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## Join the teams!

### Roster vacancies

Can you be part of the team and do one of these jobs? Please contact Brian M.

AV screen operator, 10am — once a month.

Welcoming / Offertory — once a month.

Liturgical assistants: complete, careful, training is available. This is a vital and rewarding role to serve and help lead us in worship.



## Today’s Roster—6th Oct. (1st Sunday of the Month)

**8am:** Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Rob Miners.

Welcoming/Offertory: Margaret & Russell M; Readers: Russell & Margaret M; LA & prayers: Julianne S.

**10am:** Welcoming/Offertory: Fred A / Volunteer; Readers: Rev Dr Colin / Fiona D; LA/Prayers: Brian M; Musician: Colin F; Morning Tea: Jane W.

### This week @ St Philip’s

Tue 7pm	8 Oct	Parish Council
Thu 10am	10 Oct	Mid-Week Eucharist followed by morning tea
Sat 11am	14 Oct	Eucharist at Canberra Aged Care
Sat 10am-1pm	14 Oct	Pandora’s pre-loved clothing shop is open

### Next Sunday—13th Oct. <https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/rosters>

21st Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Sunday of Month.

Job 23.1-9, 16-17; Ps. 22.1-15; Heb. 4.12-16; Mk. 10.17-31

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Rob Miners.

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

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

### Calendar <https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/calendar.php>

Tue 10am	22 Oct	Men's Group
Sat 7.30am	9 Nov	Men’s Breakfast with Fr Martin Davies



# 6 October 2024

Twentieth Sunday  
after Pentecost

## Welcome to St Philip’s

We are delighted that you are here!

Daylight saving begins this Sunday! Set your clocks *forward* one hour on Saturday night! Be on time for church!



Malachi 2.10-16; Ps. 26; Heb. 1.1-4; 2.5-12; Mk. 10.2-16

*Hymns 10am: 626, 692, 654 (tune 120), 398*



*The Divorce*, by Sally Bailey.

(Revd Rob Miners will speak on Divorce)

*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.*

## St Philip’s Anglican Church O’Connor

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Revd Rob Miners

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Please send notices and prayer points by **Thursday 6pm** to [pewsheet@stphilipsoconnor.org.au](mailto:pewsheet@stphilipsoconnor.org.au).

## Prayers of the People

In our prayers we remember all in need, particularly: Ann, John and Clare, Barbara, Beryl, David, John G, The Revd Lyn, Sandra, Timothy, Wendy & Nathan. We pray for those unable to gather with us and those in hospital or care. We commend to God the recently departed and remember those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, especially Rej Allinson (11/10/2002)—the victims of war, terrorism, disease and tragedy, those whose memories are dear to us, and those remembered only by God.

**Communion.** If you are baptised, you are welcome to receive communion. If you would simply like 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.

### For today's sermon:

Marriages and Divorces, Australia, 2019–23

	Marriages	Divorces	
2019	113,815	49,116	Pre-Covid
2020	79,987	49,510	Covid
2021	89,167	56,244	Covid
2022	127,161	49,241	
2023	118,439	48,700	

## Sunday Preaching Calendar, Oct.-Nov. Revd Rob Miners

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, 13 Oct—*The Rich Young Man*—Job 23.1-9; Ps. 22.1-15; Heb. 4.12-16; Mark 10.17-33

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost, 20 Oct—*A Grief Observed*—Job 38.1-7; Ps. 104.1-10, 26; Heb. 5.1-10; Mark 10.35-45

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, 27 October—*The Healing of blind Bartimaeus. What do you want Christ to do for you?* Job 42.1-6, 10-17; Ps. 34.1-8 (19-22); Heb. 7.21-28; Mark 10.46-52.

All Saints, 3 Nov 24—*The death experience* — Isa. 25.6-9; Ps. 24; Revn 21.1-6a; John 11.32-44.

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost, 10 Nov 24—*She gave all she had*— Ruth 3.1-5; Ps. 127; Heb. 9.23-28; Mark 12.38-44

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost, 17 Nov 24—*How good are you at waiting?*— 1 Sam. 1.4-20; Song of Hannah; Heb. 10.11-14, 19-25; Mark 13.1-11.

Christ the King / Reign of Christ, 24 Nov 24— 2 Sam. 23.1-7; Ps. 132.1-12; Revn 1.4b-8; John 18.33-37.

## From the locum Rector

### Resurrection Confidence and Hope

There is ample evidence that Jesus was raised from the dead, with ten different appearances recorded, mainly in the four Gospels. According to Luke, these appearances to his followers occurred over a period of forty days (Acts 1:3) He did not just appear to the eleven: he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time (1 Corinthians 15:3-9).

These appearances testify to the physical presence of Jesus. The Bible is quite explicit about this—we cannot explain it away in the category of visions / hallucinations or “spiritual awareness”.

These events preceded the sending of the Holy Spirit, the followers were still in a state of disarray and fear. Jesus knew the fragility of our humanity and the power of doubt. This is evident in the way Jesus dealt with Thomas. The physical appearances left no question. However, the words of Jesus to his disciples handed down to us fill us with much joy:

“Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen yet have believed” (John 20:29). I believe everyone has a different “faith story”. Jesus speaks to us in individual ways. To this day, the final argument for Christianity is the “great cloud of witnesses” through the ages. (Hebrews 12:1).

1 Peter 3.15 tells us we too are to be witnesses to the resurrection: “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” Have you shared your “faith story”? Your “reason for the hope that you have”?

## St Mark's Open Night

St Mark's National Theological Centre, 15 Blackall St., Braddon, Wednesday 30 October 6pm-8.30pm

