

This week @ St Philip's

Sun	11:15/30am	Parish Consultation to inform Parish Profile
Mon	6pm–7pm	Pray for the Parish and Clergy Appointment Board
Tue	10am	Men's Group, Lamerton Centre
	2pm	Eucharist, Sir Leslie Morshead Manor, fortnightly
Wed	10am–noon	Pandora's preparation & sorting
Thu	10am	Mid-Week Eucharist, followed by morning tea
Sat	10am–1pm	Pandora's
	11am	Eucharist, Canberra Aged Care

Next Sunday

10 December	2nd Sunday of Month		
Liturgical Season	2nd Sunday of Advent		
Flowers	No flowers for the season of Advent		
Isaiah 40.1–11	Psalm 85.1–2, 8–13	2 Peter 3.8–15a	Mark 1.1–8
	8am		10am
Celebrant	Rev'd Emma		Rev'd Emma
Preacher if not Celebrant			
Liturgical Assistant	Ellie		
Sidespeople/Welcomers	Alison & Alistair		Helen & Hardy
AV Operator			
Musicians			Colin
Readers OT, NT	Alison, Alison		Jeanette D-T, Rev'd Lyn
Morning Tea			Janene
	https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/rosters/		

Calendar

Wed	13 Dec	7–9pm	Parish Council
Sat	16 Dec	10am–1pm	Christmas at Pandoras
Sun	17 Dec	6pm	Nine Lessons & Carols then supper in courtyard
Sun	24 Dec	8am	Eucharist
		10am	Eucharist
		11:30pm	Midnight Mass
Mon	25 Dec	9am	Christmas Day Festive Eucharist
	https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/calendar.php		



3 December 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Welcome to St Philip's

We are delighted you are here, especially visitors on the web!

We acknowledge the Ngambri and Ngunnawal people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we worship and pay our respects to their Elders past and present and emerging. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who worship with us.

Pewsheets. This pewsheets is available on our website. The QR code in the pews will direct you to the current edition.

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.

Offertory. St Philip's provides three ways for you to contribute. ♦ During the service we collect offerings from the congregation at the offertory time and place them on the altar. ♦ A self-serve Eftpos machine is available in the foyer. ♦ If you would like to make a direct transfer or support us through regular weekly transfers, St Philip's account is: 702-389 05202512. If you wish to place something in the offertory bag after giving electronically, giving cards are available in the foyer.

Today's Readings & Roster

Isaiah 64.1–9	Psalm 80.1–7, 17–19	1 Corinthians 1.1–9	Mark 13.24–37
8am	Celebrant Rev'd Scott, Sidespeople/Welcomers Margaret & Russell, LA Lisa, OT Margaret, NT Russell.		
10am	Celebrant (Rev'd Emma), Preacher (Rev'd Scott), Sidespeople/Welcomers Fred, Janene, OT Fred, NT Laura, M'Tea Barbara.		

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Please send notices and prayer points by Thursday 6pm to pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au

The editors may need to edit contributions to fit.

From the Rector

Dear friends,

Happy New Year!

With the first Sunday of Advent, our traditional calendar of seasonal worship begins again. These seasons are all about remembering, reflecting and appreciating God's work in the world. With each repeated journey through familiar texts, the nature of God, and what a believer is and does, is revealed a little more widely and deeply for each of us. Hopefully also to those around us.

This structured cycle of worship helps keep us looking upward and outward to the source of our hope amidst the cares and concerns of worldly occupations and challenges. Having a new-year mindset for a month before Christmas Day elevates that day as an extension of the celebration, rather than a weary bookend to the secular work year it can easily become. At the end of a long year, Mark's Gospel message reminds us to wake up! shake off our weariness and grasp the good news of Jesus Christ with the wonder and passion of those first disciples.

As we fondly and sadly farewell Revd. Martin Johnson to begin his new season, I look forward to my new season journeying with you through Advent and into a new season for this Parish.

Revd. Emma Street

News & Notices

Rector appointment process

Following the Parish Consultation on 3 December, Alison, Chris and Sarah are available in December and January to listen further to your thoughts on the strengths and weaknesses of the parish, your hopes for the parish and what characteristics you would like in a new rector. Thank you for your prayers and please speak with us after a Sunday service, call or email us or arrange a time for a chat over coffee. Our contact details are in the Parish Directory.

Pandoras

Pandoras Fashion Parade, part of the annual ACT Garage Sale, was a great community and recycling success. The generous amount raised will go to St. John's Care Christmas appeal and Christmas vouchers for a local Women's Refuge. Come along, enjoy the fun and support Pandoras Christmas Festivities on 16 December 10am-1pm.

Advent Calendar

The 2023 St Philip's Advent calendar is on our website with Bible readings, art, music, poetry and a prayer for each day in Advent. Thanks to Brian for putting this together!

2024 Australian Anglican Church calendar

The calendar is available for purchase. Details are on the porch notice board.

Anglican News

The latest Anglican News is available at <http://anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/anglican-news/>. You can email contributions to: anglicannews@anglicancg.org.au.

St John's Care

St John's Care are in need of quality bedding: linen, doonas, or blankets in good clean condition, they are also in need of pet food which is very much in demand. Donations are also now being sought for Christmas. Food Items... cereal, fruit cups, school lunch snacks, jam, sardines.

Locking-up Reminder

If you are the last to leave, please ensure all church buildings and toilets are locked.

International Volunteer Day – 5 Dec 2023

University of Sydney experts have identified 5 feel good benefits of volunteering. 1) It provides a sense of belonging. 2) It can improve your physical health. 3) Generosity leads to greater happiness. 4) You could lift the mood of people around you. 5) It increases your sense of satisfaction with life. To volunteer as a reader, sidesperson, welcomer, audio-visual operator, on flower team, on morning tea or another role on the Roster, please email Leighton at rosters@stphilipsoconnor.org.au.

Prayers of the People

In our prayers we remember all in need, particularly: Ann John Adrian Grace Margot, Ben, Hugh, David, Otto, Bob, Noel, Deborah, Sue, Molly, Ian, Katherine, Matt, Wendy, David & Margot, those unable to gather with us, those in hospital or care.

We commend to God the recently departed, those whose year's mind falls at this time: Peter Blaseotto (10/12/2003) and Robert Fletcher (10/12/2018), the victims of war, terrorism, disease and tragedy, those whose memories are dear to us and those remembered only by God.

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We are in a time of transition in our Parish Community. This inevitably brings uncertainties. We need to bring our concerns and hopes to God in our prayers for— Martin & Susan and their future life and ministry, Parish Council, ongoing Parish consultation, Parish CAB and their Diocesan counterparts, and Bishop Mark upon whom rests the final decision. Please hold the Parish and all involved in its mission and ministry in your thoughts and prayers at this time. Consider adding an e-reminder on your device.