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This week @ St Philip's

Tues	10am	3rd Nov	Men's Group meet
Wed	6pm	4th Nov	Evening Prayer in Lamerton Centre
Thurs	10am	5th Nov	Eucharist followed by Morning Tea
Friday	5pm	6th Nov	TGI Friday in Lamerton Centre
Sat	10am	7th Nov	Pandoras is open
Sat	11am	7th Nov	Eucharist Canberra Aged Care

Today's Roster - 1st November – All Saints Day

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Christine Cargill
8am Welcoming /Offertory: Margaret and Russell; LA/Prayers: Lari; Readers: Margaret and Russell; Breakfast: Margaret and Russell
10am Welcoming /Offertory: Brian and Volunteer; LA/Prayers/2nd Chalice: Kundai and Kudzai; Slides: Liz; Readers: Fred and Jeantte DT; Music: Alison; Morning Tea: Ashton

Next Sunday— 8th November – All Souls Sunday

Job 14.1-14; Psalm 29; 1 Peter 1: 3-9 and John 5.19-29
Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Christine Cargill
8am Welcoming /Offertory: Vacant; LA/Prayers: Russell; Readers: Howard and Volunteer; Breakfast: Margaret and Russell
10am Welcoming /Offertory: Hardy and Helen; LA/Prayers: tbc/Ashton; 2nd Chalice: Colin; Slides: Robyn H; Readers: Fr Hartley and Laura; Music: Christine; Morning Tea: Helen P
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Prayers of the People. In our prayers we remember all in need, including Barbara, Brad, David, John, Sandra, Wendy, Nicholas, Margaret, Lyn, Robin, Bob, Ermida, Virgina, Pam, Sneha & family and Rhonda. We pray for those unable to gather with us & those in hospital or other care. We commend to God the recently departed including Leila Jordan as we remember those whose anniversary of death falls at this time including Marjorie Dixon (2 Nov 1975), Frances Trivett (3 Nov 1988), Craig Wood (4 Nov 2017), Keith Huey Sen (4 Nov 1986) and Mary McGivern-Shaw (5 Nov 2021). We remember those whose memories are dear to us & those remembered only by God.

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St Philip's
Come & See

All Saints Day
1st November 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
Revelation 7: 9-17
Ps 34: 1-10, 22;
1 John 3: 1-3
Matthew 5: 1-12

Music at 10am
Angel voices ever singing
448 Blest are the pure in heart
455 For all the Saints (omit verses 5 and 6)
545 – Shout for Joy!

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.

Season of Remembering—All Saints
Remembering those who inspire us

E*very day in the Church year has a saint day, but the Solemnity of All Saints is when the Church honours all saints, known and unknown. All Saints Day falls on the first of November each year and was once referred to as All Hallows (saints). The Eve of all Hallows is where the Halloween gets its name.*

Kingdom Season or Season of Remembering continues next Sunday when we will keep **All Souls Day** – a day when we give thanks and remember those who have touched our lives but are with us no more. We pray for those who have died. There are two sign-up sheets in the foyer for All Souls Day. One for the you to add the names of those you would like to be remembered in the prayers on that day, and one if you would like to make a donation for flowers in memory of someone.

A thought from the Rector

What does it mean to be happy? This question is central to individuals yearning for fulfilment. For centuries, it has also been a key question in philosophical debates about the meaning of human life. Ancient Greek philosophers debated how humans could align their own will with the created order in such a way as to be happy or blessed, Makarios. The Greek word, Makarios, which is central to the Beatitudes, is a fairly common word. It's not hard to understand, but it's difficult to translate into English. The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) translates "blessed," which is by far the most common translation of the Beatitudes. The problem with blessed is that it sounds a little unreal, like a quality that applies only to those saints whose stories we celebrate on Saints Day's and whose example may appear a bit unattainable to us. New Testament professor Margaret Aymer has translated Makarios as "greatly honoured." This is another good option for translating this word because it emphasizes the theme of reversal that is implied in the Beatitudes. The meek and the merciful are not revered by the world's standards, but they are honoured by God and by those who would align their lives with God's ways.

What the Church Mouse Saw!

The accessible toilet door has been repaired, and more work on the offices has taken place. A huge thank you to Ben for all his hard work; and to Brian for sorting out our printer!

We Give thanks

today for Ann and Bernie who have been worshipping with us for the past 2 years. Next week they return home, and we pray for their safe transition to retirement. We also give thanks to Ann for her care of all the altar linen over the past 12 months.

Craft and Chatter
Craft and Chatter (like knit and natter) group has been a great success and will continue the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1.30pm – 3.30pm, **(11th Nov)** and 4th Tuesday from 7pm – 8.30pm. (**24 Nov)**

History project
We have started a project to collect and preserve the history of St Philip's. We are especially looking for printed and written materials—letters, pamphlets, clippings, orders of service for special events . . . anything! If you can donate any material, or lend it to be copied, please speak or write to Brian McK. brian@nottoomuch.com Perhaps you have an interesting story that could be written down!

PC meeting Update
The Parish Council met on Tuesday 13th Oct. They discussed plans for Advent and Christmas, heard reports on maintenance, safe ministries and compliance. The PC also decided that further opportunity should be given to the congregation to express their opinions to each other about proposed changes to communion rail. This decision has been deferred to Annual Meeting in February 2027.

Men's Group
The Men's Group meets on the first **(3rd Nov)** and third **(17th Nov)** Tuesday of each month in the Lamerton Centre from 10am to 12noon. A time for fellowship, conversation, walks, and sharing experiences of life and former occupations. Morning tea is provided.

Save the date -Twilight Music Concert – 22nd November
On **Sunday 22nd November at 4pm** come and enjoy the skills of Douglas Macnicol play *Telemann - Fantasy in G major for violin solo and J.S. Bach - Sonata in G minor for violin solo.* A glass of wine will be offered on arrival to enjoy as you savour this wonderful program. Why not invite your friends to come!

First Sunday @ 5pm will next today Sunday 1st November in the Lamerton Centre. This is a non-eucharist reflective service which will use some Taizé as well as other reflective practices.

TGI Friday's (*Thank goodness it is Friday)* will **next occur on Friday 6th November in** the Lamerton Centre. 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.