

Sunday Preaching Calendar

Revd Rob Miners

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. 4.12-16; 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.

Today—22nd September (4th Sunday of the Month)

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Rob Miners.

8am: Welcoming/Offertory: Shane & Tim W; LA/Prayers: Julianne S; Readers: Shane & Tim W;

10am: Welcoming/Offertory: Brian M & volunteer; Readers: Liz D & Brian M; Deacon/Prayers: Revd Robin; Musician: Colin F; Morning Tea: Manjuni G.

This week @ St Philip's

Thu 10am	26 Sep	Mid-Week Eucharist followed by morning tea
Sat 11am	28 Sep	Eucharist at Canberra Aged Care
Sat 10am-1pm	28 Sep	Pandora's pre-loved clothing shop is open

Next Sunday—29th September

Michael and All Angels, 5th Sunday of Month.

Ezekiel 1.4-12; Ps.138; Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1.45-51

9am: Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Rob Miners.

Welcoming/Offertory: Helen & Hardy P; Reader (OT & NT): Julianne Stewart;

Deacon: Revd Robin; Prayers: Brian M; Musician: Colin F; Morning Tea: Jane W & Manjuni G, plus volunteers if needed. <https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/rosters/>

Calendar

Tue 10am	1 Oct	Men's Group
Tue 7pm	8 Oct	Parish Council

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



St Philip's
Come & See

22 September 2024

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St Philip's

We are delighted that you are here!

Proverbs 31.10-31; Psalm 1; James 3.1-12; Mark 9.30-37

Hymns: 10am: 437, 444, 121, 179



Prayer by Xiaoyang Galas (France, 2022)

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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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 & 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— Francis Lawrence (Lawrie) Keast (24/09/1990) and Sandra Boddington (28/9/2020)—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. To signify electronic gifts, giving cards are available to put in the bag offered at the altar.

Combined Service

Next Sunday Eucharist, 9am, 29 September

Feast of Michael and All Angels.

Getting to know each other.

Celebration, thanksgiving,
and prayer for the life of the parish
in the near future.

Revd Rob Miners will preach on *Angels*.

The Archangel Michael is the patron of Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine; we will also pray for the Ukrainian people.



Bishop's 2024 Synod address

There is a link on the home page of the website to *Living in Hope in an Uncertain World*, Bishop Mark's presidential address to the September 2024 Synod.

Praying

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch

a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway
into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may
– Mary Oliver, *Thirst* (Beacon, 2007)

New books by Scott Cowdell

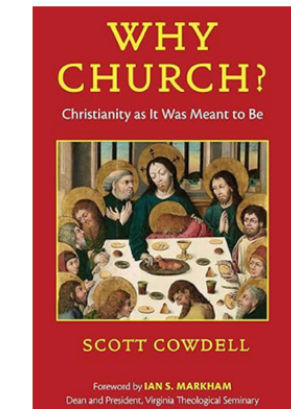
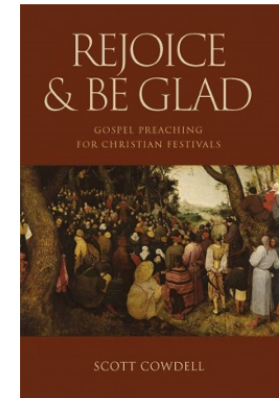
Rejoice & Be Glad: Gospel Preaching for Christian Festivals, by Scott Cowdell. (Melbourne: Coventry Press, 2024)

Jesus' command to preach the Gospel was well realised in the church from earliest times. It is a ministry of service to the community, a constant and sustained commitment to taking seriously the gospel message, relating it to the needs and challenges of faithful disciples in every generation.

Scott Cowdell's series of sermons belongs within that tradition. Scott brings his insight, sensitivity and informed comment to the task of inviting listeners and readers to reflect on texts set for the church's high and holy days. The liberating joy of the gospel is proclaimed a voice at both traditional contemporary. Unfailingly centred on Jesus Christ, *Rejoice and be Glad* is for all who seek to deepen their understanding of the biblical texts and the particular challenges of faithful discipleship in our own times. (The book includes sermons preached at St Philips! Available from Coventry Press in Melbourne at https://coventrypress.com.au/index.php?route=product/product&product_id=201)

Why Church? Christianity as It Was Meant to Be by Scott Cowdell. (New York: Church Publishing 2024)

Scott Cowdell's new book argues for the centrality of the Eucharistic church in an increasingly individualistic and fragmented world. As Western culture has secularized, the church has been seen as providing support and optional resources, rather than being essential to Christian life. In *Why Church?* Cowdell considers how we have arrived at such a place, and how perceptions of the church have changed in response to increasing individualism and institutional failings. Suggesting that the Eucharistic Church embodies Christ's desire to draw humankind to himself, Scott shows how the Christian life depends on the Christian community, which is the church. He helps us to see the Church afresh, as if for the first time. (Buy from Amazon Australia at <https://www.amazon.com.au/Why-Church-Christianity-Was-Meant/dp/1640657363>.)



Synod report

Highlights from Synod, 6–8 September 2024 were:

The Hope25 Initiative

Bishop Mark in his opening address (<https://anglicancg.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Synod-address-2024-with-cover-FINAL.pdf>) focused on the Anglican Church of Australia's Hope25 initiative (<https://www.hope25.com.au>), saying (p. 3):

I strongly encourage every ministry unit and agency to engage in the Hope25 initiative. You will of course need to decide what form of participation will work best in your context but I suggest the best approaches will be characterised by a willingness to engage in conversation and dialogue, a commitment to ongoing relationship and an expectation that God will be at work as we share the hope we have in Christ in an attitude of gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15).

Synod gave wholehearted support to Hope25 – ‘Hope in an Uncertain World’ – sharing the hope we have in Jesus Christ. The Hope25 initiative will run from Easter to Pentecost 2025. It asks ‘each parish to commit to doing (at least) one thing to help share the hope that we have in Jesus during this season’ (<https://www.hope25.com.au/what-is-hope25/>). Synod representatives formed parish groups to consider ways their parishes could get involved in Hope25 and engage with their local communities.

Women in Leadership

Synod received the final report from the Women in Leadership Working Group titled ‘Addressing Disparity: listening to the leadership experience of ordained women in Canberra and Goulburn Diocese’ and unanimously supported the establishment of a Women in Leadership Commission, for a term of at least five years with an option to renew.

The group reported on discrimination and bias facing women in leadership in the diocese, which had resulted in a declining number of women becoming ordained, and a number of women leaving the church. The Commission will address cultural bias, institutional issues and fairness of clergy appointment procedures, and will support women to become leaders in the diocese.

The Commission should be established under episcopal oversight and leadership, to ensure that its findings and recommendations are given due weight and lead to lasting change. Women with ministry leadership experience should fill the majority of the Commission's appointed positions.]

Embracing Ministries

The 'Everyone Welcome' initiative was launched by Embracing Ministries to support parishes in becoming more inclusive of people with disabilities (<https://anglicancg.org.au/our-diocese/chaplaincy-and-mission/embracing-ministries/>). Synod agreed to promote

the enhancement of safe and welcoming communities within the Diocese which are accessible, inclusive and hospitable places of belonging and discipleship for people with disability, consistent with the Diocesan mission of “engaging a world of difference with the love and truth of Jesus.

Synod welcomed Dr Kia Wallwork as Embracing Ministries' new Director and affirmed Embracing Ministries' current roles in the Diocese in supporting and enhancing the opportunities for people with disability, especially children, along with their families and carers, to hear, experience, and share in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Synod endorsed the expansion of the activities of Embracing Ministries in working alongside Diocesan agencies and ministry units to encourage and empower them to extend their ministry to people with disability. It also endorsed the reference guide ‘Everyone Welcome: Accessible Church for All’, for parish and Diocesan use to assist in advancing the accessibility and inclusivity of Diocesan ministries.

Synod requested the Board of Embracing Ministries to establish a Taskforce to undertake an assessment of how the Diocese can become an exemplar of welcoming and hospitable ministry for people with disability and to report back to Synod in 2025.

Climate Change Action Plan

Synod endorsed the Diocesan Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) as the framework for pursuing further actions relating to the environment and climate change adaptation. It encouraged all Parishes, Ministry Units and Agencies of the Diocese to engage with the CCAP and the associated resources, which will be accessible via the Diocesan website, and to develop appropriate strategies to assess and report on carbon emissions reduction, which are relevant to their context and within their current resourcing capacity.

Synod noted that the resources will continue to be reviewed and refined by Bishop-in-Council, considering any feedback received as part of the implementation. Synod requested that Bishop-in-Council report back to Synod in 2025 on the implementation of the CCAP.

If you would like more information, please contact Lari M or Liz D.

