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**For upcoming events and Calendar** <https://events.stphilipsoconnor.org.au>

**This week @ St Philip's**

Thurs	10am	14 <sup>th</sup> May	Eucharist followed by refreshments
Sat	10am	16 <sup>th</sup> May	Pandoras is open
Sat	11am	16 <sup>th</sup> May	Eucharist Canberra Aged Care

**Today's Roster — 10<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Celebrant: Rev Dr Bili Malek and & Preacher Rev Christine Cargill  
**8am** Welcoming/Offertory: tbc; LA/Prayers: Russell; Readers: Lari and Margaret; Breakfast: Margaret and Russell  
**10am** Welcoming/Offertory: Helen and Hardy; LA/Prayers: Rev Robin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chalice: Rev Colin; Slides: Fiona and Ben; Musician: Alison; Readers: Fiona and Laura ; Morning Tea: Helen P

**Next Sunday— 17<sup>th</sup> May – Ascension Sunday**

*Acts 1: 1-11; Ps 47, Ephesians 1:15-23 and Matthew 28:16-20*  
Celebrant & Preacher Rev Christine Cargill  
**8am** Welcoming/Offertory: Margaret and Russell; LA/Prayers: Christine; Readers: Julianne and Rebecca P; Breakfast: Julianne and Martin  
**10am** Welcoming/Offertory: Fred and volunteer; LA/Prayers: Christine and Ashton; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chalice: Fr Hartley; Slides: Brian; Musician: Colin; Readers: Kerry-Anne and Fred ; 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, Nicholas, Zahra, Margaret, Lyn, Katherine, Bob, Judy, Robyn, Ermida and Pauline. 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 Barry Arthur William Johnson (10 May 2020). We remember those whose memories are dear to us & those remembered only by God.

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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**10<sup>th</sup> May 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**

Acts 17: 22-31  
Ps 66: 7-19  
1 Peter 3: 8 -22  
John 14: 15-21

**Hymns at 10am**

560 – All my hope  
381 – This Joyful Eastertide  
658 – I the Lord of sea and sky  
370 – Love's redeeming work

*Picture Credit – Raphael (1483-1520). Study for St Paul Preaching in Athens (1514), Uffizi gallery, Florence.*

*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**

*In the Gospel reading this week (John 14: 15-21) we hear the remainder of Jesus address to the disciples during the last supper. In this second part of the passage, Jesus introduces the idea of an Advocate, the Holy Spirit who will come and guide them after his death. This was a new concept in many ways for the disciples. The concept of the holy spirit or spirit of God that is with us may be more familiar to us. The spirit of truth is ever present not only to bring us to the knowledge that we can be reconciled to God through Jesus, but this spirit will also encourage us to discern values of justice, mercy and peace to live by. The Holy Spirit, unrestrained by ethnicity, gender, class and sexuality, guides us to places beyond the limitations imposed by our bodies, experiences and historical realities. Jesus is ever present with each human being as we walk through this journey of life.*

*These thoughts are outlined for us this week as we move towards the Feasts of The Ascension and Pentecost – times when we are reminded not only of who Jesus is, but what the promise of Jesus offers to us, and how we continue to be sustained and encouraged in faith.*



### **What the Church Mouse Saw!**

Many things take place during the week in and around the church. You may be interested to know that while Christine was on leave major repairs were completed on the Rectory to respond to an infestation of borers in

much of the floorboards. This was a much bigger job than first expected and we are grateful to Ben and Goran for all their work to ensure work was completed in time. This week, painting has commenced on the external woodwork on the kindergarten. Russell has also been working with our electrician on ensuring that Church can cope moving forward. Thank you to all who have swept and will continue to manage all the leaves at present.

### **St Philip's Day Thank you**

A huge thank you to everyone who assisted with St Philip's Day Celebrations. From those who inspired us in worship, to those who contributed food, to all who helped with set up and clear up, and all who participated in our celebrations. You are amazing! Thank you.

### **Next Parish Social Event**

Save the Date! Our next parish social event will be Sunday 14th June – Midday - Bring and share Soup lunch. A sign-up sheet will be available closer to the time.

### **Women's Group Reunion/Activity?**

During 2025 we experimented with holding a women's group. In the end we found it difficult to find a time that would work for the busy lives we lead. Instead, it was suggested that a couple of times a year we would hold a women's social event.

In 2026 the first of these will be on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May from 2pm – 4pm at the Rectory** for afternoon tea. You can come for the whole 2 hours, or just pop in. While there is no need to RSVP, you can just turn up, Christine may find it helpful if you email her if you are planning to come (to help plan for catering).

### **Parish Policies**

Please note that all Parish Policies revised or approved over recent months have now been uploaded to the parish website for members to look at and use. You can view all parish policies at <https://stphilipsoconnor.org.au/about/policies/>

### **Wednesday Evening Prayer**

There will be no Evening Prayer this week -13<sup>th</sup> May – due to the Clergy Conference.

**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.

### **Annual Clergy Conference**

The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn hold an annual clergy conference which provides clergy inset training, as well as a time for prayer, socialisation and catching up. It is compulsory for all fulltime clergy. This year this conference will be held in Narooma from the 11 – 14<sup>th</sup> May. Christine, Robin and Bili will be attending. There will be no Wednesday Prayer on the 13<sup>th</sup> May, but there will still be a Eucharist at 10am on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>.

**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-