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This week @ St Philip's

Wed	No Wednesday Evening Prayer till further notice		
Thu	10am	27 Nov	Mid-Week Eucharist and MT
Sat	11am	29 Nov	Eucharist, Canberra Aged Care
Sat	10am-1pm	29 Nov	Pandora's open
Sat	5pm	29 Nov	Advent Dinner

Today's Roster – 23rd November – Christ the King

Celebrant: & Preacher: The Reverend Bili Malek

8am Welcoming/Offertory: Shane and Tim; LA/Prayers: Julianne; Readers: Tim and Shane.

10am Welcoming/Offertory: Brian & Volunteer; Slides: Robyn H; Readers: Kerry Anne and Jeanette DT; LA/Prayers: Brian ; 2nd Chalice: Rev Colin; Musician: Colin ; Morning Tea: Colin and Jeanette

Next Sunday – 30 November – Advent Sunday

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 22; Romans 13: 11-end and Matthew 24: 36-44

Celebrant: & Preacher: TBC

8am Welcoming/Offertory: Alistair and Alison ; LA/Prayers: TBC; Readers: Alistair and Alison.

10am Welcoming/Offertory: Helen and Hardy; Slides: Liz D; Readers: Rev Colin and Rev Bob; LA/Prayers: Sarah; 2nd Chalice: Rev Bob; Musician: Colin ; Morning Tea: Helen P

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Prayers of the People. In our prayers we remember all in need, including Barbara, Beryl, Brad, David, John, Sandra, Ursula, Wendy & Nathan, Nicholas, Zahra, Margaret, Katherine, David S, Beryl, Ann, John, Clare, Christine and Elizabeth. We pray for those unable to gather with us & those in hospital or other care. We commend to God the recently departed Donald Bert Gough and Helen Mary Hills as we remember those whose anniversary of death falls at this time Bridget Munro (22 Nov 2023) Constance Morton (25 Nov 2001) and Darryl Roger Sharp (29 Nov 2020)). We remember those whose memories are dear to us & those remembered only by God.

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**Feast of Christ the King
23rd November 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.



Sunday Readings

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1: 11-20

Luke 23: 33-43

Hymns at 10am

228 – Crown him with many crowns
omit verses 2 and 3

Be still for the presence of the Lord

520– Lord enthroned *omit verse 4*

432 – Christ is made a sure foundation

Picture credit - Ronald Raab, CSC (Indiana). Christ the King (2017)

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.

What's been happening round the church this week...

The Parish Council met on Tuesday evening. We had an update from the Anglican Board for Mission (ABM), we confirmed plans for Advent and Christmas; as well as reviewed property, finance and policy matters.

Thought from the Rector – Chirstine

The Feast of Christ the King marks the last Sunday of the Church year! It is the last Sunday before Advent and brings to end the liturgical Kingdom season when we envision what God's Kingdom is. It celebrates the all-embracing authority of Christ as King and Lord of the cosmos; or in more Australian terms, the reign of Christ.

With that in mind, the Gospel reading set for today, which is part of the story of Jesus crucifixion, might seem like an odd selection. Indeed, the inscription above Jesus' head reads "This is the King of the Jews." But this was placed over his head as public irony, an act of public shaming. But maybe, this is the best passage for Christ the King Sunday. It is a story of the crucified Christ. It is the story of how Rome treats defeated kings with public performances of humiliation. What they do not realize is that their action works into God's story. Only those on the margin can testify to its truth. One of the criminals, rightfully condemned, recognizes his innocence and begs for mercy. One Roman centurion acknowledges the truth of what appears to be a loss as a victory. It is a story in which Jesus' messianic identity is called into question. It is a story in which Christians throughout the ages call his identity into question. What kind of king will he be? Posing the question in this way is really another way of asking a more personal question: what kind of disciple might I be or what kind of church should we be?

News from our community

St John's Care needs pantry staples like UHT milk, pasta sauce, rice, tinned tuna, and cereal. They also need toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, and soap, along with household essentials like dishwashing and laundry liquid. Other requested items include spreads (Vegemite, jam, honey), tinned vegetables, snacks for school lunches, and sometimes, presents for Christmas hampers. You can leave donations in the baskets on the back pew.

Help Needed...

We are looking for some volunteers to help with some little tasks around the parish. Ideally, we would like to find one person for each task (or even two to take the pressure off). **Jobs include** charging batteries in cameras, washing altar linen, leading intercessions on a Sunday, serving at the altar, serving Morning Tea after the service. If you can help, please speak to Christine.

Pandora's special Christmas celebration will be on 6 December 10am -1pm. Please call in and share some Christmas Cheer with us.

All members of our parish and their friends are very welcome.

Advent Activities

Parish Advent Dinner will this year take place at **5pm on Saturday 29th November**. There will be chicken (and a vegetarian alternative); and we are asking people to bring either a salad or dessert to share. Please sign up to **1**. Let us know you are coming; **2** let us know if you can bring a dessert or salad. We will ask people to BYO drinks! Sign up today!

Saturday the 6th December – Advent Working Bee from 9am to prepare the church and grounds for the festive season.

Advent Meditations...

In the first two weeks of Advent we will be offering an Advent Reflection/Meditation on the theme of the Nativity. We are aware this is a busy time of year, and it will allow space for people who would like to have a little space and ponder the Advent themes. These Sessions, like in Lent, will be offered twice on a Thursday.

Thursday's 4th and 11th December at 12noon and then again at 6pm. Weekly theme using music, images and silence.

Community Carols – Sunday 7th December at 4pm.

This service will include favourite Carols, performance from Tongan Congregation Choir, stories of different traditions of Christmas, and even a scratch Nativity. Come dressed as your favourite Nativity Character. A great service to invite family, neighbours and friends to.

Lessons and Carols – Sunday 21st December at 7pm.

Featuring Soloists as well a chance to sing traditional carols. Readings which tell the story of Christmas followed by Festive Cheer. Do bring along your friends and family. **Advent Flyer at the back of church.**

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.

Christine is currently on sick leave. She is responding to texts and emails, so you can contact her that way if you need to; but she is not allowed to talk! She isn't contagious or infectious, so if you are happy to chat, she is willing to listen.



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