



Lord, I love the house of your habitation: and the place where your glory dwells.
Psalm 26

The fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

3 September 2023

Welcome to St Philip's

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.

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 with more news and reflections 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' our gifts are brought forward, an opportunity for you to make your contribution. A self-serve EFTPOS machine is available in the foyer. St Philip's EFT details are also available if you would like to make a direct transfer or support us through a regular 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.

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St Philips O'Connor, ACT



From the Rector

Dear Friends

First, many thanks to the Clergy, Wardens and many others who 'Minded the shop(!)' while Susan and I enjoyed a break. We return to a busy week, culminating in the sitting of the Diocesan Synod and look forward to catching up with many of you.

Looking at my diary, my newspaper and the growing list of events, people and situations for my prayers, there is almost a danger of feeling overwhelmed. As I have said before it is a time above all when we need to remain faithful to our spiritual, sacramental and prayer lives. These will sustain us and we can find in them great comfort and hope, should we engage in them fully.

Nothing else to report, I need to get back into the swing of things again!

Every blessing to you all, *Martin*

Eucharist for the fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Introit Hymn 351 (TiS) (10am)

Refrain:

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of him who died. *Refrain*

From north and south, from east and west they raise
in growing unison their song of praise; *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
draw all to you, let all the nations see; *Refrain*

From farthest realms let them homage bring,
and on the cross adore their saviour king; *Refrain*

Michael Robert Newbolt 1874-1956

Entrance Antiphon

If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him.

Matthew 16:2

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.**

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,
welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive our sins:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:
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

**Gloria 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 righthand 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:

O God, whose Son has shown the way of the cross
to be the way of life:

transform and renew our minds

that we may not be conformed to this world

but may offer ourselves wholly

to you as a living sacrifice,

through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah (15:15-21)

O Lord, you know;

remember me and visit me,

and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore, thus says the Lord:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.
For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26:1-8

Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity:
I have trusted in the Lord and not wavered.

**Put me to the test, O Lord, and prove me:
try my mind and my heart.**

For your steadfast love has been ever before my eyes:
and I have walked in your truth.

**I have not sat with deceivers:
nor consorted with the hypocrites;**

I hate the assembly of the wicked:
I will not sit with the ungodly.

**I wash my hands in innocence, O Lord:
that I may go about your altar,**

And lift up the voice of thanksgiving:
to tell of all your marvellous works.

**Lord, I love the house of your habitation:
and the place where your glory dwells.**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (12:9-21)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate

with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.'²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn 245(TiS) (10am)

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout 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!

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth.

Jeremiah:15:19

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (16:21-28)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.'²³But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay

everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

For the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

**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 all in need, particularly: Ben, Hugh, Sarah, David, Otto, Bob, Noel, Deborah, Sue, Molly, 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: Susan Joy Nevile *deacon* (2018), Beryl Collins (8/9/2006), Athol Barratt (9/8/2004), the victims of war, disease and tragedy, those whose memories are dear to us and those remembered only by God

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of Peace

Offertory Hymn 599(ii)(TiS) (10am)

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
nothing, Lord, would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love: my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal 1836-79

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you bring forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you create the fruit of the vine.

Blessed be God for ever.

God our sustainer,
receive the gifts we bring before you,
and feed us continually with that bread
which satisfies all hunger,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The 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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,

he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
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.**

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.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

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.

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.

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

**Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and
the delight of my heart.**

Jeremiah 15:16

The sending out of God's people

Let us pray:

Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament you assure us of your goodness and love.

Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and help us to grow in love and obedience that we
may serve you in the world and finally be brought to that table where all your saints feast with you
for ever. 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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge
and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;

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.

Recessional hymn 595(TiS) (10am)

O Jesus, I have promised

to serve you to the end;

Lord, be for ever near me,

my master and my friend:

I shall not fear the battle

if you are by my side,

nor wander from the pathway

if you will be my guide.

Still let me feel you near me;

the world is ever near;

I see the sights that dazzle

and tempting sounds I hear;

my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw me nearer
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
Lord, speak to reassure me,
to chasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
true guardian of my soul.

Lord, let me see your footmarks
and in them plant my own;
that I may follow boldly
and in your strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my friend.

John Ernest Bode 1816-74

News

On Friday this week this year's sitting of the **Diocesan Synod** begins. We are indebted to our Synod representatives Alison Davidson, Ashton Robinson and Ann Munro, for their willingness to represent us. We look forward to hearing news from the Synod.

On Saturday next - 9 September the Broad Church Network is hosting a TED styled event at the Labor Club in Belconnen titled: **Do generous Christians have a future?**

The coordinators of the Network write....

This uncomfortable question has emerged at a time when sectarian groups are exerting their influence in all parts of the church across every denomination. This dinner is an opportunity for people to connect and discuss the development of a theologically generous Church for tomorrow's Australia.

The Broad Church Network is a Canberra based group that participates in God's mission by encouraging generous spirits, effective hands and abundant hearts.

The dinner is open to everyone, not just Synod members. We are holding the event at this time because it seemed a natural moment for people to gather and think about the kind of Church they want to live in.

To register: <https://events.humanitix.com/broad-church-network-synod-dinner-2023>

We hope you might consider coming and sharing this invitation with your friends.

The Rev'd Dr Wayne Brighton & The Rev'd Lynda McMinn
Coordinators for the **Broad Church Network** broadchurchnetwork@gmail.com

Many thanks for your ongoing support of **St John's Care**, demand is high at present. The following items are being requested for the pantry: Cup a soup, UHT full cream milk, powdered milk, sanitary items, children's toothbrushes and toothpaste. The website: <https://www.stjohnscare.org.au/> provides more information on how we can help. Pandora's is continuing to support this important community outreach and we have been joined in our endeavours by the St Philip's Kinder.

The shipping container in the church car park is for temporary storage while work is undertaken in the Kinder to remedy the damage caused by Termite infestation. (It is not a bedroom for the Rector!)

Reflection

An important part of this morning's passage from Matthew's Gospel is Jesus' instruction for Peter to "get behind" him. Jesus wants none of Peter's objections, declaring "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me." Jesus tells Peter to stop thinking only about their friendship and the success of their mission. God's plans are bigger than anything we can imagine. In a sense, Jesus is reminding

Peter that it's the disciple's job to *follow the teacher*. Peter has tried to take on the role of the teacher, dictating to Jesus what can and can't happen. By doing this, Peter "the Rock" has become a *satan*, a "stumbling stone" along the way that Jesus is leading his disciples. We know that that path of discipleship becomes the way of the Cross. But, we also know that the Way of the Cross leads into a garden and an empty tomb.

Peter could never have imagined any of this, however. In the passage we hear this Sunday, Peter simply hears his friend and teacher predicting that something horrible is going to happen. It makes perfect sense that he would try to prevent anything from happening to Jesus

But what comes next is very important. Jesus reminds Peter—and us—that it isn't only his journey. Jesus tells us exactly what is expected of anyone who is going to continue to journey with him: We must deny our own preferences and agendas and imitate him. They are hard words, but their meaning is unmistakable.

Gospel means "Good News" and, although it might not seem like it, even passages like the one we hear this Sunday are good news for us because as we accept the demands of discipleship we are being reminded that we aren't traveling alone. We aren't being asked to forge a new path to God because that work has been done by the One whom we follow and who reminds us by His own life that the darkness of Good Friday is followed by the bright light of Easter morning.

Brother Silas Henderson
Society of the Divine Saviour (the Salvatorians)

This week @ St Philip's

Today	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8am	Eucharist
9am	Parish Breakfast
10am	Eucharist with hymns (followed by morning tea)
Tuesday 5 September	Feria
10am-Noon	Men's Group
2pm	Eucharist – Sir Leslie Morshead Manor
Wednesday 6 September	Feria
10am-Noon	Pandora's Preparation
Thursday 7 September	Feria
10am	Eucharist (followed by morning tea)
Friday 8 September	Nativity of the blessed Virgin Mary
4pm-7.30pm	Diocesan Synod commences
Saturday 9 September	Feria
8.30am-6pm	Diocesan Synod @ CGS
10am-1pm	Pandora's OPEN
11am	Morning Prayer - Canberra Aged Care
Sunday 10 September	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8am	Eucharist
9am	Parish Breakfast
9.45am-4pm	Diocesan Synod concludes
10am	Eucharist with hymns (followed by morning tea)
Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:1-10, Matthew 18:10-20	

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 13 Sept	7pm	Parish Council
Sunday 1 October		ANU Choral Society concert @ St Philip's

Rosters

		3-Sep-23	10-Sep-23	17-Sep-23	
Sunday of Month		1st	2nd	3rd	
Liturgical Season		14th Sunday after Pentecost	15th Sunday after Pentecost	16th Sunday after Pentecost	
Flowers		Flower team	Flower team	Flower team	
Celebrant		Rev'd Scott	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)				Rev'd Scott	
Sidespeople		Margaret & Russell	Alison & Alistair	Rhonda & Susan	
Liturgical Assistant	8am	Susan J (server)	Ellie P (Liturgical assistant)		8am
Audio Visual Operator					
1st Bible reader - OT		Russell M	Alison D	Julianne S	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Margaret M	Alistair D	Rebecca P	
Celebrant		Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Scott	
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)		Rev'd Scott			
Sidespeople & Welcomer		Fred A & Janene B	Helen & Hardy	Jeannette M, Laura W	
Liturgical Assistant	10am	Leighton (crucifer)	Rebecca K (Lit assistant)	Rev'd Martin (Lit assistant)	10am
Audio Visual Operator					
Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist		Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
1st Bible reader - OT		Colin D	Fred A	Jeanette D-T	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Kerry-Anne C	Laura W	Liz D	
Morning Tea		Barbara G	Janene B	Liz D & Ann M	
<i>Additional details/notes</i>					