St Philip's
Come & See

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
9th August 2026

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.

Today's Readings
Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28
Ps 105:1-6, 16-22
Romans 10:4-15
Matthew 14:22-36

Hymns at 10am
246 – Christ is the world's light
106 – Now thank we all our God
598 – Dear Father, Lord of humankind
245 – We have a Gospel

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 and present. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who worship with us.

A thought from the Rector

Fear is a strange emotion and one that at times is hard to name. Sometimes it is even harder to know why a particular event or experience makes us fearful. Our readings this weekend describe different experiences of fear. Joseph's brothers are fearful of the favouritism Joseph experiences; and express this in their anger. Peter also is fearful as he steps out into the storm to reach Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, this story is meant to reveal who Jesus is, and that such revelation is possible even in the face of chaos or uncertainty. We learn about ourselves and our God through our interactions with others and world. Our life, our memories, our experiences, individually and collectively make us who we are! Like

Joseph's family, there is brokenness in our world – and we will find God revealed as we address this brokenness – not just ignore it or sweep it under the carpet as if it doesn't matter.
This too is true of our fears. We all experience fear – though we don't often talk about fear or acknowledge that that is our motivation – even to ourselves. When Peter fears, he begins to sink so Jesus reaches out and grabs him, saving him from drowning and restoring him to his vocation as disciple. And so also with us! Jesus will not let us go. Jesus is with us. Jesus will not give up on us. Jesus will grab hold of us when we fear and restore us if we are willing to reach out.

What the Church Mouse Saw!
Thank you to our mystery leaf sweeper and all their work over winter!
Thank you too to Mel, for her amazing work with internet and CCTV.

Rev Bili
You may remember that when we introduced Rev Dr Bili to the parish back in January, we said she was joining us till July. We are blessed to have had her with us for longer than we expected. Bili and Stuart's last Sunday with us will be **Sunday 6th September** with breakfast and morning tea being extra special on this day. Bili and Stuart will be moving to Durham in the UK later in September.

5th Sunday in August
On **Sunday 30th August** there will be a joint service **at 9.30am** followed by a **shared brunch together afterwards**. Please sign up at the back of church to help with brunch. During our Joint Service we will be celebrating the start of Creation Season, and hopefully the coming of spring! A time to give thanks for all God's creation.

Church Membership List and Contact Details.
Thank you to everyone who has completed our new contact information form. If you haven't completed one, please do so asap.

Wednesday Evening Prayer - Takes place each **Wednesday** at **6pm** in the Lamerton Centre We use different styles of prayer and meditation as we pray together for about 35mins.

Annual Spring Lecture Series
Our Spring Lecture Series returns with a glass of bubbles on arrival at 5pm, a 35 min lecture, followed by time for questions. This year lectures will take place on Sunday 13th September – Russia's War on Ukraine: motives and outcomes (Leszek Buszynski); 20th September - Australian Folk Rock Music (Graham Chalker) and 27th September - The Prophetic Gift of the Tibhirine Monks (Jane Foulcher).

Craft and Chatter
From August on the **2nd Wednesday of the month** we are going to trial hosting a ***Craft and Chatter*** *(like knit and natter) group.* It is open to anyone, regardless of ability. Bring any craft you are working on – knitting, crochet, needlework, patchwork, scrapbooking … anything you enjoy. Or if you just want to come for a chat that is fine too. The group will run from **1.30pm – 3.30pm.** We will provide refreshments – you need to bring your own craft. We will meet in the Lamerton Centre**. Starting date 12th August 2026. Come along!**

General Synod
The General Synod of the Australian Anglican Church meets this coming week in Melbourne (9 -14th Aug). This will be Bishop Mark's first Synod as Primate. He has asked that we pray for him, and the Synod as the deliberate this week. For more information about what Synod are discussing see - https://anglican.org.au/the-general-synod/general-synod-sessions/

National Church Life Survey
Is like a Census for churches. It allows the church nationally to reflect on our activity and plan for the future. St Philip's will participate in this on Sunday 20th September. More details to come!

Diocese Clergy Retreat
The Annual Diocese Clergy retreat will take place from 17-20 August at Hartzer Park. Christine and Bili will be attending.

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 upcoming events and Calendar *https://events.stphilipsoconnor.org.au*

This week @ St Philip's

Tues	7pm	11th Aug	Parish Council meet
Wed	1.30pm	12th Aug	Craft and Chatter in Lamerton Centre
Wed	6pm	12th Aug	Evening Prayer in Lamerton Centre
Thurs	10am	13th Aug	Eucharist followed by Morning Tea
Sat	10am	15th Aug	Pandoras is open
Sat	11am	15th Aug	Eucharist Canberra Aged Care

Today's Roster - 2nd August – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant: Rev Dr Bili Malek & Preacher: Rev Christine Cargill

8am Welcoming/Offertory: Vacant; LA/Prayers: Russell; Readers: Rev Howard & Volunteer, Breakfast: Margaret and Russell

10am Welcoming/Offertory: Helen & Hardy ; LA/Prayers; Christine/Sarah G; 2nd Chalice: Rev Colin; Slides: Liz D; Musician: Colin; Readers: Jeanette DT & Laura; Morning Tea: Helen

Next Sunday— 16th August – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45: 1-15; Ps 133; Romans 11:13-32 & Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

Celebrant: Rev Sarah Gibson & Preacher: Rev Christine Cargill

8am Welcoming/Offertory: Vacant; LA/Prayers: Lari; Readers: Rebecca and Julianne, Breakfast: Martin and Julianne.

10am Welcoming/Offertory: Fred and Volunteer ; LA/Prayers; Rebecca; 2nd Chalice: Brian; Slides: Fiona/Ben; Musician: Colin; Readers: Fiona and Liz D; Morning Tea: Liz D***https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/rosters***

Prayers of the People. In our prayers we remember all in need, including Barbara, Brad, David, John, Sandra, Wendy, Nicholas, Zahra, Margaret, Lyn, Robin, Bob, Judy, Ermida, Ivo, Virgina and Graham. We pray for those unable to gather with us & those in hospital or other care. We commend to God the recently departed as we remember those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Marilyn Brewin (10 Aug 2021), Jean McCarty (12 Aug 2019), Aubrey Lee (12 Aug 1900), Thelma Morton (15 Aug 1993) and Spencer John Vitnell (15 Aug 2018). We remember those whose memories are dear to us & those remembered only by God.

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