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This week @ St Philip's

Tues	10am	3 March	Men's Group
Wed	6pm	4 March	Evening Prayer in Lamerton Centre
Thurs	10am	5 March	Eucharist followed by refreshments
Thurs	12noon	5 March	Lent Study in Lamerton Centre
Thurs	7pm	5 March	Lent Study in Lamerton Centre
Fri	5pm	6 March	TGI Friday (plus pizza option)
Sat	10am	7 March	Pandora's Open
Sat	11am	7 March	Eucharist Canberra Aged Care

Today's Roster — 1st March – Second Sunday of Lent

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: tbc; Musician: Alison; Readers: Jeannette DT & Fred; Morning Tea: Ashton

Next Sunday— 8th March – Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5: 1-11 and John 4: 5-42

Celebrant: Rev Dr Bili Malek & Preacher: Rev Christine Cargill

8am Welcoming/Offertory: vacant ; LA/Prayers: Julianne; Readers: Lari; Breakfast: Martin and Julianne.

10am Welcoming/Offertory: Helen and Hardy; LA/Prayers: Rev Robin and Ashton; 2nd Chalice: Brian; Slides: Liz D; Musician: Colin F; Readers: Laura and Fr Hartley; Morning Tea: Helen.

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Prayers of the People. In our prayers we remember all in need, including Barbara, Brad, David, John, Sandra, Wendy, Nicholas, Zahra, Margaret, Lyn, Katherine, 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, Nathan Caesar, as we remember those whose anniversary of death falls at this including June Mannall (5 Mar 2024), Daphne Lois Hall (5 Mar 1995), Merryn Kathleen Bannerman (5 Mar 1985) and David Greville Gowty (6 Mar 2013). We remember those whose memories are dear to us & those remembered only by God.

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St Philip's
Come & See

Second Sunday of Lent 1st March 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.

Today's Readings

Genesis 12: 1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

John 3: 1-17

Hymns at 10am

93 Praise the Lord

Name of all majesty

456 – Thy hand O God

585 – I heard the voice of Jesus

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

John 3:16 is a passage that many of us will know by heart and love. But this powerful verse takes place in the context of a powerful encounter between Jesus and Nicodemus. Nicodemus is curious about Jesus and comes to him at night – he realises there is something to learn and experience.

John 3:16-17 offers a powerful theological rationale for why God sent Jesus into the world. God loves the world. Given the Johannine world view, this perspective is stunning. The attitudes and behaviours of the world are harmful to God. According to everyday logic, God should be angry with the world and punish it. Yet, God loves the world. For John, love goes beyond feeling to include actions for the good of the other and

the community. On a weekend when we reflect on the past year at St Philip's at our AGM it is an opportunity for us to reflect on how we continue to express this practical love to each other and the community around us. How we are stretched like Nicodemus to move beyond the safety of what we know and be open to learning and experiencing God in a new way.

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. Even if you haven't signed up, you are welcome to join in any session.

Session 2 – **Thursday 5th March** – Cutting loose – **11.30am** or 7pm

Session 3 – **Thursday 12th March** – **11.30am** or 7pm

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

(with invitation to share lunch together afterwards).

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

Opportunities to hear Dr Paula Gooder

Last year we used one of Paula's books for our Lent study. Dr Paula Gooder is the Canon Chancellor at St Paul's Cathedral and lecturer in church history. She offers a perspective about the importance of women in the life of the early church that has been neglected. The Women in Leadership Commission have arranged a visit from her to Canberra during March. There are 2 chances to hear her.

Saturday 21st March 7.30am Breakfast Conversation at Holy Covenant Jameson. Bookings essential but free event.

Thursday 19th March 7 for 7.30pm at St Mark's Theological College – lecture *Lives, Leadership and Legacy – Women in the earliest Christian Communities*. Bookings essential but free event. Booking Details at the back of church.

Wednesday Evening Prayer

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

Today we welcome Rev Dr Bili Malek – and her husband Stuart as part of our community until July.

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 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. **Pizza Party Option** – On Friday 6th we will also be inviting any who are present if they would like to stay for pizza. At 6pm we will survey who would like pizza. We will sit lightly to this and see how those present feel on the evening.

Ordination of Deacons 28th February

Bishop Mark yesterday ordained 3 three people as deacons in the Church of God. Please keep these ordinands and their families in your prayers. Timothy Lowth, Michael Oborn and Duncan Sherman.

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.

Annual Parish Meeting is today Sunday 1 March at 11.15am.

A booklet containing an agenda and reports about our 2025 activities available now

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.