

(Sunday peaching Calendar, cont.)

Third Sunday of Advent—15 Dec—*John's baptism of repentance*—Zeph. 3.14-20; Song of Isaiah; Phil. 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18.

Fourth Sunday of Advent—22 Dec—*Mary reflects*—Micah 2.2-5a; Song of Mary; Heb. 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45.

Christmas Eve—Tue 24 Dec—*What does Christmas mean for you?*—Isaiah 9.2-7; Ps. 96; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14.

Christmas Day—Wed 25 Dec—**Revd Dr Colin Dundon**—Isaiah 52.7-10; Ps. 97; Titus 2.4-8a; Luke 2.8-20.

First Sunday after Christmas—29 Dec—*False Assumptions*—1 Sam. 2.18-20 26; Ps. 148; Col. 3.12-17; Luke 2.41-52.

Today's Roster—10 November (2nd Sunday)

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Rob Miners.

8am: Welcoming/Offertory: Alison & Alistair D; LA/Prayers: Julianne S; Readers: Alison & Alistair D.

10am: Welcoming/Offertory: Helen & Hardy P; AV: Liz D; Readers: Jeanette D-T / Laura W; Deacon: Revd Robin; Prayers Ashton R; Musician: Colin F; Morning Tea: Helen P.

This week @ St Philip's

Tue 70am	12 Nov	Parish Council
Thu 10am	14 Nov	Mid-Week Eucharist and morning tea
Sat 11am	16 Nov	Eucharist at Canberra Aged Care
Sat 10am-1pm	16 Nov	Pandora's pre-loved clothing shop is open

Next Sunday—Nov. 17

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

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost, 3rd Sunday of the Month.

1 Sam 4.1-20; Song of Hannah APBA, 429; Heb. 10,11-14. 19-25; Mark 13.1-11.

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Rob Miners.

8am: Welcoming/Offertory: *vacant*; LA/Prayers: *vacant*; Readers: Rebecca P / Julianna S.

10am: Welcoming/Offertory: Revd Jeannette M & volunteer; AV: Robyn H; Readers: Ashton R / Fred A; LA: Brian M; Musician: Colin F; Morning Tea: Liz D.

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Tue 10am	19 Nov	Men's Group
Sat 6pm	30 Nov	Advent Dinner



10 November 2024

Twenty-Third Sunday
after Pentecost

Welcome to St Philip's

We are delighted that you are here!

Ruth 3.1-5; Ps. 127; Heb. 9.23-28; Mark 12.38-44

Hymns 10am: 133, 609, 599, 106



James Christensen (1942-2017) *The Widow's Mite* (detail)

We acknowledge the Ngambri and Ngunnawal people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we worship. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who worship with us.

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Prayers of the People

In our prayers we remember all in need, particularly: A Ann, John and Clare, Barbara, Beryl, David, John G, Katherine, The Revd Lyn, Margaret, Sandra, Timothy, Wendy & Nathan. We pray for those unable to gather with us and those in hospital or other care. We commend to God the recently departed and remember those whose anniversary of death falls at this time—Joyce Webster (10/11/2010), William Trivett (15/11/1990), and Stanley Vincent (16/11/2002). We remember, too, those who made the ultimate sacrifice in time of war, as well as the victims of war, terrorism, disease and tragedy, those whose memories are dear to us, and those remembered only by God.

Tomorrow is Remembrance Day.

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Communion. If you are baptised, you are welcome to receive communion. If you would like simply to receive a blessing, please cross your hands on your chest as you come forward.

Offertory. Please place your gift in the offering bag or use the Eftpos machine in the foyer. St Philip's account for regular giving is: 702-389 05202512. For those who give electronically, giving cards are available to put in the bag offered at the altar.

Poem

The Widow's Mites

Two mites, two drops, yet all her house and land,
Fall from a steady heart, though trembling hand:
The other's wanton wealth foams high, and brave;
The other cast away, she only gave.
—Richard Crashaw (1613–49)

Advent Dinner

Saturday 30th November, 6pm

Our annual Advent dinner in the courtyard will include roasts of beef, chicken, ham and turkey as well as a selection of sides. Payment will be

\$35 for an adult, \$10 for a child aged 11-15 and \$5 for a child aged 5-10. Please BYO drinks. Please sign up on the sheet near the hymn books **before 16th November.**

If you are able to volunteer to bring a dessert, or to help set-up, pack-up, or collect payments, please also put your name on the sign-up sheet. If you would like to attend but the cost is prohibitive, please consult Jane W. Any other queries, please also consult Jane.

Gaza

The Primate, Archbishop Geoffrey Smith, has written to the Senator Wong endorsing her concern on Israeli restrictions on the Gaza work of the UN Relief and Works Agency. The letter is on the notice board.

I write to offer my full support to the grave concern expressed by your government at the restrictions imposed recently on the work of the UNWRA.

I continue to be horrified at the destruction of so many innocent lives in Gaza. All efforts need to be made to end the conflict, provide welfare, and rebuild the infrastructure of people's lives. We recognise the commitment of the Australian government to work with other governments to this end and assure you of our support and prayers.

Pandora's Garage Sale

Saturday 16th November, 10am–1pm

in addition of the usual offering of fabulous pre-loved clothes, part of the 'Garage Sale Trail', Pandora's will have a garage sale next Saturday as part of the nation-wide November 'Garage Sale Trail'.



Sunday Preaching Calendar, Nov.- Dec. Revd Rob Miners

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost—17 Nov—*A Grief observed*—
Ruth 3.1-5; Ps. 127; Heb. 9.23-28; Mark 12.38-44.

Christ the King / Reign of Christ—24 Nov—**Revd Lyn Porritt**—Sam. 23.1-7;
Ps. 132.1-12; Revn 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37.

First Sunday of Advent—1 Dec—Jer. 33.14-16; Ps. 25.1-10; 1 Thess. 3.9-13;
Luke 21.35-28.

Second Sunday of Advent—8 Dec—*Are we welcomers?*—Mal. 3.1-4; Song
of Zechariah; Phil. 1.1-11; Luke 3.1-6. .../.

Letter from Revd Christine in London

Dear St Philip's,

We are currently in a Season of Remembering at St Anne's (during Kingdom Season) as we observe All Saint's Sunday, All Soul's Day and Remembrance Sunday.

In London with the Autumn light, and shortening hours, there is a timeliness to recalling those who inspire us to be best versions of ourselves God created us to be. It is one of my favourite times in the Northern Hemisphere.

This period of remembering has been poignant for me because I am in the process of sorting my life of the last 21 years to decide what I will bring back to Australia. It has been a gift to look at different items and recall the story that goes with them, and the memories they hold; as well as whether it is time to let go!

The removalists arrive next week, and so coming to join you in January feels very real now.

I am looking forward to meeting you in the New Year and hearing your stories, as well as creating new ones together. Above is a photo of the altar at St Anne's from last Sunday as we prepared flowers for All Souls Sunday. It gives you a sense of the light at this time of the year here. The window behind the altar looks out into the local cemetery, and lots of green space.

I hope you are enjoying spring in Canberra.

With best wishes

Christine



From the locum Rector

Bible reading for all

The book, *Tripping*, by Thomas Henderson, tells of cold war Bible smugglers and how the East German Stasi tried to



stop them. In the 1980s I met one of the smugglers. Today the Bible is similarly banned in North Korea, for example. We need to appreciate the cost and the ongoing privilege we have of holding the Bible.

William Tyndale (1492–1536) could get no support in England for his project to translate the Bible into English, so he left his homeland. In Germany, he translated the New Testament into English. He used all his private funds to print it and ship it to England. Cuthbert Tunstall, Bishop of London bought most of the shipment and had it burnt outside his cathedral! Yet Tyndale made enough from the first sales to start his Old Testament translation. He moved to Antwerp but was imprisoned there for sixteen months as a heretic, then strangled and his body burnt at the stake.

Tyndale's famous prayer, "Lord, open the King of England's eyes," was answered a year later when an authorised translation based on his work was published lawfully in England in 1537. Tyndale's translation was made directly from the Greek and Hebrew and formed the basis of the Authorised Version of 1611.

There are many daily Bible reading notes available or perhaps you could follow the church lectionary daily. If you are new to Bible reading, you may like to begin with the Gospels. Form a daily habit of reading to sustain you through life. The Bible will often speak to you in your circumstances with wise encouragement, direction and comfort. I have found it so.

We are His people

Rob Miners