

## Prayers of the People

In our prayers we remember all in need, particularly: Brian, Ann & John, David & Margot, and David, and 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: Norma Reynolds (28/12/2000) and Philida Sturgiss-Hoy (30/12/2022), the victims of war, terrorism, disease and tragedy, those whose memories are dear to us and those remembered only by God.

## This week @ St Philip's

Thu 10am Mid-Week Eucharist, followed by morning tea

## Next Sunday

7 January 1st Sunday of Month  
Liturgical Season Baptism of our Lord – First Sunday after Epiphany  
Flowers Flowers Team  
Genesis 1.1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11

|                           | 8am                | 10am              |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Celebrant                 | Rev'd Scott        | Rev'd Emma        |
| Preacher if not Celebrant |                    | Rev'd Scott       |
| Liturgical Assistant      | Lisa               |                   |
| Sidespeople/Welcomers     | Margaret & Russell | Fred A & Janene B |
| AV Operator               |                    |                   |
| Musicians                 |                    | Alison            |
| Readers OT, NT            | Russell, Margaret  | Ann M, Fred A     |
| Morning Tea               |                    | Self Serve        |

<https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/rosters/>

## Calendar

|     |        |         |                                 |
|-----|--------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Wed | 10 Jan | 7pm     | Parish Council planning meeting |
| Sat | 13 Jan | 11am    | Canberra Aged Care service      |
| Fri | 2 Feb  |         | AGM reports due to comeandsee@  |
| Sun | 24 Feb | 11:15am | Parish AGM                      |

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

# 31 December 2023

First Sunday after Christmas

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 pewsheet 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 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

8am Celebrant Rev'd Emma

10am Celebrant Rev'd Emma, Music Colin F, Morning tea self-serve

## 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

The Christmas feast is over, decorations are quickly disappearing, and the hot cross buns are already for sale. After that lingering Advent aka Christmas party season, the world quickly moves on from Christmas.

As we mark this epiphany Sunday let us faithful linger on the vision of that star, and 'ponder in our hearts' the significance of the birth of Christ.

At Epiphany, we think of those wise men following a light. A long and dangerous journey they undertook with some urgency. When they finally found Jesus and entered the place where he was, they fell down to worship him with gifts fit for a prophet, priest, and king. The same light shone on Paul and drew him away from his old life, giving him a new wisdom to understand and preach the Gospel.

That same light shines on us and makes us wise men and women. As believers we carry that important commission to carry the light of that star into the world. Do we not retrace every step of this birth story each year of our lives, to look at that star and that baby and be 'overwhelmed with Joy' all over again?

PS: Don't pick on the hot cross buns, what a blessing that this generation wants more reminders of the cross.

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. 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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### Thursday Communion

There will be no Thursday morning service between Christmas and New Year on 28 December. Services will resume Thursday 4 January.

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### Men's Group

The Men's Group will now be in recess until the New Year. The first gathering will be Tuesday 6th February 2024.

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### Canberra Aged Care Service

Following the Christmas Service on Saturday 23rd December, the Canberra Aged Care Service will be on a 2 week break. The Saturday 11am services will resume at Canberra Aged Care on Saturday 13th January, 2024.

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### Parish Calendar

We are creating a single calendar for use of the church and facilities. Can all with bookings please email the locum (rector@stphilipsoconnor.org.au) to make sure it is recorded.

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### Church Lawns

Our regular gardening maintenance person is visiting family in England and will not return until mid-January next year. If you are able to mow a portion of the grounds or rectory at a time which is 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. Help filling vacancies on the 5th Sunday of a month (4 times a year) would be much appreciated.

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### St John's Care

Goods in short supply are: UHT Full Cream 1 litre milk, Jam/Honey/Vegemite, Cereal, Tinned Fruit, Cooking Oil, Canned Tuna, School Snacks, 1kg Rice, Tinned Chunky Soups, Pasta Sauce, Toothpaste, Shampoo & Conditioner, Washing Powder, Dishwashing Liquid.

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### Locking-up Reminder

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

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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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### 2024 Australian Anglican Church calendar

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