

Prayers of **confusion** and **CONFIDENCE**



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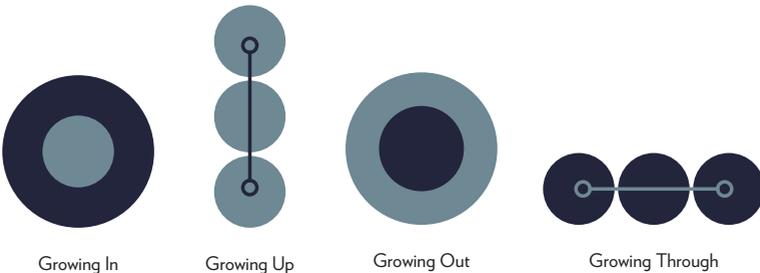
Welcome to Church Hill
6pm Sunday 22nd March 2026

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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.

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.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 106:1-2

**Praise the Lord.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures for ever.
Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord
or fully declare his praise?**

SONG - CORNERSTONE

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

*Christ alone
Cornerstone
Weak made strong
In the saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide his face
I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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PSALM 106:1-8, 19-23

¹ Praise the Lord.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures for ever.

² Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord
or fully declare his praise?

³ Blessed are those who act justly,
who always do what is right.

⁴ Remember me, Lord, when you show favour to your people,
come to my aid when you save them,

⁵ that I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones,
that I may share in the joy of your nation
and join your inheritance in giving praise.

⁶ We have sinned, even as our ancestors did;
we have done wrong and acted wickedly.

⁷ When our ancestors were in Egypt,
they gave no thought to your miracles;
they did not remember your many kindnesses,
and they rebelled by the sea, the Red Sea.

⁸ Yet he saved them for his name's sake,
to make his mighty power known.

[...]

¹⁹ At Horeb they made a calf
and worshipped an idol cast from metal.

²⁰ They exchanged their glorious God
for an image of a bull, which eats grass.

²¹ They forgot the God who saved them,
who had done great things in Egypt,

²² miracles in the land of Ham
and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

²³ So he said he would destroy them –
had not Moses, his chosen one,
stood in the breach before him
to keep his wrath from destroying them.

SONG - ONLY A HOLY GOD

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God*

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer his only Son
Who else invites me to call him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

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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 of the church.

BIBLE – EXODUS 32: 1-14, 30-32

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered round Aaron and said, ‘Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.’

² Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.” ³ So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron.

⁴ He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”

⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord.” ⁶ So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterwards they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

⁷ Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. ⁸ They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”’

⁹ ‘I have seen these people,’ the Lord said to Moses, ‘and they are a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰ Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.’

¹¹ But Moses sought the favour of the Lord his God. ‘Lord,’ he said, ‘why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth”? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: “I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance for ever.”’

¹⁴ Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened. [...]

³⁰ The next day Moses said to the people, ‘You have committed a great sin. But now I will go up to the Lord; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.’

³¹ So Moses went back to the Lord and said, ‘Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold. ³² But now, please forgive their sin – but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written.’

BIBLE – 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-6

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – ² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

'Standing in the breach'

(Moses)

CONFESSION

Gracious God, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory.

Have mercy and forgive us.

You have given your Son for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart.

Have mercy and change us.

Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you and neglecting others.

Have mercy and cleanse us.

When we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry.

Have mercy and deliver us.

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world.

Have mercy and renew us.

Father, through the redeeming death of your Son, by your Spirit, and through your word, enable us to follow you with joy.

All this we ask, confident of your faithfulness and love. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SONG - BE THOU MY VISION

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
I ever with thee, and thou with me Lord
Thou my great father, and I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight
Be thou my armour and be thou my might
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower
Raise thou me heav'nward, O power of my power

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart
High king of heaven, my treasure thou art

High king of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

Mary E. Byrne, Eleanor Hull

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FINAL WORD - PSALM 106:43-45, 48

**Many times he delivered them,
but they were bent on rebellion
and they wasted away in their sin.**

**44 Yet he took note of their distress
when he heard their cry;**

**45 for their sake he remembered his covenant
and out of his great love he relented.**

[...]

**48 Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.**

Let all the people say, 'Amen!'

Praise the Lord.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ, Amen

Church Hill welcomes 17 Moore College students who are joining us on mission this week. Please keep them in your prayers as they serve, share the good news and engage with our city - seeking to bring God's love to those around us.

Easter Services At Church Hill

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2 April
(No parking at 1 York Street)

8pm at St Philip's

GOOD FRIDAY 3 April
(Parking at 1 York Street from 7:30am to 1pm)

9:30am at St Philip's and The Garrison

EASTER DAY 5 April
(Parking allowed as on a usual Sunday)

8:30am and 10:30am at St Philip's
4pm The Garrison, 6pm at St Philip's

NOTICES

PRAYER AND PRAISE NIGHT

Friday 27 March, 6 for 6:30pm at the Garrison
Join us for an evening of worship, prayer and community as we come together to lift our voices and seek God's presence. Come at 6pm for some drinks and nibbles, before we start worship at 6:30pm We'd love to see you there! We'd love to know you're coming for catering purposes, please register via Church Hill Links via the QR code on page 1.

ALPHA AT CHURCH HILL

You're invited to join Justin and Thom for the Alpha Course. 7 Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9pm starting 14 April at The Garrison Church. If you'd like to help us cover the cost of dinners provided as we present the Alpha videos, discuss the Christian faith and introduce our guests to Jesus, you can do so via Square online. Scan the QR Code on page 1 for links to Register your interest or give.

ALISON COURTNEY COUNSELLING

Alison Courtney is a Christian counsellor and good friend of Church Hill. Having a Masters in both counselling and theology, Ali is trained to bring these fields of knowledge into rich conversation. She is now working out of a space at St Philip's Church offering a safe space where you can find hope in the challenges you face. You can reach Ali at: hello@alisoncourtney.com

CITY CARE LUNCH SUNDAY 29 MARCH

The next City Care Lunch will be held on Sunday 29 March at St Philip's Church, with set up from 12pm. There are many ways to contribute, bring home made salads or desserts, volunteer on the day, e.g. serving or cooking food, chatting with guests, set up and/or pack up, and more! To let the City Care team know how you can help out please fill out the serving form by scanning the QR Code on page 1. You can also find a link to contribute financially to the work of City Care Ministries.

CHURCH HILL AGM PACK AND 2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Copies of the AGM Pack and Church Hill Financial Statement for 2025 are available on the back table.

PRAYER FOCUS

Holy Trinity Church, Orange
Pray for their Children's and Youth Minister Ben Feather, Sunday Kids and Youth groups plus mid-week Kids Club.

2026 Wardens and Parish Council
Malcolm Beard, Ian Thomson, Ross Whelan, Geoff Carroll, Jenny Dennis, Tom Fuggle, Dan George, Ruby Holland, Carly Panapoulos and Lucy Whelan.

Residents of Millers Point and Sydney CBD

Persecuted church
And the work of Open Doors

Church Hill Giving
Give thanks for all offertories made during the week, pray for wise governance

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 below. To set up a direct payment from your credit card, complete the form by scanning this QR code.



CHURCH HILL GIVING ACCOUNT

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

CURRENT OFFERTORIES

November 2025: \$42,633 *(Budget \$58,881)*
December 2025 \$79,686 *(Budget \$58,882)*
YTD 2025: \$617,782 (Budget \$706,575)
January 2026: \$47,503

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 (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.

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.

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.

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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