

St Philip's Church Hill

10:30am

Sunday 5th December 2021

Second Sunday In Advent

Let Light Shine

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)

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.

- Acknowledgment of Country sourced from the Presidential Address of the Archbishop of Sydney at each Synod since 2014



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.

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

IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY



Welcome to our church. We are glad you are here.

If you are a 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/ 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**

Words printed in bold are said together.

Wonder can't be packaged, and it can't be worked up. It requires some sense of being there and some sense of engagement.

~ **Eugene Peterson**

Grace is love that cares and stoops and rescues.

~ **John Sottt**

The church does not believe that you should have no story except the story you chose when you had no story. Rather, the church believes that we are creatures of a good God who has storied us through engrafting us to the people of Israel through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

~ **Stanley Hauerwas**

And Mary said: 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour...'

~ **Luke 1:46**

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.'

~ **Horatius Bonar (1846)**

Prayer Of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God With Us

Oh you've come to bring peace
To be love, to be nearer to us
You've come to bring life
To be light, to shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

Our deliverer

You are saviour

In your presence we find our strength

Over ev'rything

Our redemption

God with us

You are God with us

Oh you've come to be hope
To this world, for your honour and name
And you've come to take sin
To bear shame, and to conquer the grave
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

Our deliverer

You are saviour

In your presence we find our strength

Over ev'rything

Our redemption

God with us

You are God with us

You are here
You are holy
We are standing in your glory
You are here
You are holy
We are standing in your glory Lord

Our deliverer

You are saviour

In your presence we find our strength

Over ev'rything

Our redemption

God with us

You are God with us

God with us

You are God with us

Jason Ingram | Leslie Jordan
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Hark, The Herald Angels Sing

Hark, the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King
Peace on earth, and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations, rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'
Hark, the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King

Christ, by highest heaven adored
Christ, the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail, the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark, the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all he brings
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark, the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Charles Wesley
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The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*The 'catholic church' denotes the totality of God's people through the ages who hold firm to the classic teachings of Christ's apostles, regardless of denomination. It affirms the unity the church.

CHURCH HILL KIDS AND YOUTH

It's now time for children and youth to head to our Church Hill Kids and Youth programs where their leader will sign your child in.

- Toddlers to Year 2: will meet next door in the Parish Hall
- Years 3-6 and High school: will meet their leaders outside the north porch where they will be taken to their meeting location.

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' Matthew 19:14

Bible

Luke 1:26-56

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.'

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

³⁰ But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants for ever; his kingdom will never end.'

³⁴ 'How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, 'since I am a virgin?'

³⁵ The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.'

³⁸ 'I am the Lord's servant,' Mary answered. 'May your word to me be fulfilled.' Then the angel left her.

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!'

⁴⁶ And Mary said:

‘My soul glorifies the Lord

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

⁴⁸ for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me –

holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him,

from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;

he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones

but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things

but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,

remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants for ever,

just as he promised our ancestors.’

⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

Bible

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ ... when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶ Because you

are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, ‘Abba,

Father.’ ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has

made you also an heir.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon – Rev Justin Moffat

Let Light Shine: Light To Mary

How can I find myself magnifying God in the same way as Mary?

1. Find yourself in God (and not in self).

V46-49

2. Find yourself at the bottom (and not at the top).

V50-53

3. Find yourself in God's story (and not in any other story).

V54-56

I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say
Come unto Me and rest
Lay down thou weary one
Lay down thy head upon My breast
I came to Jesus as I was
Weary and worn and sad
I found in Him a resting place
And He has made me glad

I heard the voice of Jesus say
Behold I freely give
The living water thirsty one
Stoop down and drink and live
I came to Jesus and I drank
Of that life giving stream
My thirst was quenched my soul revived
And now I live in Him

I heard the voice of Jesus say
I am this dark worlds Light
Look unto Me thy morn shall rise
And all thy day be bright
I looked to Jesus and I found
In Him my Star my Sun
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done

*Horatius Bonar | Lucy Broadwood | Ralph
Vaughan Williams
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Communion

Communion is received by anyone who has turned in repentance and placed their faith in Jesus Christ as Messiah, regardless of denominational affiliation. Come forward when you are ready. There are individual cups of wine if you prefer. For those who are gluten intolerant, please indicate to the minister who is serving bread.

**Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have gone our own way,
and rejected your will for our lives.
We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.
By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you,
and to please you in every way;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Therefore, with the whole company of heaven
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT SHARING IN COMMUNION

We gladly extend room for you to process, to think, and to dialogue. Use the prayers provided below as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me who you are. Give me an understanding of you that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Saviour and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

* These prayers were originally prepared by Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York.

Benediction

2 Corinthians 4:5-6

⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ 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.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ. Amen

AFTER THE SERVICE

After the service, the care of children is the responsibility of their parents. Regular members of the congregation, please support parents by being carefully on the lookout for the safety of all kids, thank you.



CHURCH HILL
*Community
Carols*

THE GARRISON CHURCH
4 PM SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER

On Sunday the 12th of December we gather as the whole parish for our annual Community Carols service at 4pm at The Garrison Church.

Weather permitting we'll then head to Observatory Hill for a BYO Picnic together.

Catch up with Church Hill members from other services, invite friends and family, gather as we worship and sing of the Light That Shines Through The Darkness: Jesus.

The 8:30am Holy Communion service at St Philip's will be the only other service held at Church Hill on Sunday 12 December.





LET
*Light
shine*
OUT OF THE DARKNESS

CHRISTMAS AT CHURCH HILL 2021

ST PHILIP'S

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 8pm Traditional Holy Communion*
- 11pm Carols by Candlelight*

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 9am Traditional Holy Communion*

THE GARRISON

12TH DECEMBER

- 4pm Community Carols*
Followed by a picnic
on Observatory Hill

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 4pm Kids' Carols*
9.30pm Carols by
Candlelight*

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 9am Contemporary Holy
Communion

* This service will be live-streamed at www.youtube.com/churchhillanglican

Any changes to service times due to COVID Restrictions will be updated on our website www.churchhillanglican.com

SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER (BOXING DAY)

The 8:30am Holy Communion service at St Philip's will be the only service held at Church Hill on Sunday 26 December 2021



We have opportunities in the following teams to serve the 10:30am service. We'd love to hear from you how you would be willing to use your time and talent for the 10:30am congregation.

- MORNING TEA
- TECH: Sound Desk or Projector Operator
- WELCOMING
- KIDS CHURCH LEADER

To indicate your availability go to bit.ly/1030teams

Email Emma Collett for more information
emma@churchhillanglican.com



CHURCH
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Summer
evenings
ANGLICAN

For Sundays 2, 9 and 16 January there'll be one Church Hill combined evening service.

4PM AT THE GARRISON CHURCH

Morning services at both churches will run as usual.



SUNDAY
12 DECEMBER

Thank you to everyone who has returned filled Bags of Love, it's not too late to fill one if you are able.

**LAST DAY TO RETURN BAGS OF LOVE
WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER**

You can also help out by:

- Making a homemade salad or dessert
- Volunteering 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.

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

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.

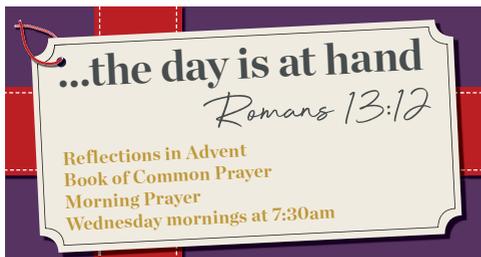


NOTICES



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. Catch up on previous talks in the 'library tab' or simply join us on Monday for our next instalment as we work through John's gospel this year.



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). Continuing each Wednesday morning during Advent. Wednesdays 8th, 15th and 22nd December.



CHURCH HILL LEASING ORDINANCE Next Step

If you would like to be sent a link to the recording of the meeting held at St Philip's Church on Thursday 2 December please email the office kylie@churchhillanglican.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FINAL CITY CARE LUNCH FOR 2021

12 December

citycare@churchhillanglican.com

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

Thursdays 7:30am in the St Philip's Parish Hall.

BISHOP'S BIBLE STUDY

The Bishop's Bible Study is held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 10.30am - 12 noon. The next study will be on 9th December in the St Philip's hall and on Zoom as well. If you haven't received the zoom link email Rob Forsyth at rob@churchhillanglican.com. The following study will be held on the 23rd December.

RIVENDELL 2022

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

WEEKLY ZOOM PRAYER MEETING

7:30 to 8:10am every Tuesday morning



meeting ID: 831 7474 0264
passcode: 141414

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.

Name: Church Hill Anglican
BSB: 032000
Acc No: 810878
Reference: 10:30am Giving.

August 2021 offertories: \$54,417 (Budget \$59,962)
September 2021 offertories: \$55,993 (Budget \$59,961)
October 2021 offertories: \$53,280 (Budget: \$59,961)
YTD 2021 offertories: \$546,550 (YTD Budget: \$599,614)

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)

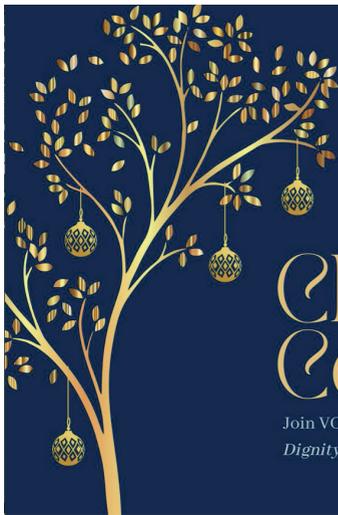
Room allocation will be made on a first come first in basis.

Bookings open
Monday
13 December
2021



bit.ly/rivendell2022

Guest Concerts at Church Hill in December



December 17th, 2021
Doors Open 6:15PM | Concert Begins 7PM
St Philip's Church
3 York St, Sydney (near Wynyard Station)
Masks and proof of double vaccination required
*General admission with a donation to support Dignity.
Can be made via cash or EFTPOS upon entry.*

Christmas Celebration

Join VOX for an evening of beautiful Christmas music and support *Dignity*, a charity which empowers people experiencing homelessness.

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 at St Philip's Church Friday 17 December at 7:00pm

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

'TIS THE SEASON TO SING
HARK!
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
WITH AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL VOCAL ENSEMBLE
THE SONG CO.

This Christmas, The Song Company will present a series of concerts at Church Hill singing Christmas carols from the Renaissance as well as perennial audience favourites.

The Song Company's HARK! 3pm Concert on Tuesday 21 December is being filmed and they would love to have St Philip's filled!

If you would like complimentary tickets for the concert please contact Kylie in the office for a special Church Hill members' discount code.

Tickets for their other concerts in the series are available at [the.song.company/hark-2021](https://www.the-song-company.com/hark-2021)

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SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES AT CHURCH HILL ANGLICAN

ST PHILIP'S

• 8:30am

• 10:30am (with kids' program)

• 6pm

THE GARRISON

• 9:30am

• 4pm

USEFUL INFORMATION

SEATING

To help us maintain physical distancing, please sit at a green marker.

YOUR COMFORT

Please turn all mobile devices to silent.

Our toilets are located in the Parish Hall.

YOUR BABY

All babies are welcome. There is a baby change facility in the Parish Hall toilets.

PARKING

Free parking is available on Sundays for anyone coming to a Church Hill service in the underground carpark at No. 1 York Street. The car park is open from 7:30am to 10:00pm each Sunday. Access to the car park is off Clarence Street, just north of St Philip's Church.

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

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

YOUR SAFETY

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Please leave the church in an orderly manner via the south door towards Jamison Street, or as directed by a member of staff.

If an individual approaches you in the church and makes you feel uncomfortable or threatened (or asks for money), please refer them to a member of staff who will be in the best place to assess their needs.

Visitors are required to keep their bags and items with them at all times. Bags and items deemed to look suspicious will be cordoned off and managed in accordance with Church Hill emergency response procedures.

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, ready to believe you and make ourselves available to support you.

If you would like to speak to a member of the ministry team, 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 completely confidential.

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