St Philip's Collingwood

Contemplative Service
In person

29 November 2026 – Advent Sunday

Prelude: Fljótavik (Arr. for Violin and String Orchestra)
https://open.spotify.com/track/09XneqsFNCWE8BzWYjWzF3

Welcome and Acknowledge Country: **Rev Bruce**
Light the first (blue) Advent candle
Focus Prayer: **Elaine**

Interlude: Slow Down sung by Sissal, songwriter Chuck Girards
https://open.spotify.com/track/0fTIXF5GCFMAu44u3aRBTQ?autoplay=true

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-31 **Russell and Julia**
24 "But in those days, following that distress, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; **25** the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'
26 "At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. **27** And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.
28 "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. **29** Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. **30** Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.
31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

Reflection: **Rev. Bruce and All**
Individual or shared reflection: Think about what you are waiting for…

Prayers: **All**
You are invited to light candles/tapers or from the list of names and places, pick one you will aim to pray for during the week and place it in the bowl.

Gradual hymn: TIS 268 Joy to the World © 1992 **All**
Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing
Joy to the world
Joy to the world
Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!
Let *people* their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy
Songwriters: G Handel / Isaac Watts / Roger Wagner Joy to the World lyrics © Hal Leonard LLC, Integrity Music, O/B/O DistroKid, Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC, Warner Chappell Music, Inc

Contemplation/ Meditation: **Elaine**

Confession/absolution: All
Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Greeting of Peace: All
We are the body of Christ. **His Spirit is with us.**
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Communion (reserved sacrament)**: Rev Bruce**

Post Communion Prayer: All, Father…
We offer ourselves as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory.

Hymn: Christ has no body but ours David Ogden © 2002. **All**

During the hymn a collection will be taken or pay Indue Ltd: - BSB: 703-122; Acc: 050051084 – Credit Card is also available on the bookshelf in the Narthex or at www.stphilipscollingwood.org.au

Christ has no body now but ours,
No hands, no feet on earth but ours.
Ours are the eyes with which he sees
Ours are the feet with which he walks,
Ours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.
Ours are the hands.

Christ has no body now but ours,
No hands, no feet on earth but ours.
Ours are the eyes with which he sees
Ours are the feet with which he walks,
Ours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.
Ours are the feet.

Christ has no body now but ours,
No hands, no feet on earth but ours.
Ours are the eyes with which he sees
Ours are the feet with which he walks,
Ours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.
Ours are the hands.
Ours are the feet.
Ours are the eyes.

Final blessing and Dismissal: Rev Bruce

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord **In the name of Christ, Amen**

St Philip's Anglican Church
Merri Episcopate
Anglican Diocese of Melbourne
Come and Join our Diversity
Serving the Community since 1865
Pew Sheet Sunday 29-11-2026



Creation Care Notice

The United Nations Conference on Climate Change ended last week without consensus between the nearly 200 nations participating: the major fossil fuel producing countries unwilling to include a statement about fossil fuels and Europe refusing to accept a statement without such a reference. While the UN process may have stalled, there are other processes in place that are forging ahead. The Santa Marta process includes 57 countries (including Australia) forming a 'coalition of the willing' preparing a road map to remove fossil fuels. The second meeting will be in July 2028 in Tuvalu. Secondly there is the Fossil Fuel Treaty. Thirdly, 75 countries have agreed to transition to 35% of their power being electric by 2035 (but no commitment to the electricity being generated by renewable resources)

Green Tip

Keep an eye out for other non-UN agreements between groups of countries that could lead us to net zero carbon emission by 2050.

Faithful God, stir up your strength and come to help us as we look for the revealing of our Saviour Jesus Christ; hear our prayers and strengthen us to the end as we pray: Restore us, O God of hosts; show us the light of your countenance, **and we shall be saved.**

We give thanks to you, our Loving God, for the grace you have given to us in Christ Jesus: Enrich your Church in speech and knowledge of every kind that she may not be lacking in any spiritual gift and may be awake, alert and blameless.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Make your name known so that the nations might tremble at your presence: Gather the elect from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven and let everyone know that humanity is the work of your hand and we are the sheep of your flock.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Come among us with great power and glory; shine forth and give to all the earth the light of your presence.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Be near to this community, at our very gates and within our hearts, and do not hide your face from us, that we may know your glory in the evening and at midnight and at cockcrow and at dawn, and not be found asleep at the day of your coming.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Compassionate One, open the heavens and come down with your healing grace for those for whom we pray, especially ___.

St Philip's Anglican Church
Merri Episcopate
Anglican Diocese of Melbourne
Come and Join our Diversity
Serving the Community since 1865
Pew Sheet Sunday 29-11-2026



We give thanks for the grace and peace that come from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, offering our special gratitude for ____.
Let your angels gather your beloved into the day of your triumph as we remember those who have died, especially ____.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

No one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, for you are the potter and we are the clay, the work of your hand: Shine forth upon your creation, stir up your strength, and come to help us, as we put our trust in you, our Loving God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ in the power of your Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Parishioners: **Marina & Michael; Margaret; Fr David; Robert & Gwendolyn, Ella**
Friends: **Carolyn and Barry; Lizzie; Denise; Judi and Graeme; Amy; Ken; Maryann; Zac; Rob; Jacob; Andrew; Jan; Richard; Eloise; Grant, Drickis; Heidi; Henry and Sam; Vladimir, Jo**
Extended Parishioners: **Matt; Maj; Blessing and Maurice**
Judy Lazarus Transition Centre:
Those who have died, or anniversary's fall currently:
rest eternal grant unto them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them** may they rest in Peace; **and rise in Glory.**

Within the wider Anglican Community, we pray today for:
The World: **Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore**
The Anglican Communion: **Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui**
The Anglican Church of Australia: **Mission Agencies: Anglican Board of Mission; The Bush Church Aid Society; Church Missionary Society; Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge Australia. Mission, church planting and renewal; Parish Partnerships; and those supporting churches and ministries to discern and take their next faithful step.**
Anglican Schools and Agencies: **Benetas**
Bishops' Visitation: **Ascension Springvale; St Paul's Cathedral – Afternoon with the Archbishop**

You are the work of God's hands; clay lovingly moulded by the creative Potter. God is faithful and works for those who wait in faith.

Christ is near. Keep alert, keep awake, for the Son of Man comes to gather from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

The Spirit strengthens you to the end so that you may be enriched, not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Savior Jesus Christ.

And the blessing of our surprising God the holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity bless you and keep you, now and forever. **Amen**