



Anglican Parish of Bass-Phillip Island
St Augustine's, San Remo St Paul's, Bass
St Philip's Cowes

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CHRIST THE KING 22nd November 2020

Choose Hope, Love, Justice

MON 23rd 10am – 2pm Mary Talbot Room open
TUES 24th 11.00am St Augustine's Holy Communion and Church AGM
WED 25th 10am – 2pm Mary Talbot Room open
THURS 26th 5.00pm Next week's worship material available
FRI 27th 10am – 2pm Mary Talbot Room open
SAT 28th 10am – 2pm Mary Talbot Room open
Rev'd Jo's Day Off
SUN 29th ADVENT ONE
10am St Philip's Holy Communion and Church AGM
1.30pm St Paul's Holy Communion and Church AGM
4.00pm St Philip's Holy Communion Rev'd Dr John Wright
Worship at Home - www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT the REGIONAL ROADMAP for REOPENING

Our indoor worship is density quotient dependant so we still need you to book please.

St Philip's - book with Michaela 0400 134 449

St Paul's - book with Sandy 0449 594 737

St Augustine's - book with Ida 0468 374 356

Worship resources are also available at www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org; from your Care Group Leader or from the table at St Philip's, Cowes.



We meet for worship on the lands of the Bunurong people and wish to acknowledge them as the Traditional Owners. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Let's Worship Together This Week

GREETING – The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Sentence – O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy.

Prayer of the Day – God of power and love, who raised your Son Jesus from death to life, resplendent in glory to rule over all creation: free the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, and to live in his love. Unite the human race in Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD (please use your own Bible or www.biblegateway.com)

Reading 1 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹ For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹² As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day

of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. ²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²² I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100

O shout to the Lord in triumph, all the earth:

**Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before
his face with songs of joy.**

Know that the Lord he is God:

It is he who has made us and we are his;

We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

**Come into his gates with thanksgiving, and into
his courts with praise.**

Give thanks to him, and bless his holy name.

For the Lord is good, his loving mercy is for ever:

His faithfulness throughout all generations.

Reading 2 Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46 The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew chapter 25 beginning at verse 31; **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the

sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

For the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

ANNUAL REPORTS – A message from the Rector (Available at www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org Click Play on the picture to start).

The motto for this parish of Bass-Phillip Island is 'Choose hope, love, and justice'. As with any of these sorts of things a vision statement or a motto they can easily become just words, meaningless words.

When we choose something it's a deliberate decision; it is an act of our will. We could've said share hope love and justice but we decided to use the word choose because it requires a decision to act.

When we choose hope instead of despair we are living into the promise of God and the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hope is something so powerful but it is also very fragile. A great many people lose hope particularly when they feel life has dealt them a losing hand. They are hungry, thirsty, lonely, empty, sick even in prison. Hope can fade into nothingness and despair when we are faced with these sorts of obstacles. As Christians hope is something we choose; it's something we believe in; it's something we want for others so when we consider how much need there is in our community for someone to offer food, friendship, help we choose hope – we choose actions that will restore hope to the hopeless.

When we choose love we are not just talking about a bit of romance we are choosing to share the love of God with others. Jesus is famous for saying love God and love your neighbour as yourself. When we choose love our love is drawn from the deep well that is God's love for us and we choose to share that love with those who need love. Christian love is free we don't expect anything in return. Christian love is open and generous – there's always plenty to go around. Christian love is about real forgiveness and it's about total acceptance; there's no prejudice in Christian love.

When we choose justice we are really making a bold statement about our intention as Christians to advocate for those who are victims of injustice – vulnerable people who cannot speak for themselves; the persecuted, weak, silenced, unlovely people. These are the people Jesus had in mind when he spoke to the righteous about the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, prisoner.

In chapter 25 of Matthew's Gospel Jesus is teaching the people what is expected of them as his loyal servants. The imagery is of the court of a great king; a king who is passing judgement, separating the sheep from the goats. At the heart of this teaching is that we must be about caring for those who are persecuted, weak, silenced, and unlovely. It's an easy mistake to make – making sure that the ones we impress with our acts of service are influential, important people. But the king; our king; Christ the King says to us; Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:40)

The good news is that the requirements of Christ the King are not burdensome; Jesus does not ask the impossible of us. Jesus simply tells his followers to be kind to one another. Look after the poor, visit the sick, give food to the hungry. We can all do this. We can all serve our Lord with gladness. Knowing that what we have done we have done to and for Jesus.

We serve our king/ Christ our king as his loyal subjects.

Let us pray-

Christ our king we, your humble servants chose again to love our neighbour. We seek your help, your loving kindness in helping those who are persecuted, weak, silenced, or unlovely. Christ our king we, your humble servants ask that you might renew in us a fervour for justice; praying that you would strengthen our hope and renew our love daily so that we might share these with others.

Amen

TIME OF PRAYER prepared by Les Ridge (sit or kneel)

Let us pray:

We come before your throne of grace with hearts full of gratitude for your love and mercy.

We pray for all whose lives have been and still are, touched by the Pandemic. We lift before you all those who are grieving for loved ones, for those in the health services who daily put their lives at risk and for those in positions of authority who implement COVID-safe strategies. We pray for the safety of staff in the many overseas agencies under the umbrella of Anglican Overseas Aid.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We pray for our church here in Australia and especially for our parish. Bless Lord, the outworking of our mission to bring hope, love and justice to everyone we encounter. May our fellowship reflect the Christ-light in this time of great need.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We pray for your blessing on all in our parish who have accepted nomination to positions of service and we ask that you continue to pour your blessing on those who hold continuing positions. Encourage all your servants through your grace and mercy, so that your church may accomplish all that you have in mind for it to accomplish.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We pray for local missions, including BCA and we thank you for the special relationship that has been established with the Phillip Island Community & Learning Centre. We pray that you would bless the work of all PICAL staff, especially manager Greg Thompson.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Loving Lord, we thank you that our church stands on the material and spiritual contributions of those who have gone before us. We thank you that you have inspired and encouraged many who have left a lasting legacy. Equip us now Lord, to continue your work here in this parish.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,

**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.**

Save us from the time of trial

**and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer



Hymn suggestions:

All People that on earth do dwell (TIS 59)

God Gives Us a Future (TIS 687)

Majesty https://youtu.be/BcbCAq_A7to

THE SENDING OUT

May the God of peace equip you with everything good for doing his will, working in you what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen**

CHURCH AGMs

St Augustine's Tuesday 24th Nov. 11.00am Holy Communion followed by Church AGM

St Philip's Sunday 29th Nov. 10.00am Holy Communion followed by Church AGM

St Paul's Sunday 29th Nov. 1.30pm Holy Communion followed by Church AGM

GARDEN PARTY at the RECTORY – Tuesday 8th December 4.30pm bookings are essential \$10 per ticket an individual plate will be prepared for each guest. BYO drinks and glassware Please book with Pauleen 0425 850 118.

Offertory

Thank you for your weekly offering it is much needed. During this COVID-19 period and post COVID-19 your offering can be made by either:

- Placing in the offering bowl at any church service. Use plain envelope if preferred

- Regular or one-off contributions can be made by internet banking to the Parish bank account, name: Anglican Parish Bass/Philip Island, BSB: 633 000 / Account Number: 169 629 797
- Visit any Bendigo Bank branch and deposit cash or cheque to Anglican Parish Bass/Phillip Island BSB: 633 000 / Account Number: 169 629 797. Please put on deposit slip: "Offertory" or "Donation" indicating your usual congregation
- If in Cowes, drop your offering in the donation box at St Philip's, Cowes (located outside the front door of the Church)

Helpful websites

Sunday by Sunday there is a simple service online for you to follow.

This material will be available via our website www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org or

Facebook www.facebook.com/stphilipscowes

Please pray for:

Rene Foulkes, Sue Chambers, Mike Heflingers, John Shields,
Rev'd George Sansom, Shirley Broad, Kath Kent, Kate
Durkacz, Len Chatfield, Rev'd Gerald Wall; Sylvia Williams; Les
Ridge; Ruby Rose

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please tell Rev. Jo