

... your seat, please let one of the welcomers know. Gluten-free bread is available. The way Communion is received differs slightly between the 8am and 10am services; please follow the instructions given at the time. If you are unsure, please do ask.

St John's Care. Goods in short supply are: UHT full cream 1 litre milk, jam/honey/vegemite, cereal, tinned fruit, cooking oil, canned tuna, school snacks, 1kg rice, tinned chunky soups, pasta sauce, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, toilet paper, washing powder, dishwashing liquid. Please leave donations in the baskets on the back pew.

Today's Roster—11 May (2nd Sunday of the Month)

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Christine Cargill.

8am: Welcoming/Offertory: Alison & Alistair D; LA/Prayers: Brian M; Readers: Alistair & Alison D.

10am: Welcoming/Offertory: Helen & Hardy P; Slides: Liz D. Readers: Laura W / Kerry-Anne C; Deacon: Rev Robin; Musician: Jeannette D-T; Morning Tea: Helen P.

This week @ St Philip's

	Mon 12 – Thu 15 May	Christine and Robin at Clergy Conference
Thu	10am	15 May Mid-Week Eucharist and morning tea
Sat	11am	17 May Eucharist at Canberra Aged Care
Sat	10am-1pm	17 May Pandora's Pre-loved clothing shop open

Next Sunday—18 May <https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/news/rosters>

Fifth Sunday of Easter (3rd Sunday of the month)

Acts 11.1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21.1-16; John 13.31-35.

Celebrant & Preacher: Revd Christine Cargill.

8am: Welcoming/Offertory: volunteers; M; LA/Prayers: Russell M;

Readers: Rebecca P / Julianne S.

10.00am: Welcoming/Offertory: Revd Jeannette & Laura W; Slides: Rebecca K; Readers: Jeannette D-T / Fred A; LA / Prayers: Rebecca K; Musician: Colin F; Morning Tea: Ashton R & Liz D.

Calendar

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

Watch the Diary Dates! There is a link on the front page of the website.

Tue	10am	20 May	Men's Group
Tue	10am	27 May	Women's group preliminary gathering
Sun		1 Jun	Ascension Sunday
Sun		8 Jun	Pentecost Sunday



Welcome to St Philip's

We are delighted that you are here!

Acts 9.36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7.9-17; John 10.22-30

Hymns 10am: 59, 10,409, Blessed Assurance



(Artist unknown)

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 people who worship with us.

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11 May 2025
 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Thought for the week

From the Rector

During these fifty days of Easter, we read every Sunday from the Acts of the Apostles and share in the story of the birth of the Church. After introducing Saul to the readers, Luke quickly shifts his attention back to the ministry of Peter. This time, Peter goes to Joppa to raise Tabitha from the dead. But who is really the centre of this story? The story of Peter raising Tabitha from the dead parallels the story of Jairus's daughter in Luke 8:40-56. At the heart of this book, and the stories of Peter, is the need to have faith. With faith, we have the courage to make a difference.

There is a similar theme in our Gospel reading from John 10: 22-30. Jesus is walking through Solomon's Porch during the festival of lights, or Hanukkah (verses 22-23). This place is important; it was the porch or portico on the east side of the Temple and was called the "Porch of Judgment." From this location, the King would make his judgments and exercise justice for those who were brought before him. And here is Jesus strolling through this historic location, physically embodying justice in this place of justice—something his life and teachings were all about. And here in the midst of this setting the question of Jesus' identity emerges again.

Doubt and questioning are normal parts of our lives as people and as persons of faith. In this passage, Jesus addresses this question of doubt by explaining that he is one with God. Whatever our doubts, we are invited into a relationship with God, where we have access to the gifts of God's unmerited grace and forgiveness; and we are called to have the courage of faith—however much that might be.

Mother's Day. Today we give thanks for all who are mothers or who fulfil mothering or nurturing roles for others—in many different contexts and ways.

Prayers of the People. In our prayers we remember all in need, particularly: Ann, John and Clare, Barbara, Beryl, Brad, David, 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. 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 notes

The BEST Men's Breakfast—Saturday 24 May 7.30–9am.

Bacon, Egg, Sausage & Tomato (plus Toast, Tea & Coffee) in the Lamerton Centre. Guest speaker: Revd Christine Cargill: "Our heritage! The Church in England." Please book on the list in the church foyer. Cost \$10.

Annual Clergy Conference. Christine and Robin will be away 12–15 May at the annual Diocesan Clergy conference—held this year in Narooma. Please pray for them and others at the conference. The theme for this year's conference is "Conflict".

Women's Group — preliminary meeting. We currently have a weekday men's group which meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 10am. Some interest has been expressed in a similar group for women on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. A preliminary meeting to gauge interest will be held at 10am on Tuesday 27th May in the Lamerton Centre. If you are interested in being part of a weekday women's group, please do come to this meeting and we will explore possibilities from there.

Our patronal festival. It was wonderful to celebrate the life of our parish with St Philip's Day last week. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our celebrations and to those who constantly contribute to the life of our parish. It is a great thing to celebrate.

Parish Council News. The Parish council met on Tuesday 6th May. The council had conversations about Safe Church, care of the church, responding to the break-in over Easter, and installation of benches, amongst the other governance responsibilities. We also acknowledged the efforts of so many with the recent working bee, Easter, and St Philip's Day—and recorded our thanks.

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.

Receiving Communion. All who are baptised are welcome to receive communion, regardless of their tradition or when they last 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 . . .