken world.

Lord, you promise a place in paradise to all who call to you in penitence and faith.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you bring comfort to those who mourn and have suffered loss.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you speak your word of peace in times of conflict and calm our fears.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

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 praise you, heavenly Father, that you have knit together your chosen ones in one communion and fellowship in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we might come to those inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

Amen.

Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

Saviour and judge of all:

remove from human hearts all bitterness and hate,
grant to those who have died in war your mercy and forgiveness
and bring us all to the peace of your eternal Kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who suffered and died,
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Amen.

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi (4:1-2a)

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Psalms 98

O sing to the Lord a new song:
for he has done marvellous things;

**His right hand and his holy arm:
they have got him the victory.**

The Lord has made known his salvation:
he has revealed his just deliverance in the sight of the nations.

**He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel:
and all the ends of the earth
have seen the salvation of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth:
break into singing and make melody.

**Make melody to the Lord upon the harp:
upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.**

With trumpets and with horns:
cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
the good earth and those who live upon it.**

Let the rivers clap their hands:
and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;

**For he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (3:6-13)

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gradual hymn (10am) 614(TiS)

O God of love, whose heart is ever yearning
that fixed on you our wayward thoughts may be,
now grant us grace to live as in your presence,
and help us all our erring ways to see.
May love subdue the ill in every nation,
and all to you as subjects bow the knee.

O Father God, moved ever by compassion
for children crushed by sorrows heavy load
be swift to aid the downcast and the cheerless,
lift up the fallen on life's thorny road.
Give calm and strength to overcome with patience,
and safely bring them to your blest abode.

O God of peace, whose Son with our sins laden
died to secure from bondage our release,
help us to banish hate between the nations,
to live as neighbours, and make wars to cease.
Bring in the reign of friendship universal,
and in your mercy grant to us your peace.

Randall T Pittman 1882-1972

Gradual (8am)

Alleluia,
alleluia!

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

Luke 19.38

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (6:20-31)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

⁷They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' ⁸And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

⁹'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' ¹⁰Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents

will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

We pray for our international mission, the Vanuatu Integrated Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Project.

We pray especially:

- for the small staff of the Anglican Church of Melanesia and their many volunteers working on this project;
- for the communities whose health and well-being will benefit from the project;
- that we will be generous in supporting this important work of our sister Anglican Church in Vanuatu.

We commend to God the recently departed, those whose anniversaries fall at this time: William Trivett (15/11/1990), Stanley Vincent (16/11/2002), the victims of warfare and violence, all whose memories are dear to us, and those who have no one to remember them.

The Greeting of Peace

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

and also with you.

Offertory Hymn (10am) 534(TiS)

Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with friends, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love, is his way.

*Refrain: Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve.
Love, only love, is his mark.
Refrain

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
"This is my body, this is my blood",
Love, only love, is his sign.
Refrain

Love is his sign, love is his news,
"Do this," he said, "lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood."
Love, only love, is his news.
Refrain

Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
family, brethren, cousins and kin.
Love, only love, is his name.
Refrain

Love is his name, love is his law.
Hear his command, all who are his:
"Love one another, I have loved you."
Love, only love, is his law.
Refrain

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one.
Love, only love, is his word.
Refrain

Luke Connaughton 1917-1979

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; through your goodness we have our money to offer,
the fruit of our labour and of the skills you have given us. Take us and our possessions to do
your work in the world.

Blessed be God for ever.

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

Amen.

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.

Blessed are you, Lord of life,
creator of heaven and earth, to you be glory and praise for ever.

For through his death on the cross, your Son Jesus Christ has broken the power of evil,
and by his glorious resurrection has opened for us the gate of life eternal.

In him you seek the lost, restoring those whose lives have been shattered and torn apart.
In the fullness of time, he will gather all things to himself,
enfolding us and all who have died in war in his undying love.

And so we pray that we who have set our hope on Christ may come to the peace of heaven,
there, with angels and archangels, to sing your praise for ever:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth and full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for
many for the forgiveness of sins. Do, this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
Proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty
resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the
sins of the whole world.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:
Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

With saints and martyrs through the ages, as our Saviour taught us, so we 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.

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

The sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Malachi 4:2

The Sending out of God's People

Let us pray:

Lord God, in this Eucharist which we have shared, you have spoken your word of life and nourished us with the mysteries of Christ's body and blood; bring us with all who have died in combat or through the injuries of war, to know the joys of heaven.

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

Recessional Hymn: 611(TiS)

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your Church's story,
bring the bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

See the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage,

serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick 1878-1969

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

May the God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
comfort and assure you of his love
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father ✕ the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

We shall never forget November 11th, 1918, so wrote Roscoe Wilson the Vicar of St. John's on the occasion of the signing of Armistice. A Jewish Rabbi once said: much of what the Bible demands can be comprised in one word, 'Remember.' For us who enjoy this Eucharistic tradition our remembrance is given voice in the sacred words of institution, the words of Jesus 'do this in remembrance of me.' They are words which are echoed in what has become an almost sacred refrain: 'Lest we forget.' Whilst today is set aside as 'Remembrance Sunday' for good reason, every Sunday is indeed concerned with remembrance.

As a server at St Peter's Eastern Hill, here in Melbourne I often knelt in front of the high altar which was dressed in a frontal created as a war memorial. It shows a First World War Digger with the rising sun emblem behind his bandaged head, clearly suggesting a halo. But is it right that we draw these analogies between the sacrifice of Christ and the giving of one's life on the battlefield? Is it right that the altar a place where we are reconciled is used in this way? I think it is, but only if we consider the context of the Last Supper, the context in which we are called to remember... 'on the night he was betrayed.'

Christians have had, and continue to have, an uneasy relationship with conflict and war and it is right that we continue to be uneasy at the very least. I am unsettled every time I wear my uniform, when I am not, is probably the time to put my slouch hat away for good. You might rightly ask if I am so uneasy, surely my conscience dictates that I should not serve in the military... I wish it were that simple. Broadly speaking throughout our history the Church has dealt with warfare in three ways: as Crusaders, as Pacifists or as advocates for Just War. We can lay aside the first, there is no place for crusade in the modern world, but what of the other two.

Clearly for the Hebrew people, peace or Shalom would come with the dawning of the Messianic age. We can see that in our reading this morning from Isaiah: 'In days to come' says the prophet, 'nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.' Christians rightly have understood that Jesus is the bearer of the Messianic age, the Prince of Peace and from there many have adopted a Pacifist approach. However, I believe that whilst Jesus in his life, death and resurrection heralded the dawning of the new age, it has yet to come fully to fruition. We see that everywhere in our world do we not, a world marred not just by war, but by corruption, greed, prejudice and discrimination...by betrayal, and we respond.

The reality of our world is that we need a judiciary, Police and security forces, we need to, in the words of the Psalm, 'Judge for the poor and fatherless: vindicate the afflicted and oppressed. Rescue the poor and needy: and save them from the hands of the wicked, the question is how, how do we respond. Just War theory would have us consider with utmost care the reasons behind our going to war; is our cause a just one and is our goal peace? And in the conduct of war are we protecting the vulnerable and is our response proportionate, there is no place for vengeance. What of our enemies are they afforded respect and care? I have seen many Afghan fighters in receipt of life saving medical attention.

When I became an Army Chaplain, particularly before I deployed to Afghanistan, I looked to those who had been there before me, those in whose footsteps I would walk, for inspiration. I quickly came across perhaps the most famous Army Chaplain of them all Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, better known as 'Woodbine Willie.' But what drew me to Studdert Kennedy was his impact on others, surely the mark of the military chaplain. When I read his biography I became aware of another chaplain who had been influenced by him and who went on to serve at Passchendaele, he became something of an inspiration to me, his name was Theodore Bayley Hardy.

Hardy had been a headmaster and the vicar of a rural parish in Cumbria. He joined the army in 1916 at the age of 51, and when he arrived in France he sought out Studdert-Kennedy who had this advice for him: 'Live with the men. Go everywhere they go. The best place for a padre is where there is most danger of death.' Hardy took this to heart. He decided that his job would be in the trenches, when necessary under fire, he soon showed his mettle. His Distinguished Service Order was earned when he went out to rescue a party of men stuck in the mud in no man's land. It was the beginning of the so-called "battle of the mud", the Battle of Passchendaele, which began during one of the wettest summers on record. Without sleep and under murderous shell fire Hardy went about his business with great calm and a kindly grin, a sight which kept the men from hysteria; his catch phrase - 'it is only me.' He would go on to be awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to the wounded; no Padre had seen as much action as he had.

During the great German Spring offensive in 1918 Hardy went on a series of patrols and raids rescuing the wounded and marooned. One lad was stuck in the wire with a mangled leg. He was slowly bleeding to death when he heard 'it's only me' as Hardy came alongside. He tied up his wounded leg while discussing in whispers school cricket. He left the boy and soon returned as promised with a sergeant who snipped the wire, deadening the sound with a cloth so the German machine gun post wouldn't hear them. They got the lad back to safety - an incredible feat. The sergeant was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal and Hardy the Victoria Cross.

When told he had won the VC he reportedly said: 'I really must protest' he would habitually cover the array of ribbons on his chest with his arm so as not to put off young recruits who might be intimidated and although appointed chaplain to the King, Hardy refused to leave the front. He believed the best thing he could do was carry on, but inevitably his luck ran out. He was last seen crossing the River Selle on 10 October 1918 to join his men. The sound of a machine gun rang out and he was hit in the leg. He was evacuated but a few days later, pneumonia set in and he died just three weeks before the Armistice - to the great sorrow of his men and the army as a whole. He was the most highly decorated non-combatant of the Great War and was among the one hundred and sixty three chaplains to die in action.

In the sixth chapter of John's gospel Jesus is revealed as the Bread of life, the one who stills storms, the one who speaks the words of eternal life, the one who will be betrayed. 'It's only me.' Words which might remind us of Jesus with his terrified disciples, 'It is I, do not be afraid.' The name Passchendaele is now part of our military history. Its name reminds us of the Passion of Christ and the great Christian narrative of hope and renewal through suffering and death. Hardy, like many of the chaplains of the Great War and those who have followed have endeavoured, Christlike, to calm fears, to point beyond themselves, beyond the betrayal and suffering and in doing so have become a force for hope.

As once again we commemorate Remembrance Day when the guns fell silent on the Western Front. As we remember the awful toll of that war, the diabolical betrayal of a generation and the ongoing conflicts that mar our world, we set this in the context of the 'night he was betrayed.' Our remembrance today and the recitation of those words 'Lest we forget' is deficient if it is not coupled with a sense of reconciliation, repentance *and* a sense of hope. In the same way that in our gathering this morning and indeed every time we gather for the Eucharist we have the opportunity to hear again those words of Jesus at the heart of the Eucharist: 'do this in remembrance of me;' and in doing so are involved in an act of reconciliation, repentance and hope.

To truly say 'Lest we forget' and 'do this in remembrance of me,' we recall that betrayal stands behind these remembrances, betrayals which call for repentance. But in true prophetic spirit let us also remember that those who indeed betrayed Jesus were offered his peace when they gathered in the upper room, a peace that is offered to us when we gather and remember that

latent in any sacrifice offered for love, is the great hope of the resurrection. Lest we forget.
Amen.

Sermon by The Rev'd Martin Johnson
At St John's Camberwell, Victoria
November 2022

News

Will you be here for Christmas? Would you be able to assist at one of the Christmas services? Please let Leighton know rosters@stphilipsoconnor.org.au he needs to complete the **December Roster** shortly and it would be great to fill all the roles so we have a welcoming church for those that attend our Christmas services.

From October 2022 to January 2023 inclusive, St Philip's will be supporting **ABM's Integrated Water, Sanitation and Hygiene project in Vanuatu** as our international mission project. This project is part of the Anglican Church of Melanesia's (ACOM's) outreach into rural and remote communities in Vanuatu. Many villages have inadequate sources of drinkable water, whether due to sea water incursion into the water table, or other forms of pollution. Along with provision of rainwater tanks and other forms of water storage, ACOM staff and volunteers demonstrate how to build ventilated pit toilets so that more and more villagers move to better sanitation. The project also builds and supports community-based literacy and numeracy schools for people who have missed out on a regular school education. Financial contributions can be made to St Philip's electronic bank account (BSB: 702-389 & ACC: 05202512) with the reference "Missions Vanuatu".

As anticipated the demand on the services offered by **St John's Care** is increasing and will continue to do so into the foreseeable future. The current pantry items and toiletries are being sought: UHT Full Cream 1 litre milk, Powdered Milk, Jam/Honey/Vegemite, Tinned Fruit, Cooking Oil, Canned Tuna, School Snacks, Packet Soup, 1kg Rice, Tinned Chunky Soups, Pasta Sauce, Milo (or drinking chocolate), Coffee 100gm jar, Toothpaste, Shampoo & Conditioner. If you are able to assist please leave your donations in the baskets at the back of the church. Cash donations are also appreciated, see their website www.stjohnscare.org.au/ for information on how to contribute.

The St John's Care Christmas gift room will open in the last week of November. They would like to receive gifts as early as possible so that they can manage the gift room effectively. If you would like to donate a gift, please visit their centre at St John's between 9:30 am-2:00 pm Monday to Friday. They currently have a shortage of the following gifts:
Gifts for Boys and Girls aged 13-18 (Gift cards are a fantastic idea and allow for choice), Sports equipment, Lego, Board Games, \$15 Coles or Woolworths voucher (these are given to each family to purchase fresh meat for Christmas).

Our **Advent Dinner** will be held on the evening of Friday, 25 November. Cost is \$35 per person, enjoy a complementary glass of bubbly on arrival and BYO wine/beer. Please add your name to the list in the Narthex to indicate your attendance. Last RSVP is 20 November. Please see Leighton and Susan for more information and payment details.

The Men's Group will not be meeting this week. Watch this space for further information on our gatherings as we approach the end of the year.

There are a number of events as we near the end of the year including our Advent Dinner, Pandora's Festive Fashions, Nine Lessons and Carols and our Christmas Liturgies. Please put these dates in your diaries as we celebrate another year and look forward to growing together in our lives of faith.

Key points from Parish Council November meeting

- **Parish Day** – Parish Council expressed gratitude for the insights and input received from everyone who attended the Parish Day. Council is keen to continue reaching out to Parishioners who were unable to attend or groups that were underrepresented. To facilitate receiving additional views and ideas, a 1-pager that provides background information about what we did and what we found is being prepared.

- **Switchboard in narthex** – A contractor is scheduled to upgrade the switchboard in the narthex this week.
- **Courtyard tree** – The London plane tree in the courtyard is looking splendid after its recent prune to remove dead branches.
- **Parish AGM** – The 2023 Parish AGM will be held on Sunday 26 February.
- **Parish Directory** – If you would like a pdf version of the Parish Directory before it is printed in hardcopy, would you please contact Alison Davidson.
- **Working bee** – Please join us on Saturday 19 November 8:30am – 11:00am for our spring working bee. The to-do list includes weeding, gutter cleaning, tidying up the grounds and consuming a delicious morning tea.
- **Opportunity to serve** – Parish Council is looking for new members to help with the financial and property affairs of St Philip's. The Council collectively helps to administer the functions of the Parish, which are to plan, organise, and carry out its pastoral, educational, evangelistic and missionary work. There are some specific roles that need filling, including Secretary, Policy Coordinator and Missions Officer. If you are interested in committing to this service, please talk with Martin, Alistair or other members of Parish Council.
- **Please pray for our Parish, its mission, ministry and renewal**

This week @ St Philip's

Today	<i>Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, Remembrance Sunday</i>
8am	Eucharist
10am	Eucharist with Hymns
Wednesday 16 November	<i>Margaret of Scotland, queen, helper of the poor</i> 10am-Noon (d.1093)
10am-Noon	Pandora's sorting & tidying
Thursday 17 November	<i>Hilda of Whitby, abbess (d.680), Hugh, bishop of Lincoln (d.1200)</i>
10am	Eucharist
Friday 18 November	<i>Feria</i>
6pm	Final Youth Group gathering for 2022
Saturday 19 November	<i>Elizabeth of Hungary, princess & philanthropist</i> 10am-1pm (d.1231)
8.30-11am	Spring Working Bee
10am-1pm	Pandora's
11am	Eucharist – Canberra Aged Care
Sunday 20 November	<i>Christ the King</i>
8am	Eucharist
10am	Eucharist with Hymns
<i>Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Song of Zechariah, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43</i>	

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 19 November	Spring Working Bee
Friday 25 November	Advent Dinner
Sunday 27 November	Advent 1
Saturday 3 December	Pandora's Festive Fashions
Sunday 18 December	Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday 25 December	Christmas Day

Rosters

		13-Nov-22	20-Nov-22	27-Nov-22	
	Sunday of month	2nd	3rd	4th	
	Liturgical Season	23th Sunday after Pentecost	Christ the King	1st Sunday of Advent	
	Flowers	Flowers Team	Flowers Team	Flowers Team	
8am	Celebrant		Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	8am
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)		Rev'd Canon Scott		
	Sidespeople	Alison & Alistair	Rhonda & Susan	Shane & Tim	
	Liturgical Assistant	Ellie P	Rev'd Martin	Brian McK	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Alison D	Julianne S	Shane W	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Alistair D	Rebecca P	Shane W	
10am	Celebrant		Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin	10am
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Helen & Hardy	Laura W, Jeannette M & Richard G	Fred A & Sally A	
	Liturgical Assistant	Rebecca K	Rev'd Martin	Philippa W	
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Colin D	Fiona D	Fred A	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Jos G	Kerry-Anne C	Laura W	
	Morning Tea	Liz D	Ann M & Barbara G	Helen P	
<i>Additional details/notes</i>					