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This week @ St Philip's

Tues	12.30	13th Oct	ANU Chaplaincy Committee
Tues	7pm	13th Oct	Parish Council meet
Wed	1.30pm	14th Oct	Craft and Chatter
Wed	6pm	14th Oct	Evening Prayer in Lamerton Centre
Thurs	10am	15th Oct	Eucharist followed by Morning Tea
Sat	10am	17th Oct	Pandoras is open
Sat	11am	17th Oct	Eucharist Canberra Aged Care

Today's Roster - 11th October – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Christine Cargill

8am Welcoming /Offertory: Vacant; LA/Prayers: Russell; Readers: Howard and Lari; Breakfast: Margaret &Russell.

10am Welcoming /Offertory: Helen and Hardy; LA/Prayers: tbc; 2nd Chalice: Rev Colin; Slides: Brian; Readers: Laura and Hartley; Morning Tea: Helen

Next Sunday— 18th October – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 45: 1-7; Ps 96: 1- 13; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 & Matthew 22: 15 - 33

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Sarah Gibson & Rev Christine Cargill

8am Welcoming /Offertory: Lari; LA/Prayers: Christine; Readers: Julianne & Rebecca; Breakfast: Martin and Julianne

10am Welcoming /Offertory: Fred & volunteer; LA/Prayers: Jaden & Michayla; 2nd Chalice: Brian; Slides: Fiona & Ben; Readers: Brian and Fiona; Morning Tea: Liz and Gareth

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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 and Roshni. 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 time including Rej Allinson (11 Oct 2002), William Corby Williams (14 Oct 2017), Rebecca Palmer (15 Oct 1996) and Robert Lamerton (17 Oct 2008). We remember those whose memories are dear to us & those remembered only by God.

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St Philip's Come & See

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
11th October 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	**Music at 10am**
Isaiah 25: 1-9	533 - I come with joy
Psalm 23	10 -The Lord's my Shepherd
Philippians 4: 1-9	590 -What a friend
Matthew 22: 1-14	150 -Ye watchers and ye holy ones

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.

The coming of Kingdom Season

Now that we are in October we look forward to several festivals towards the end of the month. The season starts with **All Saints Day,** which we will transfer to Sunday **1st November** – a day when we give thanks for all the Saints of God and those who inspire us. We will keep **All Souls Day** on Sunday **8th November** – a day when we give thanks and remember those who have touched our lives but are with us no more. 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 donate for flowers in memory of someone.

A thought from the Rector

The notion of being on the right side of history is a difficult one, because it presumes history is a fact, judged without perspective, and if our faith teaches us nothing else it is the importance of context and perspective. God constantly reminds us to listen to the voice of the oppressed, of the voiceless, and despite the violence recorded in many biblical texts – because it records human history – the over whelming theme of God's intervention in the world is to bring an end to violence and an end to oppression. The difficulty is that so often we don't want to let go or change how things are for us personally or culturally to allow peace and justice to happen.

Matthew's Gospel describes the story of the Wedding Planner. When the big day arrives, those who were invited are all too busy with their idols, other opportunities and priorities to come to the wedding; and so, invitation is given to everyone. Once the new invitation is offered, the new guests prepare for the wedding and come into the banquet. But there is one, one who wants the best of both – wants to be still on the outside while being included. It is not his clothes that are the issue, but his ability not to be fully present – to want to be in two places at once!

This parable offers an image of the inclusiveness of the kingdom of God – a community into which everyone is invited. But alongside this most amazing image - we have the stark reality that rather than respond to this invitation, as humans we go to great lengths to avoid being fully present with God. God invites us all to be fully present at the banquet and have the courage to change the present and the future.

What the Church Mouse Saw!

This week the lawns have been mown and weeds moved from the paths as the grounds bloom with the start of Spring!

Defib demystified - information session

If you would like to find out how our defibrillator (AED) works and gain some confidence to use it in an emergency, come along on **Saturday 17 October from 2pm** at the back of church. Watch a demonstration, ask questions, have a go and stay for a cuppa and cake at around 3pm. *Chat with Alison* if you would like further information.

Parish Social Event – Curry Lunch

Our next parish social event is today **Sunday 11th October** – Midday - Bring and share Curry lunch. Please plan to attend!

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, **(14th Oct)** and 4th Tuesday from 7pm – 8.30pm. (**27 Oct)**

Notice of Faculty Application

At its meeting on the 8th of September the Parish Council agreed that it would make an application to the Bishop for a Faculty to remove the altar rail at the front of church. As you know we have been experimenting with making the front of church more accessible. In an ideal world we would remove the steps, but this is not possible, and so we have looked at alternatives. Further details will be posted in the coming weeks with an opportunity for you to raise any concerns with Christine or the Wardens.

Men's Group

The Men's Group meets on the first and third 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 4.30pm 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!

National Church Life Survey

Is like a Census for churches. All being well we hope that we can do this survey together after each service on **Sunday 18th October!** Please bring your phone or tablet to church on this day.

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.