



The Red Vineyards. Vincent van Gogh, Arles 1888.

It depicts workers in a vineyard, and it is the only painting known by name that Van Gogh sold in his lifetime.

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

24 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.

To volunteer as a reader, sidesperson, welcomer or another role on the Roster then please email rosters@stphilipsoconnor.org.au



From the Rector

Dear Friends

With Spring upon us it is an increasingly busy time in the parish. Over the next week the Kinder will be closed and work commenced on remediating the damage caused by termite infestation in the floor of the hall. I hope that the disruption will be minimal, but please take care if you are moving around the Courtyard during the week.

Next Sunday morning we will set aside the Lectionary and celebrate the feast of St Francis of Assisi. Best known as the friar and founder of the Franciscans, in 1979, Pope John Paul II declared St Francis the Patron Saint of Ecology. In the document declaring this patronage he wrote: "It is my hope that the inspiration of St Francis will help us to keep ever alive a sense of 'fraternity' with all those good and beautiful things which Almighty God has created." I look forward to celebrating with you as we pray for the preservation of the environment that sustains us all, we look forward to hearing a rendition of St Francis' Canticle of the Sun.

Also next Sunday the ANU Choral Society will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary with a Concert at 6pm at St Philip's, we look forward to welcoming the choir and their director Matthew Stuckings.

I am away from the Parish this weekend as I complete a course of training on Pastoral Counselling. Many thanks to Canon Scott for presiding and preaching this Sunday.

Nomination forms are now available in the foyer for those wishing to nominate as a member of the Clergy Appointments Board. A Special General Meeting of the Parish will be held at 11.15am on Sunday 15 October to elect a new CAB member. Please consider this important role as the parish moves into another phase of its life and witness. Thank you.

Every blessing to you all, *Martin*

Eucharist for the seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Introit Hymn 627 (TIS) (10am)

Praise and thanksgiving,
Father, we offer,
For all things living
You have made good;
Harvest of sown fields,
Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields,
blossom and wood.

Lord, bless the labour
We bring to serve you,
That with our neighbour
we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
We would work with you;
Harvesting, milling,
For daily bread.

Father, providing
Food for your children,
Your wisdom guiding
Teaches us share
One with another,
So that, rejoicing
With us, our brother
May know your care.

Then will your blessing
Reach every people;
Each one confessing
Your gracious hand.
When you are reigning
No one will hunger:
Your love sustaining
Fruitful the land.

Albert Frederick Bayly 1901-84

Entrance Antiphon

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8-9

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.**

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought,
word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 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:

Loving and righteous God, your boundless generosity exceeds all we can desire or deserve,
and you give to the last worker all you promised to the first:
liberate us from jealousy and greed that we may be free to love and serve others,
and in your service may find our true reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

A reading from the book of Jonah (3:10-4:11)

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

¹But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' ⁴And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

⁹ But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' ¹⁰Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 135:1-8

I will exalt you, O God my king:

I will bless your name for ever and ever.

**Every day will I bless you:
and praise your name for ever and ever.**

Great is the Lord, and wonderfully worthy to be praised:
his greatness is past searching out.

**One generation shall praise your works to another:
and declare your mighty acts.**

As for me, I will be talking
of the glorious splendour of your majesty:

I will tell the story of your marvellous works.

**All people shall recount the power of your terrible deeds:
and I will proclaim your greatness.**

Their lips shall flow with the remembrance
of your abundant goodness:

they shall shout for joy at your righteousness.

**The Lord is gracious and compassionate:
slow to anger and of great goodness.**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (1:21-30)

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn 427(TiS) (10am)

Lord, your word abiding,
and our footsteps guiding,
gives us joy for ever,
binds us all together.

Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure,
by your word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving
nourishment for living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.

O that we, discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear you,
evermore be near you.

Henry Williams Baker 1821-77

Gradual (8am)

Alleluia,

Alleluia!

As for me, I will be talking of the glorious splendour of your majesty:
I will tell the story of your marvellous works.

Psalm 135:5

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (20:1-16)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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 especially Elizabeth Harding, those whose year's mind falls at this time: Lawrie Keast (24/9/1990), Sandra Boddington (28/9/2020), Robert Dixon (29/9/1989), Coralie Sawyer (29/9/1991); the victims of war, disease and tragedy, those whose memories are dear to us and those remembered only by God.

Prayer for our Parish:

Bountiful God, give to this parish, a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfill our calling.

Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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 See screen (tune 413)(TiS) (10am)

Holy Spirit, living water,
flow in us and set us free.

Cleanse our unbelief and sorrow,
wash our eyes and make us see.

Holy Spirit, come as wind and
blow the dust of death away.
Breathe the gift of life into us,
lighten hearts to laugh and play.

Holy Spirit, rushing fire,
burn with truth and justice here.
Catch our minds alight with passion,
perfect love that casts out fear.

Holy Spirit, come in silence,

wordlessly to heal and bless.
Be the heart that prays within us,
fill the void with tenderness.

Holy Spirit, blessed Wisdom,
teach us all of God's delight.
Offer us the wine of grace and
make us children of the Light.

Elizabeth J. Smith 1956 -

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.

Father, accept all we bring before you this day.
Guide us with your love and feed us at your table
as you nourish the faith of the Church
by the preaching of your apostles.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Holy God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that we who eat and drink them
in obedience to our Saviour Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,

may be partakers of his body and blood,
and be one with him and with each other
in peace and love.

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.'

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

As we eat and drink this holy sacrament renew us by your Holy Spirit
that we may be united in the body of your Son,
and serve you as a royal priesthood in the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Receive our praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you 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

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.

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.

Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

Communion Antiphon

So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Matthew 20:16

The sending out of God's people

Let us pray: Living God, in this holy meal you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, give us courage for our pilgrimage, and bring us to the joys you promise.

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 to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen..

Recessional hymn 168(TiS) (10am)

For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts of every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Frederick Pratt Green 1903-2000

News

Update on Rector appointment processes. The process for appointing a Locum has begun. As requested by Bishop Mark, Archdeacon Paul Cohen contacted the Chair of Parish Council to make arrangements for Parish involvement in this process. Our Clergy Appointment Board members, wardens and Chair expect to meet with Paul in the near future to discuss making an appointment.

The first step in the process for appointing a permanent Rector is Parish consultation. Paul will chair a meeting for all Parishioners, which is likely to be in early December after one of the 10am

services. The purpose of the meeting is to elicit ideas about your hopes for the Parish and what characteristics you would like in a new Rector. These ideas will feed into the preparation of a broader profile of the Parish to inform interested clergy.

Maurice Nevile welcomes you to see his work in the exhibition *We Need to Talk*, at the Belconnen Arts Centre, close to Belconnen Mall, for the next two weeks. The work explores resilience, courage, and creativity, through experiences of death, loss, and grief, and beyond to hope and new life. It's called 'she gives us flowers', and features prints of 21 watercolour paintings by his late wife Susan Joy, completed in her last months of terminal illness, after a chance opportunity for hospital art therapy. They capture flowers, trees, and landscapes, or just play with colour (as she worded it). Maurice combines each painting with a haiku he wrote in the years after she died. You can see details on the exhibition at <https://www.belcoarts.com.au/we-need-t-talk/>.

NOTE: The exhibition closes soon, on 8 October.

St John's Reid is hosting a celebration on Friday 29 September at 7pm. The Forgotten Hymns! It's a Christian praise concert exploring rare and beautiful old hymns, set to contemporary music. Inspiring music that helps us dwell on God's love and gospel. For more information call St John's

All Saints Ainslie is hosting two Quiet Days on Saturday 7 & 14 October. The days will be led by Bishop John Stead under the title 'How is St Francis' ministry relevant to the Church today?' There is a poster in the foyer with details on how to register.

Brooke Prentice, who is an Aboriginal Christian Leader, will also lead a discussion at Burgmann College Chapel at ANU on Thursday 19 October at 7.30pm. This event is being sponsored by the ANU Chaplaincy Board. Brooke will be reflecting on the Voice Referendum which will have just taken place.

Care for Creation: Listening to First Nations and Celtic Voices

Iona Community Leader, Rev. Ruth Harvey is engaging in a listening pilgrimage around Australia and engaging in dialogue on the topic of caring for Creation. The Canberra leg of the Pilgrimage will include an event at The Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture on 20 October. Ruth Harvey will be joined by Brooke Prentis and Canberra First Nations Friends. This is a free event but bookings are essential. To secure a place, book through Humanitix here: <https://events.humanitix.com/the-spirituality-of-care-for-creation>
For enquiries please email: marjoriehouston33@gmail.com

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: Coffee jars, Hot chocolate, Tinned Tuna 425g, Tuna Bake Sauce, Tinned Fruit 800g, Tea bags.

Christmas Presents: Gift cards for teens, Lego, Sports Equipment, Dolls, Figurines, Board games, Arts & Crafts

This week @ St Philip's

Today

8am

9am

10am

Tuesday 26 September

2pm

Wednesday 27 September

10am-Noon

Thursday 28 September

10am

Friday 29 September

Noon

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Eucharist

Parish Breakfast

Eucharist and hymns (followed by morning tea)

Lancelot Andrewes, bishop of Winchester (d.1626)

Eucharist – Sir Leslie Morshead Manor

Vincent de Paul, priest & worker with the poor (d.1660)

Pandora's Preparation and sorting

Feria

Eucharist (followed by morning tea)

Michael & All Angels

Funeral – Norwood Park, Elizabeth Harding RIP

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Saturday 30 September
10am-1pm
11am

Jerome, priest & biblical scholar
Pandora's – Winter Clearance
Eucharist - Canberra Aged Care

Sunday 1 October
8am
9am
10am

Francis of Assisi, friar & preacher
Eucharist
Parish Breakfast
Eucharist and hymns (followed by morning tea)
ANU Choral Society @ St Philip's

Rosters

		24-Sep-23	1-Oct-23	8-Oct-23	
Sunday of Month		4th	1st	2nd	
Liturgical Season		17th Sunday after Pentecost	18th Sunday after Pentecost	19th Sunday after Pentecost	
Flowers		Flower team	Susan J	Barbara G	
Celebrant		Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Scott	Rev'd Martin	
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)					
Sidespeople		Shane & Tim	Margaret & Russell	Alison & Alistair	
Liturgical Assistant	8am	Brian M (Lit assistant)	Susan J (server)	Ellie P (Liturgical assistant)	8am
Audio Visual Operator			?	?	
1st Bible reader - OT		Shane W	Margaret M	Alistair D	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Shane W	Russell M	Alison D	
Celebrant		Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	Rev'd Martin	
Preacher (if different to Celebrant)			Rev'd Scott		
Sidespeople & Welcomer		Sally A & Richard G	Fred A & Janene B	Helen & Hardy	
Liturgical Assistant	10am	Leighton (crucifer)	?	Rebecca K (Lit assistant)	10am
Audio Visual Operator			?	?	
Musician(s) & Singers/Soloist		Colin F	Colin F	Colin F	
1st Bible reader - OT		Jos G	Liz D	Richard G	
2nd Bible reader - NT		Lyn P	Fred A	Jeanette D-T	
Morning Tea		Helen P	Barbara G	Janene B	
<i>Additional details/notes</i>		<i>School holidays</i>	<i>School holidays</i>	<i>School holidays</i>	

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 11 October	7pm	Parish Council
Sunday 15 October	11.15am	Special General Meeting
Sunday 12 November		Remembrance Sunday
Saturday 25 November		St Philip's Advent Dinner and Rev'd Martin & Susan's farewell
Sunday 26 November		Rev'd Martin's final services @ St Philip's