



St Philip's
Come & See

07 January 2024

Baptism of The Lord

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

Genesis 1.1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11

8am Celebrant Canon Scott, Sidespeople/Welcomers Margaret & Russell, LA Lisa, OT Russell, NT Margaret

10am Celebrant Rev'd Emma, Preacher Canon Scott, Sidespeople/Welcomers Fred A & Janene B, Music Colin F, OT Ann M, NT Fred A, 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

The editors may need to edit contributions to fit.

From the Locum Rector

Dear Friends,

This week I have been focussing on Ecclesiastes “For everything there is a season”. This text brings into focus that there is a time for everything. As we emerge from the Christmas/holiday season, the time is upon us to put those ‘after Christmas’ plans in to action.

What a good time of year to focus on the Baptism of the Lord with Baptism representing a beginning, a new life in Christ. Jesus’ baptism heralds the beginning of the active phase in his mission. As he approached John, and as he was submerged under the water, Jesus knew where he was heading and what it would take to get there.

As we start 2024, what is beginning for you? Now might be a good time to set some goals in life and faith that might be your mission. Perhaps this might relate to personal spirituality, faith in action, or perhaps connectedness with others. I am on a personal mission to reconnect with people I haven’t seen since pre-COVID times.

Lent will soon upon us with Ash Wednesday on 14th February. A time traditionally aligned with baptism and certainly a season of reflecting on our direction in life and faith. I am looking to run a Parish Lenten study and I would appreciate feedback on your interest in participating, and also whether you would also like to join a day or evening study group.

Revd. Emma Street

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.

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.

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.

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.

Church Lawns

Our regular gardening maintenance person is visiting family in England and will not return until mid-January. 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.

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.

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.

Locking-up Reminder

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

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.

2024 Australian Anglican Church calendar

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

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: Keith Kent (03/01/2019) and Robyn Clare Murphy (06/01/2020), 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

Mon 6-7pm	☺ Pray for the Parish and Clergy Appointment Board
Thu 10am	☺ Mid-Week Eucharist followed by morning tea
Sat 11am	Canberra Aged Care Service

Next Sunday

14 January	2nd Sunday of Month
Liturgical Season	Second Sunday after Epiphany
Flowers	Flowers Team
1 Samuel 3.1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139.1-5, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6.12-20; John 1.43-51	

	8am	10am
Celebrant	Rev'd Emma	Rev'd Emma
Preacher if not Celebrant		
Liturgical Assistant	Ellie P	Rebecca K
Sidespeople/Welcomers	Alison & Alistair	Helen & Hardy
AV Operator		
Musicians		Colin F
Readers OT, NT	Alison, Alistair	Ashton R, Jeanette D-T
Morning Tea		<i>Self Serve</i>
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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