

Be our technology guru. We are searching for a person (or two) to learn how to operate our various gadgets, check regularly to make sure they are working, and teach others how to use them. This would include the WiFi, AV screen in the church, the PA, the TV in the Lamerton Centre, the Eftpos machines, the photocopier, and basic access to the Parish Computer. Please contact Brian.



Welcomers /Readers needed. To fill some gaps, we need an extra welcomer and more readers for 10am, please.

Today's Roster—1st September

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Rob Miners

Flowers: Flowers team (Contact Kerry-Anne C)

8am Welcomers/Offertory and Bible readers: Alistair & Alison D; Prayers: Lari M; LA: Lari M or Brian M.

10am Welcomers: Fred A & volunteer; Musician: Colin F; Bible readers: Rev Dr Colin & Fiona D; LA/Prayers: Brian M; AV: vacancy; Morning Tea: Jane W

This week @ St Philip's

Tue 10am	3rd	Men's Group
Thu 10am	5th	Mid-Week Eucharist followed by morning tea
Sat 10am-1pm	7th	Pandora's pre-loved clothing shop is open

Next Sunday—8th September (2nd Sunday)

16th Sunday after Pentecost.

Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Ps. 125; James 2.1-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7.24-37

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Rob Miners

Flowers: Flowers team (Contact Kerry-Anne C)

8am Welcomers/Offertory and Bible readers: Margaret & Russell M; LA/Prayers: Lari M.

10am Welcomers: Helen & Hardy P.; Musician: Colin F; Bible readers: Jeanette D-T & Lara W; LA/Prayers: Brian M; AV: vacancy; Morning Tea: Helen P.

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

Calendar

Tue 10 Sep	7pm	Parish Council
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St Philip's
Come & See

1 September 2024

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St Philip's

We are delighted that you are here!

Song of Solomon 2.8-13; Psalm 45.1-2, 6-9; James 1.17-27; Mark 7.1-8, 14-23

Hymns, 10am: 454, 443, 448, 161



"The Pharisees and the scribes asked Jesus, 'Why do your disciples . . . eat with defiled hands?'" (Mark 7.5) Painting by Carol Chandler.

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

<https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au>

Revd Rob Miners

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Locum Rector (part time)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stphilipsoconnor/>

Please send notices and prayer points by **Thursday 6pm** to pewsheet@stphilipsoconnor.org.au.

Prayers of the People

In our prayers we remember all in need, particularly: Ann & John, Barbara, Beryl, David, John G, The Revd Howard, Laura & Jeannette, The Revd Lyn, Margaret, Sandra, Shane, Timothy, Wendy & Nathan — and those unable to gather with us, those in hospital or care. We commend to God the recently departed and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, including John David Williams (2/9/2024)—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 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.

St John's Care

Please leave donations in the baskets on the back pew.

Sunday Preaching Calendar

Revd Rob Miners

16th Sunday after Pentecost, 8 September—*Jesus Heals the Deaf and Dumb Man*—Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Ps. 125; James 2.1-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7.24-37.

17th Sunday after Pentecost, 15 September—*Prayer — Part 1*—Proverbs 1.20-33; Ps. 19; James 2.18-26; Mark 8.27-38.

18th Sunday after Pentecost, 22 September—*Prayer — Part 2*—Proverbs 31.10-31; Ps. 1; James 3.1-12; Mark 9.30-37.

Michael and All Angels, 29 September—*On Angels*—Ezekiel 1.4-12; Ps. 138; Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1.45-51.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, 6 October—*Divorce*—Job 1.1; or 2.1-10; and Psalm 26; Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, 13 October—*The Rich Young Man*—Job 23.1-9; Ps. 22.1-15; Heb. 412-16; Mark 10.17-33

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, 20 October—*A Grief Observed*—Job 38.1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104.1-10, 26; Hebrews 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; Psalm 34.1-8 (19-22); Hebrews 7.21-28; Mark 10.46-52.

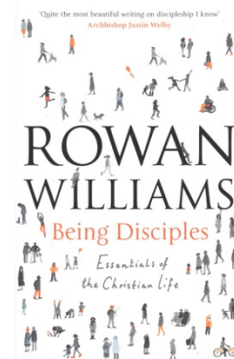
Reflection

If my relation with the living truth is initiated and sustained by God's faithfulness not mine, it is dependable. But recognizing that requires me to step back from confidence in my own resources.

In our age, and in the age that lies ahead, the faith we as Christians proclaim will need to be not a clever system but the possibility of dependable relationship. We need to point quite simply to the God who does not let go, to the Christ who does not run away. And (here's the rub) we ourselves need to be dependable people—people in dependable relationship, who are there for those who feel abandoned and those who don't know who and where they are. By our faithfulness to the lost, the suffering and the marginal, we begin to show what it is to have faith in the one who doesn't let go. . . .

Just as it is a great challenge for the Church to be a place that is dependable, a place that is patient, it is also a great challenge for the Church to become a place sufficiently still for people to open up, sufficiently quiet and unanxious for people to learn that they can receive what the ultimate truth of the universe wants to give them.

— Rowan Williams. *Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life*. London: SPCK, 2016, pp. 25-26, 33.



News & Notices

Anchachoresis

Read the occasional writings of St Philip's parishioner, Fr Martin Davies, at anchoritepriest.com. Fr Martin reflects on his reading, on the Benedictine and Cistercian pathway, and the life of a priest in retirement.



Pandora's Pre-loved Clothing—Half Price Winter Sale

Grab a bargain to keep for next Winter! — Saturday 7 and 14 September
Champagne Spring Launch — Saturday 21 September.

Choosing the hymns. If you have a hymn or two to recommend, please speak to Brian or email hymns@stphilipsoconnor.org.au. If it's singable (!?), we will fit it in as soon as it suits the theme of a forthcoming Sunday.>

Parish directory. An electronic copy of the August 2024 Parish Directory has been emailed to everyone listed in it. There are paper copies in the foyer—one per household please. To be listed in the next edition or to change your details, please complete one of the forms displayed next to the directories.