

LET
*Light
shine*
OUT OF THE DARKNESS



ADVENT SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2021

LET LIGHT SHINE OUT OF THE DARKNESS

28 November	An Introduction
5 December	Light To Mary (Luke 1:26-56)
12 December	Community Carols
19 December	Light To The Shepherds (Luke 2:8-20)
CHRISTMAS	Let Light Shine Out Of The Darkness
26 December	Light To Simeon (Luke 2:22-35)
2 January	Light From Heaven (Luke 3:15-22)

WELCOME TO CHURCH HILL 6PM

If you are a guest or still feel 'new' to Church Hill, we especially want to welcome you. Thanks for coming tonight. If you'd like one of the staff to get in contact with you, please fill in the connect card on our website.

www.churchhillglican.com//contact-us/

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

For all information on events and opportunities in the life of our church and city, please subscribe to the weekly news email at: bit.ly/churchhillnews



We're so pleased that we can once again sing in church!

There are still some restrictions in place for singing in places of worship.

- Everyone over 12 will need to wear a mask inside until at least the 15th December.
- Unfortunately, if you aren't yet vaccinated, then you are not permitted to sing, in accordance with the rules outlined in the most current Public Health Order. You are free to still join us, and hum along to the praise of God.

Acknowledgement of Country

As we gather together in the presence of God, Church Hill acknowledges the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet. In his wisdom and love, our heavenly Father gave this estate to the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. Upon this land they met for generations until the coming of British settlers. As we continue to learn to live together on these ancestral lands, we acknowledge and pay our respects to their elders, past and present, and pray that God will unite us all in a knowledge of his Son, in whom all things were created, in heaven and on earth, whether visible or invisible—for all things have been created through him and for him.

Nowhere is salvation conceived of as a flight from history as in Greek thought; it is always the coming of God to man in history.
Man does not ascend to God; God descends to man.

~ G.E. Ladd

We live leaning forward, bent on arriving at the place we long for.

~ James K. A. Smith

Let me tell you this little story: Stephen Hawking was asked if you would sum up religion, 'Oh' he said 'A fairy story for people afraid of the dark'. And the times asked me to comment, so I said 'OK, Atheism is a fairy story for people afraid of the light!'

~ Professor John Lennox

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:5-6

Call To Worship

ISAIAH 60:1-3

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

² See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.

³ Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

10.000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

*Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship your holy name*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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Call To Confession

JOHN 3:19-21

¹⁹ This is the verdict: light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Confession

Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Assurance Of Forgiveness

JOHN 3:16-18A

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned...

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In his living in his suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain him
Praise the Lord he is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

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Bible

LUKE 1:57-80

⁵⁷ When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. ⁵⁸ Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.

⁵⁹ On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, ⁶⁰ but his mother spoke up and said, 'No! He is to be called John.'

⁶¹ They said to her, 'There is no one among your relatives who has that name.'

⁶² Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. ⁶³ He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, 'His name is John.' ⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵ All the neighbours were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. ⁶⁶ Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, 'What then is this child going to be?' For the Lord's hand was with him.

⁶⁷ His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

⁶⁸ 'Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David

⁷⁰ (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

⁷¹ salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us –

⁷² to show mercy to our ancestors
and to remember his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴ to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,
and to enable us to serve him without fear

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;
for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,

⁷⁷ to give his people the knowledge of salvation
through the forgiveness of their sins,

⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God,
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

⁷⁹ to shine on those living in darkness
and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the path of peace.'

⁸⁰ And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel.

ROMANS 13:8-14

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not covet,' and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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LET LIGHT SHINE

Advent: Let Light Shine Out Of The Darkness

'And do this, understanding the present time...' v11

1. What is 'this'? (Love your neighbour as yourself) v8-10

Love and Debt v8

Love and the Torah v9

Love and 'do no harm' v10

2. What would we do if we 'understand'? (the present time) v11-14

Wake up v11

Ready for the day v12-13

Get dressed v14

O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell thy people save
And give them victory over the grave

O come, thou day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery

O come, desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind
Bid thou our sad divisions cease
And be thyself our King of Peace

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Advent Prayer 1

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 your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility;
that on the last day, when he comes again in his glorious Majesty,
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit,
now and ever. Amen.

Benediction

NUMBERS 6:24-26

- ²⁴ The Lord bless you
and keep you;
²⁵ the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
²⁶ the Lord turn his face towards you
and give you peace.

Amen.

Once a year Church Hill gets away from the city for a weekend of peace, restoration and community.

We call it

Rivendell 2022



Friday 18 to Sunday 20 February 2022

THE TOPS CONFERENCE CENTRE STANWELL TOPS

2022 Prices

(full weekend)

ADULT: \$225

STUDENT: \$175

CHILD (6 to 12 yrs) \$130

PRESCHOOLER (3-5yrs): \$60

Family discount rates are available as well as sponsorship and payment plans, please contact Kylie in the office for more information.

DAY TRIPPER: \$80

(incl. Sat night dinner)

Room allocation will be made on a first come first in basis.

Bookings open
Monday
13 December
2021



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CHURCH
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CITY CARE
CHRISTMAS
lunch

Sunday 12th December
at St Philip's Church
from 12:00pm

Thanks to the easing of COVID Safe restrictions in NSW, December's City Care Lunch will see a return to our sit down BBQ lunch; complete with homemade salads and desserts, Christmas Carols sung by the Sydney Street Choir and Christmas Bags of Love for our guests. We'd love your help in any of the following ways:



CHRISTMAS
BAGS OF LOVE

Collect a Christmas Bag of Love from the back of the church, fill it following the wish lists included in each bag, value approximately \$25.00 each. Then return them by Sunday 5 December. If you'd like to sponsor some Christmas Bags of Love please make a deposit into the following account:

Bank: Westpac BSB: 032000 Account: 797618
Account Name: The Anglican Parish of Church Hill
Description: City Care Bags of Love

Our guests really enjoy homemade salads and desserts, and we're expecting quite a gathering in December. Salads and desserts can be dropped off to St Philip's in the morning on Sunday 12 December.



SALADS &
DESSERTS

We are looking for volunteers to help out in a variety of ways in the lead up to the lunch as well as on the day. Set up at St Philip's from 12:00pm, with guests arriving from 1:00pm.

All volunteers on the day will need to have had two COVID vaccinations.

*Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.
- Proverbs 16:3*

We'd also really appreciate your prayers for the day as we seek to show Jesus' love to some of our most vulnerable neighbours.



VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

To let us know you can help out on the 12th of December please go to bit.ly/citycaresignup

Scanning the QR code will also take you to the form.

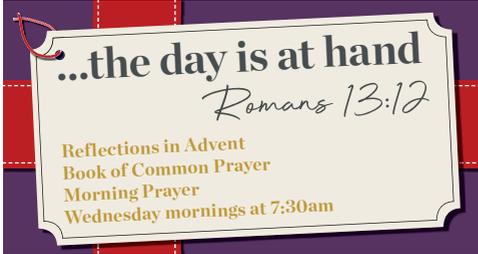


Notices



A YEAR WITH JESUS

Want to get to know Jesus more deeply this year? Download Church Hill's daily devotional app 'A Year With Jesus' in the app store. You can catch up on last week's talks in the 'library tab' or simply join us on Monday for the next instalment in the Gospel of John.



MORNING PRAYER WEDNESDAYS DURING ADVENT, 7:30AM-8:15AM

The NSW Prayer Book Society will be meeting together at St Philip's for '... THE DAY IS AT HAND.' (Reflections on Romans 13:12); Morning Prayer according to the 1662 BCP (Book of Common Prayer). Each Wednesday morning during Advent. 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd December.

Giving

Taking your place in the life of this church (financially)

While we don't take a physical collection during our service, if you belong to and benefit from Church Hill, please take your part in contributing financially to the ministry of the church in this city. The most intentional way to give is to give online, using the following banking details.

July 2021 offertories:	\$76,273	(Budget: \$59,961)
August 2021 offertories:	\$54,417	(Budget \$59,962)
September 2021 offertories:	\$55,993	(Budget \$59,961)
YTD 2021 offertories:	\$493,270	(YTD Budget: \$539,653)

Name: Church Hill Anglican
 BSB: 032000
 Account No: 810878
 Reference: 6pm Giving

meeting ID: 831 7474 0264
 passcode: 141414

Dates For Your Diary

RIVENDELL 2022

Friday 18 to Sunday 20 February at The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops.

FINAL CITY CARE LUNCH FOR 2021

12 December

citycare@churchhillanglican.com

WEEKLY ZOOM PRAYER MEETING

7:30 to 8:10am every Tuesday morning



Useful Information

-- 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. We believe God has a heart for loving and respectful relationships. If you or someone near to you is in a situation of domestic and family violence, we are here to listen, believe you and support you.

If you would like to speak to a member of the ministry team, please contact Justin Moffatt or Emma Collett. In addition, you can call 1800 RESPECT, a 24/7 telephone service that provides information, counselling and support. All support is completely confidential.

We have opportunities in the following teams to serve the 6pm service. We'd love to hear from you how you would be willing to use your time and talent for the 6pm congregation.

- SUPPER
- TECH: Sound Desk or Projector Operator
- WELCOMING
- KIDS CHURCH LEADER (at 10:30am service)

To indicate your availability go to bit.ly/6pmteams Email Emma Collett for more information emma@churchhillanglican.com



CHURCH HILL LEASING ORDINANCE

*next
step*



You are invited to a special meeting at St Philip's Church

7:00 to 8:00pm, Thursday 2 December

to hear about the next steps in solving our space and access issues at both churches, and in particular to consider the proposed Ordinance submission of 1 York Street. We hope you can join us.

For those unable to be there in person, a recording of the presentation will be available shortly after the meeting. Email office@churchhillanglican.com for more details.

Guest Concerts at Church Hill in December

A poster for the VOX Choir Christmas Celebration. It features a stylized tree with golden leaves and ornaments on a dark blue background. The text reads: 'VOX Choir Christmas Celebration at St Philip's Church 7:00pm Friday 17 December'.

VOX Choir, Sydney Philharmonia's Youth Choir, our regular, sublime Christmas Eve accompaniment, will fill St Philip's Church with beautiful music for a Christmas Celebration. 7:00pm Friday 17 December.

Your donation on entry will go towards the important work of Dignity to empower people experiencing homelessness.

A poster for 'HARK! CHRISTMAS CAROLS'. It features a man playing a violin against a yellow background with a large red exclamation mark. The text includes: 'TIS THE SEASON TO SING', 'HARK!', 'CHRISTMAS CAROLS', 'WITH AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL VOCAL ENSEMBLE', and 'THE SONG CO.'.

The Garrison Church
Monday 20 December
6pm

St Philip's Church
Tuesday 21 December
3pm and 6pm
Wednesday 22 December
3pm and 6pm

Tickets available at
[the.song.company/hark-2021](https://www.the-song.com.au/hark-2021)

Sunday Service Times at Church Hill

ST PHILIP'S

- 8:30am*
- 10:30am* (with kids' program)
- 6pm*

* If you're unable to make it to a service in person, our 8:30am, 10:30am, 4pm and 6pm services are livestreamed each Sunday at [youtube.com/c/churchhillanglican/live](https://www.youtube.com/c/churchhillanglican/live)

THE GARRISON

- 9:30am
- 4pm*

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facebook: [facebook.com/churchhill](https://www.facebook.com/churchhill)

Our Vision.

'...For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.'
- *Habakkuk 2:14*

Our Mission.

'To fill the city with Christ's teaching.'
- *Acts 5:28*



We Walk

Deeper Discipleship
Lives filled with the Spirit of Christ



We Reach

City Gospel Engagement (and beyond)
A City filled with the Gospel of Christ



We Love

Compelling Community
A Church filled with the Love of Christ



We Make Room

Presence and Property
The Earth filled the Glory of Christ