



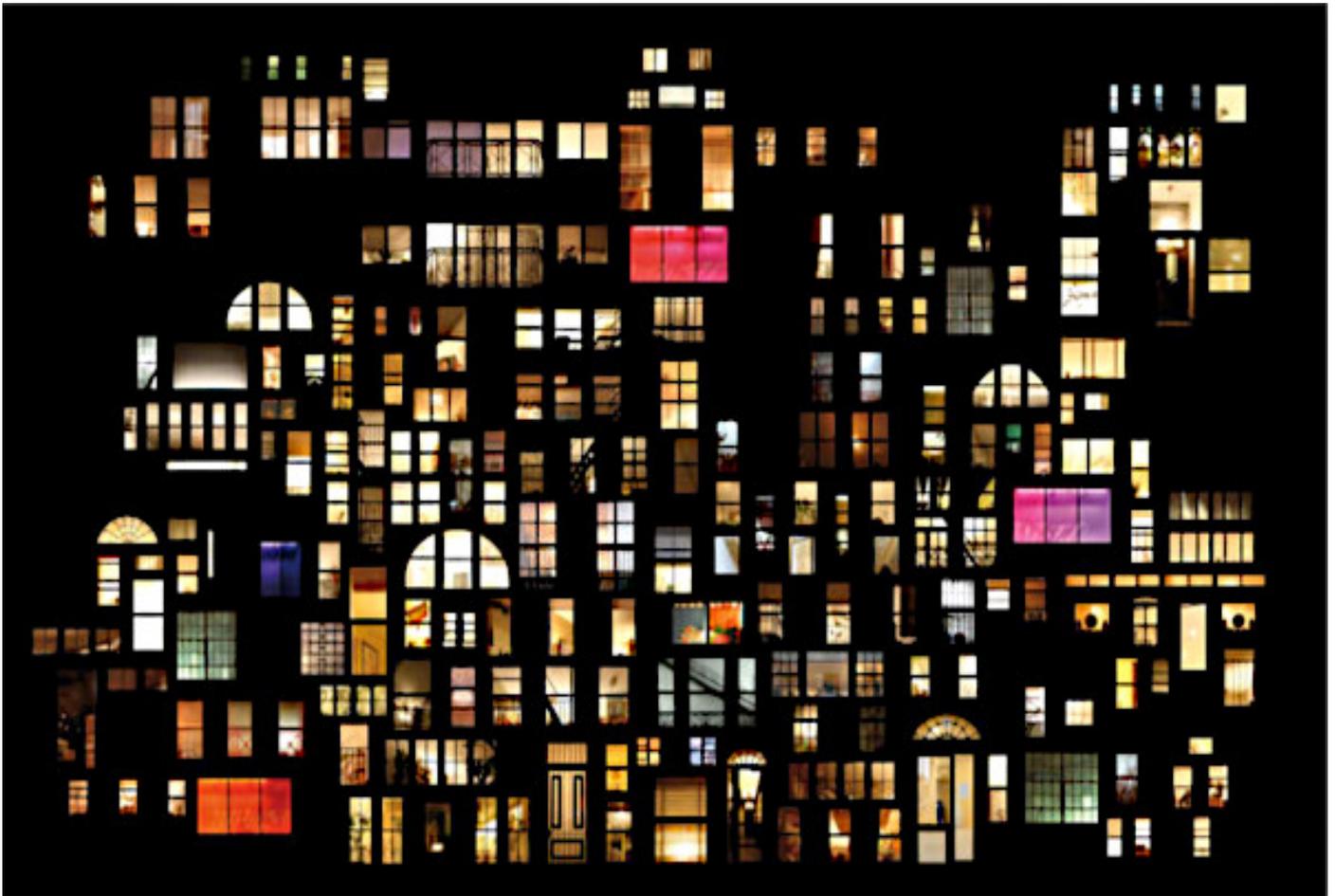
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## **Sunday 27 November 2022** *First Sunday of Advent*



"Keep awake!" (Matt. 26.42) *Wandering in the Night: New York.*  
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### *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](mailto:rosters@stphilipsoconnor.org.au)

### *From the Rector*

Dear Friends,

Welcome to a New Year in the liturgical cycle of the Church, the year of Matthew. These calendars and times are important for us. They ground our lives and give us the routines, rhythms and cycles to live the catholic life, prayerfully, carefully, completely. Every day, even those 'Feria' days when there is no feast are important, every week beginning with Sabbath is important, every season, every year.

We are governed by rhythms which are not of our choosing. The cycles of day and night, the seasons with the changing weather and the fruit and vegetables peculiar to that season, the phases of moon and tides and all the varied rhythms of the cosmos. There are our rhythms too, eating, sleeping, moods, work, rest and play... daily, weekly, annually. We celebrate all this through the liturgical calendar, each day, week and season with its particular mood and emphasis.

Much of this has been lost in our modern world, and this has been to our detriment and to the detriment of our environment and relationships, it is important that we maintain our rhythms and be one with the created order and with each other. The foundation of our relationships both with God and with one another is founded on the continuity, reliability and predictability of our cycles, ritual and routines and our lives of prayer. Here again is our prayer for the parish for use in your daily prayers.

Gracious God,  
you call us to follow our Patron Philip  
encouraging others to 'Come and See.'  
Bestow in us your Spirit of hope and acceptance  
that others may see in us your love and joy.  
We pray in the name of the one  
who reconciles to you and to one another,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessings, *Martin*

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### *Eucharist for the first Sunday of Advent*

**Introit Hymn (10am)** 273 (TiS)

Lo! he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the sound of this refrain:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
hallelujah!

God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in awesome majesty;  
those who have betrayed and sold him,  
pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply shamed before him, deeply shamed before him,  
deeply shamed before him  
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture, with what rapture,  
with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Sing amen! let all adore you,  
high on your eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory,  
claim the kingdom for your own;  
O come quickly, O come quickly,  
O come quickly;  
hallelujah! Come, Lord, come.

*Charles Wesley 1707-88*

My brothers and sisters, today we begin the season of Advent we open our hearts to God's love as we prepare to welcome Christ into our lives and homes. The candles of this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of his glorious kingdom.

Let us pray:  
Lord God,  
let your blessing come upon this wreath  
and upon us as we light these candles.  
May the wreath and its light  
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.  
May he come quickly and not delay.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The wreath is sprinkled with Holy Water and the first candle lit.*

Heavenly Father, as we begin this Advent, give light to our eyes and peace to our hearts.  
May the Lord find us watching and waiting in joy when he comes. We pray in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

**Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.**

*Isaiah 2:3a*

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

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord comes, bringing to light the things now hidden in darkness, and disclosing the purposes of the heart.

Let us open our hearts and prepare for his coming, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Turn to us again, O God our saviour,  
and let your anger cease from us:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Show us your compassion, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your salvation is near for those that fear you,  
that glory may dwell in our land:  
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.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray:  
Faithful God,  
whose promises stand unshaken through all generations:  
renew us in hope,  
that we may be awake and alert  
watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ,  
our Judge and 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 the prophet Isaiah (2:1-5)*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

*Psalm 122*

I was glad when they said to me:  
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

**And now our feet are standing:  
within your gates, O Jerusalem;**

Jerusalem which is built as a city :  
where the pilgrims gather in unity.

**There the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord:  
as he commanded Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

There are set thrones of judgement:  
the thrones of the house of David.

**O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
may those who love you prosper.**

Peace be within your walls:  
and prosperity in your palaces.

**For the sake of my kindred and companions:  
I will pray that peace be with you.**

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God:  
I will seek for your good.

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (13:9-14)*

The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Gradual hymn (10am) 264 (TiS)**

Hark, a herald voice is calling:  
'Christ is near,' it seems to say,  
'cast away the dreams of darkness,  
waken, children of the day!'

Wakened by the solemn warning  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling  
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected  
comes with pardon down from heav'n;  
let us meet him with repentance,  
pray that we may be forgiv'n.

So when love comes forth in judgment,  
debts and doubts and wrongs to clear,  
faithful may he find his servants  
watching till the dawn appear.

*Anon, Latin 6<sup>th</sup> Century*

**Gradual (8am)**

Alleluia,  
**alleluia!**

You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

*Matthew 24:44*

## Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (24:36-44)*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

For the Gospel of the Lord,

**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## The Sermon

### The Nicene Creed

Let us affirm the faith of the church

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People

In our prayers we remember those in need, particularly: Ben, 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: Roger Sharp (29/11/2020), the victims of war, disaster and pandemic, all whose memories are dear to us, and those who have no one to remember them.

## **The Greeting of Peace**

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**and also with you.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

*James Montgomery 1771-1854*

## **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.**

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

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,  
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world  
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,  
we now watch for the day  
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
to proclaim your glory  
for ever praising you and *saying*:

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

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

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

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

Do, this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.'

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

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ has risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be  
done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as  
we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us  
from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Breaking of Bread and Communion**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body.  
**For we all share in the one bread.**

### **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**

**O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

*Isaiah 2:5*

### **The Sending out of God's People**

Let us pray:  
God for whom we wait;  
we thank you that you have fed us with the bread of life  
and the cup of salvation.  
As we joyfully await your Son,

keep us ever watchful  
that we may be ready to stand before him  
on the day of his coming.  
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:** 268 (TiS)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
let earth receive its king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;  
let us our songs employ;  
while fields and streams, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father ✕ the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## *Reflection*

In the Gospel for this first Sunday of Advent, Jesus warns his disciples at the beginning of the passage, "Be Watchful! Be alert!" and again at the end: "What I say to you, I say to all: "Watch!"

When many of us hear a command like this, our natural follow up question is: "What should be watching for?" The easy answer is that we should be waiting and watching for the birth of Christ on Christmas Day. But he was already born over two thousand years ago.

This question is important because we need to clarify what we are watching for so we do not miss the whole point of the Advent Season.

We watch and wait in a context. And the context of our preparing for Christmas often times gets us distracted. We get distracted by all the commercial messages we receive about shopping smart for Christmas from the Black Friday sales.

What are we watching for and waiting for? I would suggest that the answer is contained in the initial proclamation of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark: "The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news." What we are really waiting for is the deeper faith realization that the birth of Jesus Christ in time is really Good News. It was good news for the shepherds and over two thousand years later it is the same for us. And what was the good news to the shepherds? "To you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, who is

the Messiah, the Lord."

So what we are preparing for is a deepening awareness of the Good News that we have a Saviour. And how do we let this happen so that when we celebrate Christmas in our Churches and in our homes there is space in our hearts and families for what we are really celebrating. We create these spaces by clarifying what we are watching for during the Advent Season with the simple prayer: "Come, Lord Jesus, help me to grow in a greater awareness that you are my Savior. You have saved me from endlessly searching for the meaning of life. You have saved me from turning against myself by your forgiveness. You have saved me from endlessly searching for signs of your presence because you touch me through your Sacraments. You have saved me from thinking that the possessions or positions I have will save me and make me loved. Thank you for continuing to save me."

Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

## News

**The Public Affairs Commission of the Diocese** is holding an online discussion Forum on the Uluru Statement this **Tuesday 29** November from 7.30pm. The Zoom meeting ID: 882 096 2366 Passcode: 033643. The forum will explore how we can better understand the Statement and participate effectively in the planned referendum.

**Congratulations to The Rev'd Bob Lindbeck** and his colleagues, the Rev'd Robert James and the Rev'd David Hill celebrating the 50th anniversary of their Ordination to the Priesthood this week. To mark this occasion the Eucharist will be held at St. John's Reid on **Wednesday 30** November at 10.00am followed by light refreshments in the Parish Hall (please bring a plate, thank you).

**You are invited to the launch of *Church Matters: Essays and Addresses on Ecclesial Belongings* (Coventry Press) by ACC&C scholar Rev Canon Professor Scott Cowdell.**

The book will be launched by Dr Paul Collins, with a welcome from ACC&C Executive Director Professor Anthony Maher and contribution from the author. Books will be available for purchase at the launch. Refreshments will be provided.

**When:** 6-7pm, 7 December, 2022

**Where:** ACC&C Chambers Pavilion, 15 Blackall St. Barton

**RSVP** to [acc-c@csu.edu.au](mailto:acc-c@csu.edu.au)

About the book:

This selection of essays and addresses, most of them previously published either in books, journals or online between 1996 and 2021, reflects the theological journey of a distinguished Anglican priest and theologian. Written primarily within the Anglican tradition where he has worked as pastor and teacher, the reflections raise significant issues of concern for churches everywhere. Informed by sources as varied as Banjo Paterson and Ignatius of Loyola, the essays throughout raise primary questions of how the church matters in contemporary Australian society, where Christianity and church are increasingly at the margins of people's concerns and where various ways of being church compete for the attention of congregations and their leaders. This 'gift of secularisation', he suggests, is an opportunity for the church to reconsider what is important in its traditions and structures; and asks what may be needed to bring the churches to a fresh understanding of the reasons for their very existence. Informed, challenging, accessible and encouraging, *Church Matters* is an important book in these difficult times for the churches in Australia and beyond.

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/](http://www.stjohnscare.org.au/) for information on how to contribute.

The St John's Care Christmas gift room opened this week. 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).

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

Today	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
8am	<b>Eucharist</b>
10am	<b>Eucharist with Hymns</b>
Monday 28 November	<i>Feria in Advent</i>
7.15am	National Prayer Breakfast 2022, Parliament House
Tuesday 29 November	<i>Ember Day</i>
2pm	<b>Eucharist</b> – Sir Leslie Morshead Manor*
Weds 30 November	<i>Andrew, apostle &amp; martyr</i>
10am-Noon	Pandora's sorting & tidying
Noon	Central Canberra Deanery Meeting
Thursday 1 December	<i>Feria in Advent (World Aids Day)</i>
10am	<b>Eucharist</b>
Saturday 3 December	<i>Francis Xavier, priest &amp; missionary (d.1552)</i>
9am-1pm	Pandora's Festive Fashions
11am	<b>Eucharist</b> – Canberra Aged Care (Depending upon restrictions )
Sunday 4 December	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
8am	<b>Eucharist</b>
10am	<b>Eucharist with Hymns</b>
	<i>Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-21, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12</i>

See 'News' for more events this week.

### *Dates for your Diary*

Sunday 18 December	Nine Lessons & Carols 7pm
Saturday 24 December	Christmass Eve - Midnight Mass 11.30pm
Sunday 25 December	Christmass Day - Eucharist 9am
Sunday 1 January	New Year's Day

# Rosters

		<b>27-Nov-22</b>	<b>4-Dec-22</b>	<b>11-Dec-22</b>	
	Sunday of month	<b>4th</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	
	Liturgical Season	1st Sunday of Advent	2nd Sunday of Advent	3rd Sunday of Advent	
	Flowers	<i>no flowers for the season of Advent – the focus being on the Advent Wreath</i>	<i>no flowers for the season of Advent – the focus being on the Advent Wreath</i>	<i>no flowers for the season of Advent – the focus being on the Advent Wreath</i>	
<b>8am</b>	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Canon Scott	Rev'd Martin	<b>8am</b>
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				
	Sidespeople	Shane & Tim	Margaret & Russell	Alison & Alistair	
	Liturgical Assistant	Brian McK	Lisa C	Ellie P	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Shane W	Russell	Alistair D	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Shane W	Margaret M	Alison D	
<b>10am</b>	Celebrant	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	<b>10am</b>
	Preacher (if different to Celebrant)		Rev'd Canon Scott		
	Sidespeople & Welcomer	Fred A & Sally A	Katie C & Laura W	Helen & Hardy	
	Liturgical Assistant	Philippa W			
	Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist	Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
	1st Bible reader - OT	Fred A	Laura W	Rev'd Lyn P	
	2nd Bible reader - NT	Laura W	Richard G	Sarah B	
	Morning Tea	Helen P	Janene B	Katie C	
<i>Additional details/notes</i>					