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This week @ St Philip's

Tues	10am	7th July	Men's Group meet
Tues	2pm	7th July	Eucharist Lesley Morshead
Wed	6pm	8th July	Evening Prayer in Lamerton Centre
Thurs	10am	9th July	Eucharist followed by Morning Tea
Sat	10am	11th July	Pandoras is open
Sat	11am	11th July	Eucharist Canberra Aged Care
Sat	5.30pm	11th July	Parish Dinner - Kopiku

Today's Roster — 5th July - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant and Preacher : Rev Christine Cargill

8am Welcoming/Offertory: Margaret and Russell; LA/Prayers: Christine; Readers: Margaret and Russell; Breakfast: Margaret and Russell.

10am Welcoming/Offertory: Brian & tbc; LA/Prayers: Kudzai & Kundai; 2nd Chalice: Kundai; Slides: Robyn H; Musician: Jeanette; Readers: Laura & Fred ; Morning Tea: Helen

Next Sunday— 12th July - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25: 19-34; Ps119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11 & Matthew 13: 1-9,18-23

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

8am Welcoming/Offertory: Lari; LA/Prayers: Russell; Readers: Howard and Lari, Breakfast: Margaret and Russell.

10am Welcoming/Offertory: Helen P and Marg H; LA/Prayers: Rev Robin and Mickayla; 2nd Chalice: Colin; Slides: Brian; Musician: Colin; Readers: Kerry Anne and Jeanette DT ; Morning Tea: Helen

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Prayers of the People. In our prayers we remember all in need, including Barbara, Brad, David, John, Sandra, Wendy, Nicholas, Zahra, Margaret, Lyn, Bob, Judy, Ermida, Pauline, Victoria, 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. We remember those whose memories are dear to us & those remembered only by God.

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St Philip's Come & See

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
5th July 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 24:34-38,42-49, 58-67
Ps 45:10-17
Romans 7:14-25
Matthew 11:15 -19; 25-30

Hymns at 10am
447 – Lord, your almighty word
272 – Come thou long expected Jesus
431 – Thanks to God whose word is spoken
571 – Forth in your name

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

What do we want to find when we look for Jesus? Our readings for this Sunday challenge us to consider what we expect to find. Jesus expresses his frustration that people criticise John because he fasts, and then Jesus because he doesn't – what sign of God do you want!! We hear his wonder at what humans need to believe – what is it we expect to see?
Jesus meets this question with an answer of sorts, 'look I know this is all too much for you – so just let go and I will carry you!' Jesus in

*many ways knows what people are looking for– they want to be held — they want to be loved. And so, Jesus promises – **come to me and find rest!** The rest Jesus speaks of here, is not rest at the end of the day – or even at specified period during the year or even at the end of our working life. Rest in this context is more about a state of being –it is the promise we are reminded of in Jesus – Emmanuel – God is with us – this is the rest – the letting go and letting God so to speak!*
What then do we expect to find when we look to rest in God? Today's readings are a reminder to dare to trust that God loves us; is always with us on the journey and may be not quite be what we were expecting to find.

What the Church Mouse Saw!
And let there be light!!! It is fantastic to have so many new lightbulbs in church, and a new clear roof on the Lamerton Centre deck – both making it lighter *(Thank you Ben and Goran).* Our Internet connection has been repaired, and we hope with lasting effect. *A huge thank you to Mel for her perseverance.* New plants have also appeared in the garden – *thank you to Ian.*

Pandora's Christmas in July
Pandora's will be celebrating Christmas in July on **Saturday 18th JULY 10am -1pm**. It will be a casual event with drinks and nibbles. There will also be additional racks with festive clothes and bling!!! Please put date in your diary and let friends and friends of Pandoras know.

Parish Dinner at Kopiku Indonesian Café in O'Connor shops. Will take place **Saturday 11th July at 5.30pm.**
Please sign up and give your meal choice by Sunday 5th July!!!

First Sunday @ 5pm will next take place on Sunday 5th July in the Lamerton Centre. This is a non-eucharist reflective service which will use some Taizé as well as other reflective practices.

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.

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.

July Activities
During July we are going to working on a few projects.
1. Changes at the front of Church
Many of you will have noticed that the steps around the altar present some challenges and the Parish Council have been considering different ways of addressing this so that it is safe, and so more people can continue to participate. During July we are going to be experimenting with using an altar on the first step. We know this will feel different, but it will allow us to judge what might be possible moving forward.
2. Church Membership List and Contact Details.
During July we are going to be asking everyone to complete a new contact information form. This allows us to ensure that we have the correct details to stay in touch. In addition, it will also allow us to have a formal 'membership list'. While we have sat lightly to this, and this information is not shared, the number of people who are on the list is shared with the Diocese and impacts on our perceived viability as a parish. Paper forms will be available at the back of church, and it will also be emailed to all on our current contact list. Please take time to read and complete… it really does help us!

Safe Ministry Training
As part of our legal requirements, but also because we are committed to being a safe worshipping community, all those who offer leadership of any kind within our community are asked to complete *Safe Ministry Training*. ***The training covers all we hope to be as a community together – how we look out for each other and aim to be a safe place. It is a good course for everyone to do even if you are not offering leadership, and to have a sense of how we can work together.*** This training will be offered in parish using online materials on **Saturday 18 July from 2-4pm.** Please sign up for this session at the back of church or email Christine.