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**Sunday 2 October 2022**  
*St Francis of Assisi, Friar & Preacher*  
*Patron Saint of Ecology*



The Green Man, a 14<sup>th</sup> century Roof Boss in Norwich Cathedral, England.

*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)

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.

### *From the Rector*

Dear Friends,

On Tuesday next the Church celebrates the life of St Francis of Assisi, a popular saint today largely because of his connection with the created order. I recall many years ago at a Synod in the Wangaratta Diocese the invited guest was Bishop George Browning, at that time Bishop of this Diocese. He spoke of the place of the Church in protecting the environment. I don't remember much of what he said other than he believed it to be our 'Core Business.' The question for us is, what is our place in the environmental movement? We are, after all, more than the Greens at prayer!

The protection of the environment is closely linked with issues of justice and therefore salvation. As we learnt last year in our study group, salvation is an issue that is heavily overlaid with culture. In our day we cannot speak of salvation without engaging with the created order and 'the reconciliation of all things.' Modern science has revealed to us the interconnectedness of everything, this is borne out in a careful reading of our sacred texts.

This is not new, many churches in Europe contain carvings of the Green Man a pre-Christian legendary being primarily interpreted as a symbol of rebirth, representing the cycle of new growth that occurs every Spring. The early Church adopted this icon and it stands today of a reminder of rebirth and renewal revealed in the created order and ultimately in the resurrection; as Paul reminds us in Christ *all things* are made new. I look forward to celebrating with you today as we pray for the renewal of our environment.

Every blessing, *Martin*

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### *Eucharist for St Francis of Assisi*

**Introit Hymn (10am)** 135 (TiS)

Where wide sky rolls down and touches red sand,  
where sun turns to gold the grass of the land,  
let spinifex, mulga and waterhole tell  
their joy in the One who made everything well.

Where rain-forest calm meets reef,  
tide and storm, where green things grow lush and oceans are warm,  
let every sea-creature and tropical bird  
exult in the light of the life-giving Word.

Where red gum and creek cross hillside and plain,  
where cool tree-ferns rise to welcome the rain,  
let bushland, farm, mountain-top, all of their days  
delight in the Spirit who formed them for praise.

Now, people of faith, come gather around  
with songs to be shared, for blessings abound!  
Australians, whatever your culture or race, come,  
lift up your hearts to the Giver of grace.

*Elizabeth J. Smith 1956-*

### **Entrance Antiphon**

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.**

*Psalm 24:1*

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.**

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.  
We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us.  
Lord have mercy.  
**Lord have mercy.**

We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.  
Christ have mercy.  
**Christ have mercy.**

We confess to you our failure to protect resources for others.  
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:  
Bountiful God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and give us the fruits of the earth in due season:  
give us grateful hearts  
that we may sincerely thank you  
for all your loving kindness  
and truly care for your creation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
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 Proverbs 8:22-31*

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

<sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

<sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

<sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—

<sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

<sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

<sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,

<sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,

<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

*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 letter of Paul to the Colossians 1:15-20*

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his

cross.

### **Gradual hymn (10am) 245 (TiS)**

We have a gospel to proclaim  
Good news for men in all the earth;  
The gospel of a Saviour's name:  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,  
Not in a royal house or hall  
But in a stable dark and dim:  
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,  
Hated by those He came to save;  
In lonely suffering on the cross  
For all He loved, His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
Empty the tomb, for He was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,  
By all creation glorified;  
He sends His Spirit on His Church  
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel message we proclaim:  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

*Edward Joseph Burns 1938-*

### **Gradual (8am)**

Alleluia,

**alleluia!**

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power,  
for you created all things.

*Revelation 4:11*

**Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 6:41-51*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.'<sup>42</sup>They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?'<sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves.<sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.<sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.<sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.<sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.<sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life.<sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.<sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.<sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

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, Deborah, Sue, Molly, Lynne 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 Raw Potential, the Outreach Workers as well as the disadvantaged young people they support. We pray that accommodation may be available for young people when they need it, and that they may have the confidence to accept the assistance that Raw Potential can provide. We pray that the Outreach Workers will be successful in making connections with disadvantaged young people so that they can help them to begin to turn their lives around. We pray that our contributions will have a positive impact on this important service.

We commend to God the recently departed, those whose anniversaries fall at this time Clive Lowes (2/10/2009), Lionel Holgate (5/10/2002), Ian Hall (5/10/2020), 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**

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Offertory Hymn (10am) 186 t.134 (TiS)**

Stars and planets flung in orbit,  
galaxies that swirl through space,  
powers hid within the atom,  
cells that form an infant's face:  
these, O God, in silence praise you;  
by your wisdom they are made.

Skies adorned with sunset splendour,  
silent peaks in calm repose,  
golden fields awaiting harvest,  
foaming surf and fragrant rose:  
earth, its bounty clothed with beauty,  
echoes all creation's praise.

Life in wondrous, wild profusion,  
seed and fruit, each flower and tree,  
beast and fish and swarming insect,

soaring bird, rejoicing, free:  
these, your creatures, join in chorus,  
praising you in wordless song.

Humankind, earth's deepest mystery,  
born of dust but touched by grace,  
torn apart by tongue and colour,  
yet a single, striving race:  
we, in whom you trace your image,  
add our words to nature's song.

Gracious God, we bring before you  
gifts of human life alone,  
truth that throbs through song and story,  
visions caught in paint and stone:  
these, O God, we gladly offer,  
gifts to praise the Giver's name.

Christ, the Word before creation  
as creation's final goal,  
once you came for earth's redemption;  
by your Spirit make earth whole:  
then, O God, the new creation  
will your praise for ever sing.

*Herman G. Stuempfle (1923-2007)*

### **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.**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God of all of Creation

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

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

Through him you have created us in your own image,  
and made us stewards of your good creation.

Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air,  
the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.

Through him you free us from the slavery of sin, giving him to die upon the cross  
and to rise again for our salvation.

Through him, you begin your work of new creation,  
as we look for a new heaven and a new earth in which your righteousness dwells.

Therefore, we join with angels and archangels,  
and give voice to every creature under heaven,  
for ever praising you and saying:

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

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.  
Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Philip, St Francis and all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom,

with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be 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.**

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**

**I am the living bread that came down from heaven.  
Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.**

*John 6:51*

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

Let us pray:

God our creator,

you give seed for us to sow and bread for us to eat:

as you have blessed the fruit of our labour in this Eucharist,

so we ask you to give all your children their daily bread,

that the world may praise you for your goodness;

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: 135 (TiS)**

*Refrain:*

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful -  
the Lord God made them all.*

The wildflowers in their beauty,  
the mountain ranges tall,  
the billabongs and rivers,  
and friendly birds that call, [Refrain]

The cold wind in the winter,  
the bright, life-giving sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden -  
he made them every one. [Refrain]

The coloured walls of gorges,  
the gum trees green and tall,

the rocks, and pools, and palm trees,  
the sparkling waterfall, [Refrain]

The many-coloured corals,  
the creatures of the sea,  
of bushland, field or desert,  
on farms, or roaming free, [Refrain]

He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty  
who has made all things well. [Refrain]

*Cecil Frances Alexander 1818-95 &  
Brian Black 1926-*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples, 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*

### **The earth is the LORD's... and the Lord is claiming it back**

*Is a successful dialogue between churches and politicians possible and what should it be based on? Can the European Green Deal inspire similar actions in other regions? What Christian values can contribute to the universal aspiration for a sustainable future?*

These questions were addressed at the workshop "Advocacy and political aspects of churches' engagement with climate change", held 6 September 2022 in the framework of the World Council of Churches' (WCC) 11th assembly in Karlsruhe.

Kess Niewerth, moderator of the Conference of European Churches working group on dialogue with European institutions said politicians in Europe are open and ready to listen the voices of the churches.

Niewerth, the Vice President of the Netherlands Council of Churches, referred to the European Green Deal as a positive development. In 2021, the European Union made climate neutrality legally binding in the European Union. The Green Deal is the roadmap for the EU to become climate-neutral by 2050.

Yet the "leaving no one behind in the transition to climate neutrality" demands that most vulnerable members of society, as well as regions and territories that are in the need of special consideration, be involved in decision-making, he said. On the other hand, the Green Deal is based upon the idea of growth, whereas the Christian perspective points at a different path: an economy which provides sufficiently for all and negates the idea of greed, he underscored.

Joy Kennedy, moderator of the WCC Working Group on Climate Change, said that politicians do not want to hear scientific claims from church people but arguments helping them to understand that the issue of climate change is not simply a political, social, economic or environmental, but a profound moral issue of who we believe we are, and how we act in relation to the planet, our home.

"In partnership with indigenous people we are called upon to create a new narrative of what it means being human in this world, in cooperation with people of other faiths and civil society", she said: "What is at stake is global survival and continuing with the same economic systems is not an option. Churches have significant assets, and it is time to put our money where our mouth is. We should divest from portfolios involved in fossil fuel industry and any other responsible for the climate crisis," said Kennedy.

Milena Solo, from the Methodist Church in Argentina, reminded participants that countries in the North and South face different realities when addressing climate change.

COP 25 ended amid serious North-South differences as developed countries did not want to discuss where the financing would come to help developing countries in their implementation of climate actions, she expressed.

She also referred to the increasing mobilization of youth finding their voice in demanding more climate action from decision-makers around the world, and how it has a positive impact on Argentinian youth too.

James Bhagwan, general secretary of the Pacific Conference of Churches, said there are strong reasons why churches must engage in the struggle for climate justice.

"Climate change makes the vulnerable more vulnerable. If we care for the poor, we must care for the climate. People from the Pacific hardly have a voice in climate summits. For every climate activist from the Pacific at the Glasgow summit, there were half a dozen lobbyists from the fossil fuel industry. Yet Jesus came to bring fullness of life to everyone, also to our people in the Pacific," he said.

He continued, "Economics is not the answer. The GDP is not the right indicator, as it veils the existence of huge social problems. Indicators should be the quality of life for everyone and for the environment. We need a major social and cultural shift."

"As we read in Psalm 24, the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. Today the Lord is claiming it back and calling churches to be prophetic in caring for God's creation, he said.

### **Canticle of Brother Sun and Sister Moon** *Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi*

Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord, All praise is Yours, all glory, all honour and all blessings. To you alone, Most High, do they belong, and no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your Name.

Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun,  
Who is the day through whom You give us light.  
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour,  
Of You Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,  
In the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair.  
Praised be You, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,  
And fair and stormy, all weather's moods,  
by which You cherish all that You have made.

Praised be You my Lord through Sister Water, so useful, humble, precious and pure.

Praised be You my Lord through Brother Fire,  
through whom You light the night and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You my Lord through our Sister, Mother Earth  
who sustains and governs us,  
producing varied fruits with coloured flowers and herbs.  
Praise be You my Lord through those who grant pardon for love of You  
and bear sickness and trial.

Blessed are those who endure in peace, By You Most High, they will be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord through Sister Death, from whom no-one living can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin! Blessed are they She finds doing Your Will.  
No second death can do them harm.

Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks, and serve Him with great humility.

## *News*

**World Mental Health Week is from 9-17 October.** Next Sunday (9 October) Leanne Beagley will speak to us about the mental health challenges that we face in our community and to let us know about the initiatives to raise awareness and advocate for better mental health for us all.

Check out this link for more information <https://lookafteryourmentalhealthaustralia.org.au/>

**Our Parish Planning Day will be held on Saturday 29 October at the Greenhills Conference Centre.** This day will give us the opportunity to air our thoughts and hopes, dreams even about St Philip's and how we would like the parish to develop. We also need to celebrate what we have – we have much to be thankful for. The Parish Council meets this week and more information will be available next Sunday – Watch this space!

This month we will begin a **Men's Group**, an opportunity to gather for sharing, fellowship, and Pastoral Care. The first meeting will be held in the Lamerton Centre from 10am to Noon on Tuesday 11 October. We can discuss how often we would like to meet and we would like the group to develop. Please put this date in your diary and encourage others to come along.

The ministry from **St John's Care** is increasingly important in what are difficult economic times for many. 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.

**Embracing Ministries sibling program: request for support** It is a tough gig for sisters or brothers of disabled family members. Special support is often required. Embracing Ministries (EM) is holistic in its care programs and its ministry activities. It supports the whole family including siblings and carers. This is why we are seeking support for siblings to attend Camp Pel in January next year.

EM's Siblings Program supports siblings of those who have complex intellectual, physical and medical needs. Many of our families face multiple challenges in their daily lives. For most they struggle financially to meet needs. For the vast majority affording even a brief time away is beyond their capacity. Help in providing a time at Camp Pel for children who attend our siblings program provides much needed support and assistance to the families it can often be transformatory.

We are appealing to Canberra churches and members to support:

17-20 Siblings attend Camp Pel @ a cost of \$100 per person

4 Leaders attend Camp Pel @ a cost of \$250 per person

The program provides siblings the opportunity for mutual friendship and support. Siblings aged 8-14 can participate in regular fun, recreation and social outings. We are seeking donations to support some of our most disadvantaged children who are siblings of kids with disability or receiving end of life care to attend a 4 day Camping trip in January 2022

We are counting on your support. We do hope that you will respond positively and provide financial assistance for one or more of our siblings or leaders to attend the camping trip in January next year. We will acknowledge your support.

Thank you in anticipation please make donations to  
Embracing Siblings

Anglican Investment Development Fund

BSB 702 389

Account number 0520 9841

I look forward to hearing from you soon, Many blessings, Andrea

Many thanks to all involved in last week's Spring Launch at **Pandora's**. A wonderful time was had by all - customers, volunteers and parishioners. The shop looked fantastic with lots of bright colours to welcome in the season! We raised approx. \$1,400 which will be donated to our various outreach and mission projects.

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

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Today               | <i>St Francis of Assisi, friar &amp; preacher (d.1226)</i> |
| 8am                 | <b>Eucharist</b>   |
| 10am                | <b>Eucharist with Hymns</b>                                |
| Tuesday 4 October   | <i>Feria</i>   |
| 2pm                 | <b>Eucharist</b> – Sir Leslie Morshead Manor               |
| 7pm                 | Parish Council   |
| Wednesday 5 October | <i>Feria</i>   |
| 10am-12noon         | Pandora's sorting & tidying                                |

Thursday 6 October  
10am  
10.30am

*William Tyndale, biblical scholar (d.1536)*

**Eucharist**

Funeral - Audrey St George RIP, Norwood Park

Saturday 8 October  
10am-1pm  
11am

*Feria*

Pandora's

**Eucharist** – Kankinya

Sunday 9 October  
8am  
10am

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Eucharist**

**Eucharist with Hymns**

*Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c, Psalm 111, 2 Timothy 2: 8-15, Luke 17:11-19*

## *Rosters*

|                                 |                                      | <b>2-Oct-22</b>             | <b>9-Oct-22</b>             | <b>16-Oct-22</b>                   |             |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                 | Sunday of month                      | <b>1st</b>                  | <b>2nd</b>                  | <b>3rd</b>                         |             |
|                                 | Liturgical Season                    | 17th Sunday after Pentecost | 18th Sunday after Pentecost | 19th Sunday after Pentecost        |             |
|                                 | Flowers                              | Flowers Team                | Flowers Team                | Flowers Team                       |             |
| <b>8am</b>                      | Celebrant                            | Rev'd Canon Scott           | Rev'd Martin                | Rev'd Martin                       | <b>8am</b>  |
|                                 | Preacher (if different to Celebrant) |                             |                             | Rev'd Canon Scott                  |             |
|                                 | Sidespeople                          | Margaret & Russell          | Alison & Alistair           | Rhonda & Susan                     |             |
|                                 | Liturgical Assistant                 | Lisa C                      | Ellie P                     | Rev'd Martin                       |             |
|                                 | 1st Bible reader - OT                | Russell M                   | Alistair D                  | Rebecca P                          |             |
|                                 | 2nd Bible reader - NT                | Margaret M                  | Alison D                    | Julianne S                         |             |
| <b>10am</b>                     | Celebrant                            | Rev'd Martin                | Rev'd Martin                | Rev'd Canon Scott                  | <b>10am</b> |
|                                 | Preacher (if different to Celebrant) | Rev'd Canon Scott           |                             |                                    |             |
|                                 | Sidespeople & Welcomer               | Fred A & Katie C            | Helen & Hardy               | Laura W, Jeannette McH & Richard G |             |
|                                 | Liturgical Assistant                 | Crucifer: Leighton M        | Rebecca K                   | Rev'd Martin                       |             |
|                                 | Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist        | Colin F                     | Colin F                     | Colin F                            |             |
|                                 | 1st Bible reader - OT                | Jos G                       | Kerry-Anne C                | Laura W                            |             |
|                                 | 2nd Bible reader - NT                | Richard G                   | Sarah B                     | <i>Volunteer</i>                   |             |
|                                 | Morning Tea                          | Katie C                     | Liz D                       | Ann M & Barbara G                  |             |
| <i>Additional details/notes</i> | <i>School Holidays</i>               | <i>School Holidays</i>      |                             |                                    |             |

## *Dates for your Diary*

Tuesday 11 October  
Sunday 23 October  
Saturday 29 October  
Sunday 6 November  
Sunday 13 November  
Sunday 20 November  
Sunday 27 November

Men's Group  
Anglicare Sunday  
Parish Planning Day - Greenhills Conference Centre  
All Saints  
Remembrance Sunday  
Christ the King  
Advent 1