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This week @ St Philip's

Wed	6pm	25 Feb	Evening Prayer in Lamerton Centre
Thurs	10am	26 Feb	Eucharist followed by refreshments
Thurs	12noon	26 Feb	Lent Study in Lamerton Centre
Thurs	7pm	26 Feb	Lent Study in Lamerton Centre
Sat	10am	28 Feb	Pandora's Open
Sat	11am	28 Feb	Ordination of Deacons at St Saviours

Today's Roster — 22nd February – First Sunday of Lent

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Christine Cargill

8am Welcoming/Offertory: Shane and Tim; LA/Prayers: Russell;

Readers: Shane and Tim; Breakfast: Margaret and Russell

10am Welcoming/Offertory: Rev Jeannette + volunteer; LA/Prayers: Rev

Robin; 2nd Chalice: Fr Hartley; Slides: vacant; Musician: Colin;

Readers: Brian and Ashton; Morning Tea: Colin and Jeannette.

Next Sunday— 1st March – Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12: 1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 & John 3: 1-17

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Christine Cargill

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

& Rev Bili; Readers: Margaret and Russell; Breakfast: Margaret and

Russell

10am Welcoming/Offertory: Brian + volunteer; LA/Prayers: Christine &

Rev Bili; 2nd Chalice: Rev Robin; Slides: Liz D; Musician: Alison;

Readers: Jeannette DT & Fred; Morning Tea: Ashton

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Prayers of the People. In our prayers we remember all in need, including Barbara, Brad, David, John, Sandra, Wendy & Nathan, Nicholas, Zahra, Margaret, Lyn, Bob, Judy, Rosemary, Pauline, Victoria and Marcus. 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 including Howard Done (25 Feb 1987). We remember those whose memories are dear to us & those remembered only by God.

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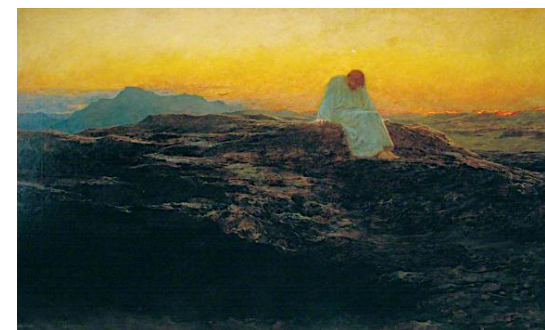


St Philip's
Come & See

First Sunday of Lent 22nd February 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.



Picture Credit: Briton Rivière - *The Temptation in the Wilderness* (1903).

Today's Readings

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5: 12-21

Matthew 4: 1-11

Hymns at 10am

591 – Forty Days and Forty nights

136 – There's a wideness in God's

590 – What a Friend (tune)

595 – O Jesus I have promised

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

The problem with the temptation narratives at the beginning of Lent is the reductive view of all temptations as garden-variety challenges to individual faith. But the 40 days in the wilderness is less about personal temptation, and more about confirming who Jesus is as both human and divine. It builds on the images of identity Matthew presents within the Gospel. Jesus' experience in the wilderness narrative seeks to affirm his identity.

A story which uses images of a tempting devil may not be language we would use, but it was common at the time it was written. The key point of Jesus' interactions is that he rejects easy options and solutions for the greater good. While stone is not turned to bread in the desert, later in the Gospel Jesus will respond to the hunger of the crowd and feed them. But at this point in the story, we are being given a glimpse of how Jesus is made manifest in the world. While solutions might be simple, they aren't always easy. At the end of this narrative the angels nurture Jesus so that he is sustained for the journey ahead. Lent offers us a time to reconnect with our understanding of who God is, and how we respond in our current context. It also invites us to nurture our spirit so that we too are sustained for the journey ahead.

Our Community Life Together and Dates for your Diary

We are now in Lent

This year's Lent Study we are using *Holiday* prepared by Anglican Board for Mission. *Holiday* is a series of stories about Jesus set in an Australian Landscape.

Session 1 – **Thursday 26th February** – Mad Boy - **12noon or 7pm**

Session 2 – **Thursday 5th March** – Cutting loose - *12noon or 7pm*

Session 3 – **Thursday 12th March** – *12noon or 7pm*

Session 4 – Quiet Morning Saturday **21st March 9am – 1pm**

(with invitation to share lunch together afterwards).

Please sign up at the back of church.

Lent pamphlet available in church or on the website. Please look at the different ways you might engage this Lent.

Shared Parish Social Lunch – Salad and Pancakes

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our shared lunch last Sunday. It was a lovely event, and good to share together.

Purple Altar Frontal

We are grateful to Ann and Alan for their question about whether we might have a purple altar frontal at St Philip's. We looked at several options and then wondered about something more organic. Members of the congregation were invited to contribute bits of cotton purple fabric, either offcuts from sewing or craft, or even bits from favourite old clothes. We are very blessed that Ruth has been able to creatively design these different pieces together so that we can have a purple altar frontal which not only adds to the liturgical season but that reflects different moments and stories from within the journey of our congregation.

Liturgical Purple is the colour for Advent and from Ash Wednesday until the day before Palm Sunday. It is recommended for Funerals and for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (*although either black or white may be preferred*). All these seasons or moments are times that reflect the journey of life – the patchwork of the story of our lives, and so it seems very poignant that our altar frontal is this...



Today we give thanks for our new frontal and for the creativity within our community that it reflects.

Loving and creative God,
we give thanks for the gifts you give to each of us,
and for the stories which make up our lives.
We give thanks today for the gift of our new altar frontal,
may it inspire our prayer and meditation
and remind us of the wonder of your creation.
Bless all who have contributed to this project,
and encourage each of us in our discipleship.
Help our lives to reflect our love of you,
and our worship to rise to you like incense.
We ask this in name of Christ. **Amen.**

Wednesday Evening Prayer

Takes place each **Wednesday** at **6pm** in the Lamerton Centre. This time of prayer will last about 35-40mins. We will use different styles of prayer and meditation as we pray together. During Lent it provides a great space to focus our prayer.

First Sunday @ 5pm will next take place on Sunday 1st of March .

This is a non-eucharist reflective service which will use some Taizé as well as other reflective practices. In March we will reflect on the Lenten journey – mindful that the next first Sunday will actually be Easter Day!

TGI Friday's (*Thank goodness it is Friday*) will **take Friday 6th March** in the Lamerton Centre on the first Friday of the month. You are welcome from **5pm – 7pm**. Please BYO drinks and nibbles, though you may like to share what you bring. A chance to be social and reflect on the week. No need to book, just come if you are able, and stay for a length of time that suits you within those 2 hours.

Pizza Party Option – On this Friday we will also be inviting any who are present if they would like to stay for pizza. At 6pm we will survey all who are present what pizza they would like and order. As a result, this session may go slightly longer. We will sit lightly to this, and see how those present feel on the evening.

Ordination of Deacons 28th February

Bishop Mark will ordain 3 three people as deacons in the Church of God at St Saviour's Cathedral Goulburn on Saturday 28 February 2026, at 11.00am. Please keep these ordinands and their families in your prayers as they prepare for that time. Timothy Lowth (from North Goulburn Parish) Michael Oborn (from Australian Defence Force and Queanbeyan and District Anglican Church) and Duncan (from Gungahlin Parish)

Save the date – Parish Working Bee Saturday 28th March

starting from 8am till about 11am there will be plenty of jobs for any ability level, from sweeping leaves and cobwebs, to polishing brass. Do plan to pop in and help a little as we prepare the church and grounds for autumn and Easter.

New Altar Frontal

Thank you to everyone who donated material for our new purple altar frontal which we will use from Ash Wednesday. We will bless the new frontal during the 10am service today. Thank you to Ruth for her wonderful creativity in pulling the design of our collective journey together. *There are some pieces of fabric left over, and they are in a bag at the back of church. If you donated and would like remainder back, please check.*

Annual Parish Meeting – We need you!!!

The 2026 St Philip's AGM will be held on **Sunday 1 March** at 11.15am. A booklet containing an agenda and reports about our 2025 activities will be available in the coming weeks. The AGM will receive reports from 2025, set a budget for 2026 and elect a new Parish Council. The Parish Council consists of the Rector, & up to 9 others.

We would like to elect:

- 2 wardens
- 4 councillors.
(Wardens and Council members commit to serving one year at a time, though it is helpful if people serve for longer)
- 3 Synod representatives
- 3 alternate Synod representatives.
- 3 parish members of the Clergy Appointment Board.
(These positions are filled every three years 2026 - 2029.)

See the pamphlet that outlines all these roles and explains how to be nominated before our meeting on the 1st March.

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.