

## This week @ St Philip's

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
	7–9pm	Parish Council
Thu	10am	Mid-Week Eucharist, followed by morning tea
Sat	10am–1pm	Christmas at Pandora's
	11am	Eucharist, Canberra Aged Care

## Next Sunday

17 December	3rd Sunday of Month
Liturgical Season	3rd Sunday of Advent
Flowers	No flowers for the season of Advent
Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11; Psalm 126 or Song of Mary (APBA, p. 31); 1 Thessalonians 5.12-28; John 1.6-8, 19-28	

	8am	10am
Celebrant	Rev'd Emma	Rev'd Scott
Preacher if not Celebrant	Rev'd Scott	
Liturgical Assistant		Rev'd Emma
Sidespeople/Welcomers	Rhonda & helper	Jeannette M, Laura W
AV Operator		
Musicians		Colin
Readers OT, NT	Rebecca P, Julianne S	Jos G, Liz D
Morning Tea		Liz D & Ann M
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## Calendar

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
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**St Philip's**  
*Come & See*

# 10 December 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

Today: 8am Eucharist, 9am breakfast, 10am Eucharist, 11am morning tea

## 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 40.1–11 Psalm 85.1–2, 8–13 2 Peter 3.8–15a Mark 1.1–8

8am Celebrant & Preacher Rev'd Emma, Sidespeople/Welcomers Alison & Alistair, LA Ellie, OT Alison NT Alison, breakfast Davidsons.

10am Celebrant & Preacher Rev'd Emma, LA Rebecca K, Sidespeople/Welcomers Helen & Hardy, OT Jeanette D-T, NT Rev'd Lyn, Morning tea Janene.

## St Philip's Anglican Church O'Connor

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Please send notices and prayer points by Thursday 6pm to [pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au](mailto:pewsheets@stphilipsoconnor.org.au)  
The editors may need to edit contributions to fit.

## From the Locum Rector

Dear Friends,

We begin our second week of Advent in the first chapter of Mark's Gospel with John the Baptist preparing the way.

There was something about John which brought crowds of people flocking to him. Something about his urgency and his purpose, and perhaps something in their longing for an answer which drew them to him. John was keen to point out that he was just the forerunner, the bringer of a message. The one they are waiting for is yet to come and his significance beyond understanding.

In Advent, we focus on our collective longing as a church waiting for Jesus to return. This annual season of waiting is one of many Advent seasons across the span of our lives, and many many more across the millennia of a waiting church. In this longer Advent each of us is a forerunner, called to bring the same message as John, carrying forward the faith we celebrate in the second Advent candle. John's urgency offers a reminder of the responsibility of faith.

Is there something in your own urgency and purpose drawing those around you towards the good news of the story of Jesus this Christmas?

Rev Emma Street

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## News & Notices

### Rev Emma's Availability

Emma can be contacted any time and is happy to meet Wednesday to Friday and Sunday. Meetings and home communion can be arranged for these days. Monday–Tuesday access to phone/email is limited. Saturday is a family day. Non-urgent messages will be followed up as able.

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### Rector appointment process

Thank you to those who participated in the Parish Consultation. We received lots of useful input. We are available to listen further to Parishioners' thoughts on strengths, weaknesses and hopes for the Parish, and characteristics you would like in a rector. Please speak with us after a service, or call or email us. Please direct any queries about the appointment process to Archdeacon Paul Cohen 0407 110 309 or [paulcfrom-stsimons@yahoo.com.au](mailto:paulcfrom-stsimons@yahoo.com.au). Alison, Chris and Sarah

Please continue to pray for the 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.

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### Church Lawn Mowing

Our regular gardening maintenance person is away until mid-January. Bob and I are planning to mow the nature strip and front garden of the Church on Friday morning 15 December. We would welcome any offers of assistance as we prepare for Christmas. If you are able to mow a portion of the grounds at a time which is more convenient to you, please feel free to do so. For further information, please contact Russell.

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### Volunteering at St Philip's

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](mailto:rosters@stphilipsoconnor.org.au).

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### 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!

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### 2024 Australian Anglican Church calendar

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

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### 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](mailto:anglicannews@anglicancg.org.au).

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### 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.

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### Help with Christmas Presents

Embracing Ministries needs help to pack and deliver Christmas presents to families with special needs children across Canberra, 10am 19 Dec at St Simon's Kaleen. If you can help, please contact Brianna [embracingministries@gmail.com](mailto:embracingministries@gmail.com) or Andrea 0404 256 714.

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### Locking-up Reminder

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

## 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.