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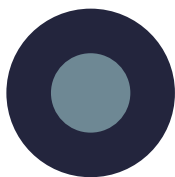
## Welcome to Church Hill

8:30am Sunday 21st December 2025

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*St. Philip's*  
ANGLICAN

Fourth Sunday in Advent

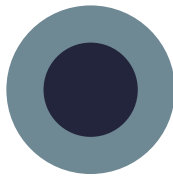
The Order For The Administration Of The Lord's Supper  
From the Book of Common Prayer 1662



Growing In



Growing Up



Growing Out



Growing Through

By 2030, by the grace of God, Church Hill Anglican will be:

Growing In vibrant community.  
Growing Up into maturity in Christ.

Growing Out with impact for the Kingdom.  
Growing Through generational renewal.

# The Seed

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- 30 November

The Seed, Fully Grown:

Mark 4:30-32, Revelation 21:1-5, Colossians 1:9-14
- 7 December

The Seed, Promised:

Mark 4:26-29, Romans 15:7-13, Isaiah 10:33-11:10
- 14 December

The Seed, Planted:

Luke 1:26-38, Luke 2:1-7, Galatians 4:1-7
- 21 December

**The Seed, Growing:**

**Luke 4:14-30, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, 50-54**

# If You Are Visiting Today

Welcome to our church. We're glad you're here.

If you are new or visiting, we especially want to welcome you.

If you would like one of the staff to get in contact with you, please fill in the connect card on our website.

**[www.churchhillanglican.com//  
contact-us/](http://www.churchhillanglican.com/contact-us/)**

If you have a smart phone, you can also scan this QR Code to take you straight there.

Words in bold are said together.



*Please stand when the ministers come in*

## **Hymn Of The Father's Love Begotten**

1. Of the Father's love begotten  
Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending he,  
Of the things that are, and have  
been,  
And that future years shall see  
Evermore and evermore.

2. O that birth for ever blessed  
When the virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving  
Bore the saviour of our race,  
And the babe, the world's  
redeemer,  
First revealed his sacred face,  
Evermore and evermore.

3. This is he whom seers and sages  
Sang of old with one accord,  
Whom the voices of the prophets  
Promised in their faithful word;  
Now he shines, the long-expected:  
Let creation praise its Lord  
Evermore and evermore.

4. In the heights of heaven adore  
him,  
Angel hosts his praises sing,  
All dominions bow before him  
And extol our God and King;  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Every voice in concert sing,  
Evermore and evermore.

*CORDE NATUS*

*Aurelius Clemens Prudentius 348-c 413*

*Tr. John Mason Neale 1818-66*

*Henry Williams Baker 1827-77 and others*

*Public Domain*

*Please be seated or kneel*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil. **Amen.**

## **The Collect**

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name: through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Great Commandments**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and greatest commandment.

The second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all thy law in our hearts we beseech thee.**

## Collect For The Fourth Sunday in Advent

O Lord, raise up (we pray thee) thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

## Collect For Advent

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# The Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:20-28, 50-54

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. <sup>28</sup> When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

...

<sup>50</sup> I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup> Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— <sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup> For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

# The Gospel

*Please stand for the Gospel*

The Holy Gospel is written in the 4th chapter of the Gospel according to St Luke beginning at the 14th verse.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Luke 4:14-30

<sup>14</sup> Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. <sup>15</sup> He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

<sup>16</sup> He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

<sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

<sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

<sup>24</sup> “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. <sup>25</sup> I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. <sup>26</sup> Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. <sup>27</sup> And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

<sup>28</sup> All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this.

<sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff.

<sup>30</sup> But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be unto thee, O Lord, for this thy holy gospel.**

*Please remain standing for The Creed*

# **The Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible:  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, light of light,  
very God of very God,  
Begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made:  
who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man,  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried,  
and the third day he rose again  
according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory to judge  
both the quick and the dead:  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church\*.  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

\*'Catholic and Apostolic Church' is the totality of God's people through the ages who hold firm to the classic teachings of Christ's apostles.

*Please be seated*

## **Sermon – Rt. Rev. Rob Forsyth**

The Seed, Growing: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, 50-54 and Luke 4:14-30

One Sabbath day in Nazareth.

The reading.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The astounding announcement, “fulfilled in your ears.”

The growth of the seed with some twists

Finally,  
A warning about something bad. And a warning about something  
really bad.

A call to hope and perseverance

## **Hymn I Cannot Tell Why He, Whom Angels Worship**

1. I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,  
Should set his love upon the sons of men,  
Or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,  
to bring them back, they know not how or when.  
But this I know, that he was born of Mary  
When Bethlehem's manger was his only home,  
And that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,  
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

2. I cannot tell how silently he suffered,  
As with his peace he graced this place of tears,  
Or how his heart upon the cross was broken,  
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.  
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted  
And stays our sin and calms our lurking fear,  
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,  
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

3. I cannot tell how he will win the nations,  
How he will claim his earthly heritage,  
How satisfy the needs and aspirations  
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.  
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,  
And he shall reap the harvest he has sown,  
And some glad day his sun will shine in splendour  
When he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

4. I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
When at his bidding every storm is stilled,  
Or who can say how great the jubilation  
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
And myriad myriad human voices sing,  
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:  
‘At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!’

*LONDONDERRY AIR*

*William Young Fullerton, 1929*

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# Prayers

Let us pray... *Please be seated or kneel*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and specially thy Servant Charles our King that under him we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto his whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

# Exhortation

Dearly beloved in the Lord, ye that mind to come to the holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ, must consider how Saint Paul exhorteth all persons diligently to try and examine themselves, before they presume to eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup.

For as the benefit is great, if with a true penitent heart and lively faith we receive that holy Sacrament; (for then we spiritually eat the flesh of Christ, and drink his blood; then we dwell in Christ, and Christ in us; we are one with Christ, and Christ with us;) so is the danger great, if we receive the same unworthily. For then we are guilty of the Body and Blood of Christ our Saviour; we eat and drink our own damnation, not considering the Lord's Body; we kindle God's wrath against us; we provoke him to plague us with divers diseases, and sundry kinds of death\*.

Judge therefore yourselves, brethren, that ye be not judged of the Lord; repent you truly for your sins past; have a lively and stedfast faith in Christ our Saviour; amend your lives, and be in perfect charity with all men; so shall ye be meet partakers of those holy mysteries.

And above all things ye must give most humble and hearty thanks to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and man; who did humble himself, even to the death upon the Cross, for us, miserable sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death; that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life.

And to the end that we should alway remember the exceeding great love of our Master, and only Saviour, Jesus Christ, thus dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which by his precious blood-shedding he hath obtained to us; he hath instituted and ordained holy mysteries, as pledges of his love, and for a continual remembrance of his death, to our great and endless comfort.

\* 1 Corinthians 11.29-30

To him therefore, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, let us give (as we are most bounden) continual thanks; submitting ourselves wholly to his holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve him in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. **Amen**

## **Invitation to Communion**

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

## **Confession and Absolution**

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# Assurance and Praise

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matth. xi. 28.*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John iii. 16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Tim. i. 15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 St. John ii. 1.*

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.**

## **Prayer of Humble Access**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## Prayer of Consecration

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood:

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen**

## NOTES ON RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

1. Communion is received by anyone who has turned in repentance and placed their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord, regardless of denominational affiliation.
2. If you wish to take from the common cup, come straight to the rail. If you want an individual cup of wine or juice, then please pick one up at the table in the chancel BEFORE coming to the rail.
3. Please feel free to either stand or kneel at the rail.
4. Gluten free bread is available. Please ask from the minister who is serving bread.
5. Please note that we do not practise intinction at St Philip's. We also ask you to take the chalice into your hands. The minister will not hold the chalice to your lips.

*The Minister giving bread will say to you.*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

*Or*

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

*The Minister giving the cup will say to you.*

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

*Or*

Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

# **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father,  
which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

## Thanksgiving Prayer

O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

*Or this.*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

*Please stand*

**Glory to God in the highest  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship thee, we give thee thanks,  
we praise thee for thy glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For thou alone art the Holy One;  
thou alone art the Lord;  
thou alone art the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **Announcements and Welcome**

### **Blessing**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*Please wait until the ministers leave*

Organist: Jessica Lim  
Singer: Kathryn Harwood

# Christmas

at Church Hill Anglican

## Christmas Eve

*Wednesday 24 December*



4pm Christmas Eve Carols for Kids at The Garrison Church

8pm Holy Communion at St Philip's Church

11pm Carols By Candlelight at St Philip's Church

## Christmas Day

*Thursday 25 December*

9:30am Holy Communion at St Philip's Church

9:30am Christmas Celebration at The Garrison Church

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### St Philip's Church

3 York Street  
Sydney



### The Garrison Church

60 Lower Fort Street  
Miller's Point



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# NOTICES

## PARKING AT 1 YORK STREET OVER THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Please note the following access times:  
- Christmas Eve: 3pm - 1am  
- Christmas Day: 7:30am-12:30pm  
These times differ from our usual Sunday parking hours.  
Swipe card access will NOT work outside these times.

## SUMMER SUNDAYS AT ST PHILIP'S

This summer as we prepare the Garrison Church for its Renewal Celebration in March 2026, all Church Hill Sunday Services will be held at St. Philip's Church, 3 York Street, Sydney. We invite you to join us. Morning services will run as usual. Summer Sundays Combined Evening Services will be held at 4:30pm on Sundays 28 December 2025; 4, 11, 18 & 25 January 2026.

Save the date!

THE GARRISON RENEWAL  
CELEBRATION  
SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2026  
More details to come!

## START or DOUBLE DECEMBER CHALLENGE

To set us up for a great 2026, we'd love to make our budget this year. Not for the sake of the budget, of course, but for the sake of our vision to see the city filled with the Gospel, and lives filled with this love. To this end, we have a challenge:

- **START:** For those who are members, who don't currently give, to start giving in December. You can do that via the QR Code on page 22.

- **DOUBLE:** For those who can (and we recognise the challenges people are under), perhaps you can think about doubling your giving in December. We also know that some of you give in 'chunks' from time to time, and perhaps December may be a time for such a gift.

## CURRENT OFFERTORIES

Account Name:	Church Hill Anglican	BSB: 032000
Account No: 810878	Reference:	Giving + 8:30am

August 2025:	\$45,906	(Budget \$58,881)
September 2025	\$60,104	(Budget \$58,881)
October 2025:	\$46,443	(Budget \$58,881)
<b>YTD 2025:</b>	<b>\$495,463</b>	<b>(Budget \$588,812)</b>

## THE BISHOP'S BIBLE STUDY

The Bishop's Bible Study with Rob Forsyth is held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, 10.30am - 12 noon. The next study will be held on the 8th January 2026 at the St Philip's Church Hall and on Zoom. If you would like the zoom link contact Rob Forsyth at **rob@churchhillanglican.com**

## RIVENDELL 2026

Rivendell, Church Hill Anglican's annual weekend away. Friday 13 to Sunday 15 February 2026 at The Collaroy Centre. The link for Rivendell 2026 Registrations can be found in Church Hill Links.

## PRAYER FOCUS

St James Church Berala

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*Rector Martin Morgan and his team*

City Care ministries

Church Hill Giving

*Give thanks for all offertories made during the week, pray for wise governance*

## Bondi Tragedy

*We pray to the God of all comfort and the Father of compassion, for the safety and protection of the Jewish community. We pray for those grieving the tragic loss of loved ones, those injured or traumatised, for the police and medical workers, and for our government and security agencies as they respond. We pray for the peace, safety and recovery of the community in Bondi and more widely across Sydney.*

*We give thanks for the many people who offered help to those around them, including Ahmed al Ahmed who bravely confronted and disarmed one of the gunmen.*

*During this Jewish festival of Hanukkah, and as Christians anticipate the celebration of Christmas, we give thanks that Jesus, a Jewish man, came into our world of sorrow and sin, to bring the light of life, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

~ The prayer prayed by the Archbishop of Sydney in the wake of the Bondi Terrorist Attack on Sunday 14 December

## CHURCH HILL LINKS

For all information on the life of our church and city, plus links to forms, ways to give financially and more go to **<https://linktr.ee/churchhillanglican>** or scan the QR code. Keep up to date by subscribing to our weekly news email at: **[bit.ly/churchhillnews](https://bit.ly/churchhillnews)**



## USEFUL INFORMATION

### *PARKING*

Limited visitor parking on the northern side of St Philip's can be accessed from Clarence Street.

Free parking is available on Sundays in the underground car park at No. 1 York Street for swipe card holders. Entry via Clarence Street, from 7:30am to 10:00pm each Sunday. Contact the Church Hill office to order a swipe card.

### *PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO PARKING AT 1 YORK STREET*

For your safety please enter and exit the carpark via the lobby and lifts, or fire stairs.  
***No pedestrian access via the driveway ramp.***

### *YOUR COMFORT*

Our toilets are located in the Parish Hall

### *YOUR BABY*

All babies are welcome. There is baby friendly space in the west porch and baby change facilities in the accessible bathroom.

### *IN CASE OF EMERGENCY*

Emergency evacuation procedures : Please leave the church in an orderly manner via the south door towards Jamison Street, or as directed by a member of staff. Please see the staff if someone asks you for money, or makes you feel uncomfortable, or if you see an unattended bag.

### *FIRST AID*

Automatic External **Defibrillators** (AED) are located in the West Porch of St Philip's Church and outside the kitchen in the Parish Hall.

### *YOUR SAFETY*

Church Hill has a No Tolerance approach to any form of domestic and family violence. We are committed to being a church family where people feel safe. If you or someone near you is in a situation of domestic and family violence, we are here to listen, ready to believe you and make ourselves available to support you. Please contact Jenny Fendler or Justin Moffatt. In addition, you can call 1800 RESPECT, a 24/7 telephone service that provides information, counselling and support. All support is confidential.

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