

Anzac Day Prayer — Friday 25 April

God of love and liberty,
we bring our thanks for the peace and
security we enjoy.

We remember those who in time of war
faithfully served their country.

We pray for their families,
and for ourselves whose freedom was won at such a cost.

Make us a people zealous for peace,
and hasten the day when nation shall not lift up sword against
nation neither learn war any more.

This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of
the world: Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen — APBA



Today's Roster—20 April (3rd Sunday of the Month)

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Christine Cargill

9.30am: Welcoming/Offertory: Brian M & volunteer; Slides: Rebecca K;
Readers: Jeannette D-T / Fred A; LA / Prayers: Rebecca K; Musician: Colin F;
Morning Tea: Ashton & Liz D.

This week @ St Philip's

Tue 2pm	22 Apr	Communion at Lesley Morshead
Thu 10am	24 Apr	Mid-Week Eucharist and morning tea
Sat 11am	26 Apr	Eucharist at Canberra Aged Care
Sat 10am-1pm	26 Apr	Pandora's half-price sale

Next Sunday—27 April

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

Second Sunday of Easter (4th Sunday of the Month).

Acts 5.27-32; Psalm 118.14-29; Revelation 1.4-8; John 20.19-31

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Christine Cargill.

8am: Welcoming/Offertory: Shane & Tim W; LA/Prayers: Brian M;
Readers: Time & Shane W.

10am: Welcoming/Offertory: Revd Jeannette & Laura W; Slides: Liz D;
Readers: Liz D / tba; Deacon: Revd Robin; Prayers: Ashton R;
Musician: Colin F; Morning Tea: Jeanette D-T & Revd Dr Colin.

Calendar

<https://events.stphilipsoconnor.org.au/>

Sun 9.30	4 May	St Philip's Day combined service, followed by brunch
Thu 11am	6 May	Men's Group



20 April 2025

Easter Day

Welcome to St Philip's

We are delighted that you are here!

Isaiah 65: 17-25; Psalm 118: 1-2; 14-24; Acts 10: 34-43; Luke 24: 1-12

Hymns 9.30am: 370, 390, 361, 380



Psanky; traditional Ukrainian hand-decorated Easter eggs.

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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Thought for the week

From the Rector

Today we celebrate and give thanks for the victory of Christ over death and over the powers that threaten to destroy our world. We started our celebrations by lighting the Pascal Candle, which symbolises Christ as the light of the world, bringing the light of God into the darkness. And then a great hymn of praise is sung. As the children of the new Covenant, we will renew our commitment to Christ by renewing our baptismal vows. We celebrate Christ's Resurrection in the first Eucharist of Easter. Today we proclaim our faith with joy and hope for all the world to hear and share.

But our celebration of Easter does not end today! Easter for Christians is not just one day, but rather a fifty-day period. The season of Easter, or Eastertide, begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2).

In the early church, Lent was a season for new converts to learn about the faith and prepare for baptism on Easter Sunday. The initial purpose of the fifty-day Easter season was to continue the faith formation of new Christians. As "Easter people," we also celebrate and ponder the birth of the Church and gifts of the Spirit (Pentecost), and how we are to live as faithful disciples.

This is great season for us as we share our rekindled faith with each other. I hope this will inspire of each of us to notice God at work in our lives, and to share what we notice with each other.

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.

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. If you need to receive communion in your seat, please let one of the welcomers know. Gluten-free bread is available. Communion is received slightly differently at the 8am and the 9.30 or 10am services, so please follow the instructions given at the time. If you are unsure please do ask.

Prayers of the People. In our prayers we remember all in need, particularly: Ann, John & Clare, Barbara, Beryl, Brad, David, Elizabeth, John G, Robyn, Sandra, Ursula, Wendy & Nathan. We pray for those unable to gather with us and those in hospital or other care. We commend to God the recently departed and remember those whose anniversary of death is this week, including Jeffery Avery (23/4/2007) and Alfred Johnson (27/4/2018). We remember, too, the victims of war, terrorism, disease and tragedy, those whose memories are dear to us, and those remembered only by God.

News and notices

Parish Council. The parish council met on Tuesday 8th and had a very positive meeting with lots of fruitful discussion. This included discussion about Safe Church and our responsibilities; parish finances, ongoing repairs to the church and gardens, establishing a small pastoral team, and agreeing a planned list of social events for the coming year. We also spoke about how communion is distributed at each service, and other possibilities for worship moving forward.

Holy Week and Easter. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed in so many ways to our services during Holy Week and Easter. **St Philip's Day**, our Patronal Festival, will be celebrated on Sunday 4 May! We will have a **combined service at 9.30am only**, followed by celebration brunch. This is a day when we give thanks for all that St Philip's is and our life together. Please have this date in your diary
Working Bee. A huge thank you to everyone who helped at the working bee on Saturday 12th—what a great team we have!! Thank you!