

The Unwarranted Gift of GRACE

Welcome to Church Hill

Sunday 25th February 2024

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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



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 with the Glory of Christ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 2:13

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

1. All people that earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.

2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make:
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

3. O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

4. For why the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure

TUNE: OLD 100TH
William Kethe d. 1594
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APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,*
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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 of the church.

BIBLE READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called ‘uncircumcised’ by those who call themselves ‘the circumcision’ (which is done in the body by human hands) – ¹² remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

BIBLE READING

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.'

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, 'Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.'

²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.'

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. 'Lord, help me!' she said.

²⁶ He replied, 'It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.'

²⁷ 'Yes it is, Lord,' she said. 'Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, 'Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.' And her daughter was healed at that moment.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Unwarranted Gift of Grace - Matthew 15:21-28

1. A desperate outsider intruding on Jesus

2. Jesus harsh reply based on God's choice

3. She with no claim on God's promises gains God's unwarranted gift of grace.

ROCK OF AGES

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2. Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone:
Thou must save, and thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar through tracts unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come:
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

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FINAL WORD

Ephesians 2:19-22

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ, Amen

GIVING

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

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, to the bank account listed. To set up a direct payment from your credit card, complete the form by scanning here.



Account Name: **Church Hill Anglican**
BSB: **032000** Account No: **810878**
Reference: **Giving + your service**
(8:30am/10:30am/4pm/6pm)

CURRENT OFFERTORIES

October 2023: \$63,849 *(Budget: \$56,659)*
November 2023: \$60,690 *(Budget \$56,659)*
December 2023: \$67,587 *(Budget \$56,658)*
YTD (2023) \$594,959
(YTD 2023 Budget: \$679,906)

NOTICES

CHURCH HILL MENS DINNER THURSDAY 21 MARCH

6:30pm for 7pm at The Garrison Church Hall.
\$20 per head. Invite a mate and register via
Church Hill Links on page 1.

SAVE THESE DATES for the next Mens Dinners:
Thursdays 15 August and 21 November

**SAVE THE DATE
CHURCH HILL AGM OF PARISHIONERS
SUNDAY 24 MARCH
12PM AT ST PHILIP'S CHURCH**

AN INVITATION TO TRUTH-TELLING AT BOTANY BAY SATURDAY 2 MARCH

Do you have a heart for reconciliation with
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
You are invited to be part of a historic truth-
telling event at Botany Bay on Saturday 2nd
March, a joint venture designed by first and
later Australians working together, with the
support of local Elders and the La Perouse Local
Aboriginal Land Council. Bp. Michael Stead and
Pr. Michael Duckett are part of the organising
team. Tickets limited. \$40. Scan the
QR code to understand what the
day will involve and to purchase
tickets. Let the Church Hill office
know you're coming so we can look
out for you.



WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM

7:30 to 8:10am every Tuesday morning,

Meeting ID: 836 3484 4683

Passcode: 266496

CITY CARE DATES FOR 2024

Sundays at St Philip's Church. Set up from 12pm

7 April

4 August

1 December

2 June

6 October

JUNIOR JIVERS MUSICAL PLAYGROUP

9:45 to 11:15am Wednesday mornings at The
Garrison Church. Singing, moving, dancing and
storytelling for preschool aged kids and their
parents and carers.

2024 COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community Groups are at the centre of our
vision for church, and one of the ways that we
can continue to walk and grow as disciples of
Jesus as we do life together. Groups meet at
various times throughout the week, in the city
and surrounding suburbs and there are different
types of groups to suit different people. Whether
you are already in a group, or looking to join one,
we would appreciate you taking the time to fill
in a short form. You'll find a link to the form at
Church Hill Links via the QR Code on page 1.

CHURCH HILL SERVING TEAMS 2024

So that we can help you find places to serve in the
life of Church Hill, we're asking everyone to fill in
our Serving Teams Expression of Interest form.
You'll find a link to the form Church Hill Links
via the QR Code on page 1. Someone will then be
in touch to follow up and provide further support
and information. It is important to note that for
various reasons we cannot always have everyone
serving in the ways they choose, but we will work
with you to find avenues for you to serve.

*It is also worth noting that some serving areas require training
and commissioning before and/or during serving. Feel free
to indicate interest and we will talk to you about what the
expectations/commitment would be.*

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.

YOUR COMFORT

Our toilets are located in the Parish Hall (St Philip's) and from the Car Park (Garrison)

YOUR BABY

All babies are welcome. There is baby friendly space in the Parish Hall, including change facilities and the Sunday service livestream.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Emergency evacuation procedures : Please leave the church in an orderly manner via the south door towards Jamison Street (St Philip's) or gather in the car park (Garrison), 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.

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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, counseling and support. All support is confidential.

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