

## This week @ St Philip's

Mon 11am	Commonwealth Day Multi-Faith Celebration
Mon 6-7pm	☪ Pray for the Parish and Clergy Appointment Board
Thu 10am	☪ Mid-Week Eucharist followed by morning tea
Thu 7pm	☪ ABM Lenten Study, Lamerton Centre

## Next Sunday

17 March	3rd Sunday of Month	
Liturgical Season	Fifth Sunday in Lent	
Flowers	No flowers in Lent	
Jeremiah 31.31-34; Psalm 119.9-16; Hebrews 5.5-14; John 12.20-33		
	<b>8am</b>	<b>10am</b>
Celebrant	Canon Scott	Canon Scott
Preacher if not Celebrant		
Liturgical Assistant	Lisa C	Rebecca K
Intercessions	Lisa C	Rebecca K
Sidespeople/Welcomers	Rhonda & Lari	Jeanette M, Laura W
AV Operator		
Musicians		Colin F
Readers OT, NT	Julianne S, Rebecca P	Kerry-Anne C, Ashton R
Morning Tea		Liz D & Ann M
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## Calendar

Tue	19 Mar	10am	Men's Group
Sat	23 Mar	8:30-11am	Church Working Bee
Sun	24 Mar	8am, 10am	Palm Sunday
Thu	28 Mar	7pm	Eucharist with foot washing
Fri	29 Mar	9am	Good Friday morning prayer
Sat	30 Mar	10am to 4pm	Quiet Day open church
Sun	31 Mar	6:30am	Lighting new fire
Sun	31 Mar	8:00am	Easter breakfast
Sun	31 Mar	9:30am	Eucharist
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# 10 March 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21. Hymns: 569, 240, 517, 420

8am Celebrant Rev'd Emma, LA Elise P, Sidespeople/Welcomers Alison & Alistair, OT&NT Alison/Alistair, Intercessions Elise P

10am Celebrant Rev'd Emma, LA Rev'd Robyn, Sidespeople/Welcomers Helen & Hardy, Music Colin F, OT Jos G, NT Ann M, Morning tea Janene B

## 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,

How is Lent going? The Archbishop of Canterbury has shared some valuable reflections to consider as we reach the mid-point of lent.

At this point in Lent it is easy to feel weary. If you have given up chocolate or alcohol, or have taken up a new discipline like fasting, it can feel that Lent stretches out and never ends. Yet there is something important about persevering, about putting one foot in front of the other and sticking with the introspective mood of Lent. A time when we can lament and weep with those who weep. A time for sadness and regret at the ways in which human beings have damaged ourselves, each other, and creation. There are many across the world for whom this weeping endures far longer than a few weeks.

In Lent, we stand in prayer and solidarity. We weep, we ask God, 'how long, O Lord?' and we consider how prayer may shape the way we choose to live our lives, how we give of our time and resources, and how we support those around us.

In our parish Lenten study, Rev Canon Aunty Di Langham speaks of 'walking backwards' so we can remember our history as we progress in our faith. Our annual Lenten journey returns us to the passion story to reinvigorate and recalibrate our faith. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life". John 3:16

Rev Emma

## Prayers of the People

In our prayers we remember all in need, particularly: Brian, Ann & John, David R, David F, Wendy & Nathan, John, and Fran, 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: Merryn Kathleen Bannerman, Daphne Lois Hall, and David Greville Gowty, the victims of war, terrorism, disease and tragedy, those whose memories are dear to us and those remembered only by God.

## 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 for your prayers as we continue the process of seeking a new rector for the Parish. 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

### Sanctuary Roster

Can clergy members of the parish please contact Rev Emma to discuss whether they would be available to take services and/or preach after Easter. With Rev Scott Cowdell leaving it would be good to have a variety of voices in the church.

Can any lay/clergy members of the Parish who would like to assist with Easter services please also contact Rev Emma.

### Carpark closure

The carpark will be closed on Mon & Tue 18 & 19 March to facilitate repairs to the kindy roof, gutters, downpipes and stormwater drain, and the high gutter at the NW corner of the church.

### AGM Elections

Thank you to Lari McB, Laura W, Kim B, Russell McC, Melissa R and Alistair D for answering the call to serve the parish as members of parish council. We still have a vacancy for a warden and two council members. If you would like to step into these roles please speak to Rev Emma.

### Working Bee

Please join us on Saturday 23 March (8:30am-11am) to help clean up the Church precinct. For outside work, including the Rectory front garden, contact Russell. For cleaning brass inside the church, contact Margaret or Rhonda. Both groups will join together for morning tea after.

### Commonwealth Day Multi-Faith Celebration

The Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture and the Commonwealth Day Committee will be holding a service for Commonwealth Day, with the theme Prayers for Peace on 11 Mar 2024 at 11am in the ACCC Chapel. It calls us to recognise current world conflicts and come together to pray for those conflicts to end. The celebration will involve religious readings and cultural performances.

### Canberra Bach Ensemble – St John Passion – 300th Anniversary – 1724–2024

Choir, orchestra, and soloists, directed by Andrew Koll. Performances on Saturday 16 March at 7.45pm, and Sunday 17 March at 2.00pm at St Christopher's Cathedral, Franklin Street, Manuka. For more info and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.canberrabachensemble.com](http://www.canberrabachensemble.com)

### Women's Social Group

Ladies of the parish are invited to a social gathering, quick drink or stay for a meal, 6pm at the Duxton on a Thursday night after Easter. Date TBC depending on interest. Please see Rev Emma.

### St Philips Anglican Church

#### Easter Services 2024



*Come and See*

**Palm Sunday 24th March**  
8am and 10am Eucharist

**Mundy Thursday 28th March**  
7pm Eucharist with foot washing

**Good Friday 29th March**  
9am Morning Prayer

**Holy Saturday 30th March**  
10am to 4pm Quiet Day open church

**Easter Sunday 31st March**  
6.30 am Lighting new fire  
8am Easter breakfast  
9.30am Eucharist