



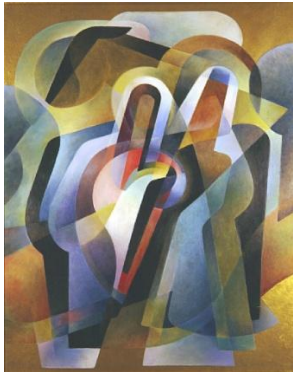
St Philip's
Come & See

First Sunday of Christmas

28th December 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.



Picture Credit: Frank Hinder (Australia, 1906-92). *Flight into Egypt* (1952).

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.

We stand to sing our opening carol as the bell is rung.

**The North Wind is tossing the leaves
The red dust is over the town
The sparrows are under the eaves
And the grass in the paddock is brown
As we lift up our voices and sing
To the Christ-child, the heavenly king**

**The tree-ferns in Green Gully sway
The cool stream flows silently by
The joy-bells are greeting the day
And the chimes are adrift in the sky
As we lift up our voices and sing
To the Christ-child, the heavenly king**

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Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Christine welcomes us and introduces the service

We make our confession for those things which separate us from God and from one another

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: 'You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God, through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

Silence is kept

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you**

The collect

The Priest introduces a period of silent prayer before the collect.

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We are seated for the readings.

We hear a reading from the Old Testament ((Isaiah 63:7-9)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:

O praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all his angels:

O praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon:

praise him, all you stars of light.

4 Praise him, you highest heaven:

and you waters that are above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:

for he commanded and they were made.

6 He established them for ever and ever:

he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.

7 O praise the Lord from the earth:

praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, mist and snow:

and storm-wind fulfilling his command;

9 Mountains and all hills:

fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:

creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples:

and against our neighbour in

thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

who died for us, forgive us all that is past

and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

We say together.

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

We are reminded of God's forgiveness.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We raise our thanks to God in the words of the Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

princes, and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens:

old folk and children together.

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord:

for his name alone is exalted.

14 His glory is above earth and heaven:

and he has lifted high the horn of his people.

15 Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:

of the children of Israel, a people that is near him.

Praise the Lord.

We hear a reading from the New Testament. (Hebrews 2:10-18)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We sing unto us a boy is born

**Unto us a boy is born,
King of all creation:
Came he to a world forlorn,
The Lord of every nation,
The Lord of every nation.**

**Cradled in a stall was he
With sleepy cows and asses;
But the very beasts could see
That He all men surpasses,
That He all men surpasses.**

**Herod then with fear was filled:
'A prince', he said, 'In Jewry!'
All little boys be killed
At Bethl'em in his fury,
At Bethl'em in his fury.**

Now may Mary's Son, who came

So long ago to love us,

Lead us all with hearts aflame

Unto the joys above us,

Unto the joys above us.

Omega and Alpha He!

Let the organ thunder,

While the choir with peals of glee

Doth rend the air asunder,

Doth rend the air asunder.

The Gospel is announced.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
(Matthew 2: 13- 23)

Glory to You, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon after which there is a period for quiet reflection

We stand to affirm our faith in the words of the creed.

We believe in God the Father,

from whom every family

in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,

who lives in our hearts through faith,

and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God;

Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

We kneel or sit as we pray for the Church, the World and for this community. During the prayers we use the response:

Lord in your Mercy
Hear our Prayer.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Liturgy of the Sacrament (please stand)
The Priest will introduce the peace

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name
shall be called the Prince of Peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.
Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

We stand to sing as an offertory is collected and gifts brought forward

**Angel voices ever singing
round Thy throne of light,
angel harps, forever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless Thee
and confess thee Lord of might.**

**Yea, we know that thou rejoices
o'er each work of Thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
for Thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for Thy pleasure all combine.**

**In thy house, great God, we offer
of Thine own to Thee;
and for Thine acceptance proffer, all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.**

**Honour, glory, might, and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity:
of the best that Thou hast given
earth and heaven render Thee.**

The Priest will offer a prayer over the gifts.

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor, who fills our praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord be with you,
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The prayer continues until...

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
+Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The prayer continues until...

Great is the mystery of faith
**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

The prayer continues until...

...in songs of never-ending praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

We stand together as we are invited to join in the prayer that Jesus taught his friends to say in your preferred version or language

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace**

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

*We receive communion. During communion we listen to O Magnum
Mysterium by Morten Lauridsen as we reflect on the gift that we
share.*

The priest will lead us in a short prayer

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth
the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one
family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to
our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We hear brief notices and a chance to share our Christmas gifts.
Please stand for the blessing and dismissal*

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and
heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers
of the divine nature; and the blessing of God almighty, the (+)
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with
you always. **Amen**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

We sing our final carol as the clergy depart.

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing**

**Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns
Let us our songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sound in joy**

**He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of his love
And wonders of his love
And wonders and wonders of his love**

Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

A Huge Thank you!!

A huge thank you to everyone for all your help in making Advent and Christmas celebrations such a success. For everyone who arranged and cleaned, served food and drink, helped in services, welcomed our guests, made donations to our charities and those who encouraged us. It really was team effort, and we should be very proud of what we achieved. Thank you!

Service Changes during the New Year Period

Sunday 4th January – Feast of Epiphany 9.30 am Eucharist only
*Due to Christmas and NewYear, there will be no Thursday 10am Eucharist until **Thursday 8th January 2026.***

Anglican Board for Mission (ABM) Presentation

On Sunday 18th January, Meagan Schwarz, Key Relationships Manager for ABM will be with us for both services. During the service she will provide an update for us on the partnership work taking place in the Philippines, which St Philip's supports through ABM. She will speak at both the 8am and 10am service on this Sunday, and will be around during refreshments afterwards as well.

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.

For upcoming events and Calendar

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

This week @ St Philip's

Sun 9.30am 4 Jan Sunday Eucharist - Epiphany

Today's Roster—28 December – First Sunday of Christmas

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev Christine Cargill

9.30am only Welcoming/Offertory: Helen and Hardy ; Slides: tbc;
Readers: Julianne S and Jeanette DT; LA/Prayers: Rev Robin; 2nd
Chalice: Rev Bob;; Morning Tea: Helen

Next Sunday— 4 January – Feast of Epiphany

Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3: 1-12 and Matthew 2: 1-12

Celebrant: & Preacher: Rev Christine Cargill

9.30am only Welcoming/Offertory: Brian and Volunteer ; Slides:
Robin; Readers: Fred and Jeanette DT; LA/Prayers: Christine; 2nd
Chalice: Rev Robin; Musician: Alison 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 & Nathan, Nicholas, Zahra, Margaret, Bob, Judy, Elizabeth and Rosemary. We pray for those unable to gather with us & those in hospital or other care. We commend to God the recently departed Patricia (Pat) as we remember those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Norma Florence Reynolds (28 Dec 2000) and Philida Sturgiss-Hoy (30 Dec 2022). We remember those whose memories are dear to us & those remembered only by God.

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