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This week @ St Philip's

Tues	10am	21 Oct	Men's Group meet
Tues	10am	21 Oct	Eucharist at El Alamein Village
Wed	6pm	22 Oct	Evening Prayer in Lamerton Centre
Thu	10am	23 Oct	Mid-Week Eucharist and MT
Sat	11am	25 Oct	Eucharist, Canberra Aged Care
Sat	10am-1pm	25Oct	Pandora's open

Today's Roster—19 October – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Celebrant: & Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Howard Smith & Fr Martin Davies Welcoming/Offertory: Brian M; LA/Prayers: Julianne; Readers: Rebecca and Julianne.

10am Celebrant: & Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Colin Dundon & Fr Martin Davies. Welcoming/Offertory: Rev Jeannette and Volunteer; Slides: Fiona/Ben; Readers: Fred and Fiona ; LA/Prayers: Rev Robin; 2nd Chalice: Rev Bob; Musician: Colin ; Morning Tea: Liz D and Ashton.

Next Sunday—26 October – All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1: 11-end & Luke 6: 20-31

Celebrant: & Preacher: The Rev'd Christine Cargill

8am Welcoming/Offertory: Shane and Tim; LA/Prayers: Christine; Readers: Tim and Shane.

10am Welcoming/Offertory: Brian and Volunteer; Slides: Rebecca; Readers: Jeanette TD and Kerry-Anne ; LA/Prayers: Rebecca; 2nd Chalice: Rev Colin; Musician: Colin ; Morning Tea: Jeanette & Rev Colin

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Prayers of the People. In our prayers we remember all in need, including Barbara, Beryl, Brad, David, John, Sandra, Ursula, Wendy & Nathan, Beth, Nicholas, Zahra, Margaret, Katherine, David S, Beryl and Bob. We pray for those unable to gather with us & those in hospital or other care. We commend to God the recently departed including Graeme and remember those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Marjorie Sheehan (23 Oct 2001) , William Corby Williams (24 Oct 2017), Pamela Courtenay-Coles (24 Oct 2017), Irene Frances Smith (25 Oct 2019) and Rosamund Jane Dalziell (25 Oct 2021)We remember those whose memories are dear to us & those remembered only by God.

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St Philip's Come & See

19th Sunday after Pentecost
19th October 2025

Welcome to St Philip's – it is great to have you with us. St Philip's is the local Anglican church, and we are a very diverse group of people. We hope that you will feel welcome in our worship. If you are new, please do say hello – we would love to get to know you. If you are unsure about what is going on, please do ask. We will be happy to help. Our worship style is quite formal, but we hope relaxed- as we come to worship God in our midst.

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.

Sunday Readings
Genesis 32: 22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4:5
Luke 18: 1-14

Hymns at 10am
143 – Immortal Invisible,
745 – Seek ye first
112– Through all the changing scenes of life
245 – We have a Gospel to proclaim

The coming of Kingdom Season

Now that we are in October we look forward to several festivals towards the end of the month. The season starts with All Saints Day, which we will transfer to Sunday 26th October – a day when we give thanks for all the Saints of God and those who inspire us.

This will allow us to keep **All Souls Day** on Sunday 2nd November – a day when we give thanks and remember those who have touched our lives but are with us no more. We pray for those who have died.

There are two sign-up sheets in the foyer for All Souls Day. One for the you to add the names of those you would like to be remembered in the prayers on that day, and one if you would like to make a donation for flowers in memory of someone.

Thought for this week… ***from Christine (Our Rector)***

Luke 18:1-14 presents two parables emphasizing the importance of persistent, humble prayer over self-righteousness. Parable and prayer overlap in these verses, as we might be challenged to reflect on the shape of God's reign and what our faithfulness might look like within this. Faithfulness is not a concept we talk about much outside the boundaries of a significant relationship, but in a biblical sense it relates to all relationships, and all interactions, not just those with our significant other. Faithfulness means we are steadfast, consistent and committed. It doesn't mean we don't question or wobble at times, but rather our focus is on the faith that we have, and our desire for this to develop daily through prayer.

God's love to each of us is steadfast, and we are encouraged to reciprocate that in all our relationships. Jesus promises that God's kingdom, God's reign is not some external concept, rather it dwells within each of us, and it is to this that we are faithful as we pray.

News from our community

What's been happening around the church this week…

The **painting** of the church continues and hopefully will be completed in the coming weeks. Do remember to take care if you are visiting the site, and the painter is working. The **leak** in the toilet was also repaired. **CCTV** has now been installed and monitors all doorways. This will help with our ongoing security and contribute to us being a safe community. The cameras have a rechargeable battery, which needs to be recharged about once a month. We are looking for a volunteer who would be willing to ensure that this happens. It would take a couple of hours once a month at a time convenient to you.

The Parish Council met Tuesday evening, and we had a very busy meeting. The focus of our meeting was adopting new or revised **policies** for Work, Health and Safety, Privacy as well as a Commitment to Safe Ministry Statement. There are also procedures to support these documents. A huge thank you to Kim for her work on these. We also spoke about planning for Christmas and ongoing maintenance issues.

New vestments. You may have noticed that we have been wearing new vestments in recent weeks. We are very thankful to Rev Lyn Porritt who has donated a selection of vestments to St Philip's that she is no longer using.

St John's Care. Please read the notice boards for goods in short supply and leave donations in the baskets on the back pew.

Curry Lunch Social: A huge thank you to those who contributed to lunch last Sunday, and for all who helped in various ways. It was a successful event. **We look forward to our next Social – the Advent Dinner on 29th November at 5pm**. More details to follow

Taskforce for Participation of People with Disability in the Life of the Church (Disability Taskforce).

The Taskforce for Participation of People with Disability in the Life of the Church (Disability Taskforce) is developing recommendations on how the Diocese can become an exemplar of welcome and hospitality for people with disability and their carers. As part of this they have s commissioned a survey of all parishioners on participation of people with disability and their carers in our churches. It would be fabulous if as many of us as possible completed this survey. go to: https://research.orima.com/ADCG or see the QR code at the back of church.

Being a Safe Church. What does it means to call ourselves a **Safe Church**. As a Christian Community we recognise that each person is made in the image of God, which means it needs to be safe to explore who we are. We want to be a church that not only meets the legal requirements; but a church that is safe and has a safe culture. What does this look like for you?... At our PC meeting we agreed that: '*St Philip's Anglican Church O'Connor (**St Philip's O'Connor**) is committed to holistic Safe Church Ministry. This means we commit to our pastoral, duty of care, legal and insurance obligation; with its goal that all ministries are spiritually, emotionally and physically safe; based on the premise that Diocesan parishes and ministries should be person-valuing and respectful spaces free from abuse and harm, for ministry to God's glory'.*

Receiving Communion. All who are baptised are welcome to receive communion, regardless of their tradition or the last time they received. If you would simply like to receive a blessing, please cross your hands on your chest as you come forward. When you come forward, please use the hand sanitizer at the front of the church. We offer both a common cup and provision for those who intinct. You are also welcome to receive in one kind. Gluten-free bread is available.

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.