



Anglican Parish of Bass-Phillip Island  
St Augustine's, San Remo St Paul's, Bass  
St Philip's, Cowes  
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16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 2021  
Choose Hope, Love, Justice

MON 13<sup>th</sup> 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open  
TUES 14<sup>th</sup>  
WED 15<sup>th</sup> 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open  
THURS 16<sup>th</sup> 10.00am- Morning Prayer  
FRI 17<sup>th</sup> 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open  
Worship Resources prepared today  
Chat 'n Chew in recess – contact Kathy 0458 177 931  
SAT 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open  
Rev'd Jo's Day Off  
SUN 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Holy Communion at St Philip's, Cowes  
11.00am Family Service at St Augustine's, San Remo  
12.30pm Holy Communion St Paul's, Bass,

#### **Bookings advised for all services**

**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

**CURRENT COVID-19 Information 11.59am Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September** in person worship is now permitted.

Please wear a mask indoors.

Please keep your distance (4 sq. meters per person)

Please be assured that our facilities are cleaned thoroughly after worship.

Please register your attendance using our QR code or sign in using our kiosk.

Please use the hand sanitiser provided.



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

#### **This week's roster 12<sup>th</sup> September**

**St Paul's** - Reader: Rg. Hayhurst; Prayers: Rh. Hayhurst; Chalice: L. Ridge

**St Augustine's** Welcomer: L. Alexander; Reader: M. Smith

**St Philip's** – Welcome: A. Prideaux & W. Gladman; Reader: G. Gijbers;

Intercessions: R. Prideaux; Vestry: R. Aitkin; PowerPoint: J. Bell; Morning Tea: M. Wright & G. Gijbers

– Please contact Wendy Gladman regarding St Philip's roster [gladmanwendy@gmail.com](mailto:gladmanwendy@gmail.com)

#### **Next week's roster 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**St Paul's** - Reader: E. Humphry; Prayers: L. Ridge; Chalice: B. Maghanoy

**St Augustine's – Leader:** G. Ippel; Input: R. Prideaux; Children: G. Ippel

**St Philip's** – Welcome: M. Wright & J. Bell; Reader: L. Wenham; Intercessions: J. Wright; Vestry: C. Hill; PowerPoint: L. Heflingers; Morning Tea: P. Casey & F. Guimaraes

**Readings for 12<sup>th</sup> September** – Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 2:18-26; Mark 8:27-38

**Readings for next week 19<sup>th</sup> September** - Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:1-12; Mark 9:30-37

***The Collect of the Day***

God of mercy, help us to forgive as you have forgiven us, to trust you, even when hope is failing, and to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**Proverbs 1: 20-33**

<sup>20</sup> Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.

<sup>21</sup> At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

<sup>22</sup> "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?

How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?

<sup>23</sup> Give heed to my reproof;

I will pour out my thoughts to you;

I will make my words known to you.

<sup>24</sup> Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

<sup>25</sup> and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof,

<sup>26</sup> I also will laugh at your calamity;

I will mock when panic strikes you,

<sup>27</sup> when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

<sup>28</sup> Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

<sup>29</sup> Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD,

<sup>30</sup> would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,

<sup>31</sup> therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices.

<sup>32</sup> For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them;

<sup>33</sup> but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 19**

The heavens declare the glory of God:

**And the firmament proclaims his handiwork;**

One day tells it to another:

**And night to night communicates knowledge.**

There is no speech or language:

**Nor are their voices heard;**

Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:

**And their words to the ends of the earth.**

There he has pitched a tent for the sun:

**Which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.**

Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound:

**And nothing is hidden from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:

**The command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.**

The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart:

**The commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever:

**The judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.**

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold:

**Sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.**

Moreover, by them is your servant taught:

**And in keeping them there is great reward.**

Who can know their own unwitting sins?:

**O cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me:

**So I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.**

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight:

**O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

*Glory to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:*

**As in the beginning so now, and forever. Amen**

### **James 2:18-26**

<sup>18</sup> But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. <sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. <sup>20</sup> Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? <sup>21</sup> Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. <sup>23</sup> Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God. <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. <sup>25</sup> Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? <sup>26</sup> For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, chapter 8 beginning at verse 27;***

***Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

<sup>27</sup> Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup> And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup> And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

When I read the letter of James I can't help feeling that he is trying to help good Christians be even better Christians. One of the questions that arises for me from his description of the faith of Abraham is how can I be called the friend of God? Perhaps this is a question for you too. The famous hymn that begins "*What a friend we have in Jesus*" reminds me of a wisdom from the playground; to have a friend you must be a friend. As a Christian Jesus is my friend and I hope I am a good friend to him. The question to ask of ourselves is this: How will people know that we are a friend of Jesus? Perhaps it has to do with being prepared to deny ourselves and take up our cross. Jesus said:

If any want to be my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. (Mark 8:34)

In this post-modern world self-denial would appear to be the last thing anyone would choose particularly when the media keeps telling us that we deserve a treat; that we are 'worth it'. Some of us here will remember when we thought soft drink was a luxury served only at parties and chocolate was something grown-ups ate at dinner parties. And yet to be a follower of Jesus we are expected to deny ourselves.

Self-denial can take many forms. At its simplest level it could be not indulging in some of those luxuries in order to support the work of the church or help the poor. Five dollars will buy a tub of ice-cream or a block of chocolate the enjoyment of which doesn't last very long. Our contributions to the work of the church provide so much more and its effect lasts a lot longer. At a deeper level self-denial is about putting the needs of others first. It is about kenosis – renunciation of self in order to become a servant of humanity. This self-emptying is something that Jesus himself did; taking the form of a servant, humbling himself and becoming obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:7-8)

Perhaps being known as a friend of God has something to do with who we say that Jesus is; who we know Jesus to be for us and for the world. Peter said of Jesus; 'You are the Messiah.' The word Messiah in Hebrew means the anointed one. The Jews anointed their kings. In Greek this word is translated as Christ, the one anointed; the one chosen to be king not of Israel but of God's everlasting kingdom.

As followers of Jesus we understand this kingdom not only in earthly terms but in deeply spiritual terms. The kingdom of God, through Christ, is breaking in upon the world; the kingdom of the now and the not yet.

Who do we say that Jesus is for us and for the world?

It's hard to come down hard on this question. There can be so many responses some of which could be more right than others. I've noticed that sometimes we water-down who Jesus is when we are with non-believers partly because we don't want to turn them off and partly because we are worried that they won't like us; that they'll label us as Bible Bashers or they'll ask a hard question that makes us feel inadequate.

On such occasions we might find ourselves saying that Jesus is a good man, a healer, a teacher or perhaps that Jesus is our friend. These descriptions of Jesus are not wrong but they do fall short, they are a bit safe. Who Jesus is for us is important.

In the Apostle's Creed we find the following:

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.

In these words we might find an answer to who Jesus is. He is the Christ the one anointed by God to be our king. He is God's only Son a divine person of the Trinity. He is our Lord, the one to whom we pledge our allegiance, the one who rules over us with love. As well as being God's Son Jesus is Mary's Son a man, fully human and fully divine. Further into the creed we notice the work of Christ. Christ, Jesus is the one who suffers with us and for us. He is the crucified one who asks us to take up our cross to follow him. As the crucified one Jesus is our saviour and saviour of the world. Jesus is also the one who overcomes sin and death and when seated at the right hand of God intercedes for us in constant prayer. Jesus' role at God's right hand is also to be our judge something we might not find very palatable but never the less as our judge Jesus has already dealt with our sin and so we who believe in him as our saviour will be judged righteous. So, in this case his judgement is not to be feared.

In responding to Peter's rebuke Jesus tells him;

...you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things. (Mark 8:33)

How easily we can succumb to the hum of human things. We worry about what others might think of us. We spend hours working out what needs doing to help ourselves achieve more of this or more of that. We make excuses for not spending time in prayer or not spending time helping others. Instead we focus on helping ourselves. Human things not divine things. The divine things are perhaps a bit harder to grasp. They are often transcendent, loose, and open-ended.

A focus on divine things is also quite practical. For as St James says faith by itself if it has no works, is dead. (James 2:17) Our faith, our friendship with Jesus, needs some proof, some outward sign, it needs works. If we hope that people will know we are a Christian then we will need to show them as well as tell them. The flavour, the texture of such works is found in the work of Jesus himself. When Jesus helps others it is always regarded as good news. When he heals, feeds, performs a miracle it is an expression of the kingdom of heaven fully present in him and his works. In our works we are aiming for a similar flavour/texture/expression. In short we are aiming, through our works to express love; not our love for others but actually Christ's love for others which is and must be God's love for others.

The Diocese of Gippsland has recently launched its Vision Statement for 2021-2024. [Copies are available in each of our churches] One section is headed "Connecting in Service" under this heading are the following words:

*Gippsland Anglicans share in Christ's mission. We hold fast to the vision of human flourishing Jesus called 'the Kingdom of God' and we reach out in partnership with good news for all.*

Our words and our works are part of Christ's mission which we share in. As friends of Jesus; as followers of Christ we are to find ways, with boldness to speak about who Jesus truly is and to act in ways that make that real.

In finishing a few thoughts about the final words of Psalm 19.

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight:

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Our words have power but on their own they are only part of the message. The meditations of a heart which is focused on divine things is what gives both our words and our actions integrity. I think this is probably what James is getting at when he says I by my works will show you my faith. (James 2:18) When our heart is focused toward God then there is a natural and integrated relationship between our words and our works such that we are known as a Christian, a friend of God and follower of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Take up your cross the Saviour said, if you would my disciple be; take up your cross with willing heart and humbly follow after me.

### **PRAYER 12th September**

Let us pray for the world and the church:

God of our beginnings and our endings, give us a spirit of contentment and peace; that we may enjoy who we are and what we have. Help us not only to appreciate what you have given us, but to care about the natural world and work for its healing and wholeness.

We continue to pray for justice and peace in Afghanistan.

We pray for the world's resources to be shared not hoarded, especially at this time that we share our medical resources. Lord of all we pray for those affected, with such devastating force, by the COVID 19 pandemic; our prayer is for comfort and healing.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

God our heavenly Father, we give you thanks for your peace in our hearts and minds, that deep peace which comes from you alone. Make your church an instrument of peace, of love and of healing. We give thanks for the work of our church in these difficult times of lock down and

restriction. We pray for all those who are feeling isolated, that they will be drawn into a church community of love and care.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

God, grant your grace to the communities to which we belong, that there may be good communication between people. We pray for those who are separated from loved ones because of the pandemic, that they might be reunited soon. We pray for public officials and all who work in the medical field especially those who are working in testing stations, inoculation centres and hospitals, bless them, protect them, and give them rest from their labours.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Comfort, O Lord, all who have been betrayed or deserted, all who have been misunderstood or persecuted; we pray for those who feel that their cries fall on deaf ears, that they may be heard. We remember all who are lonely in their sickness, we pray for all who are ill at home or in hospital. O, God bring comfort and healing.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Lord of our beginnings and our endings, we give you thanks for the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ who went to the cross for our sakes. We remember our friends and loved ones who are with you in glory. We pray for those whose grief is hard to bear and especially those whose loved ones have died alone or on a distant shore.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers. **Grant that we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**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:**

What a Friend we have in Jesus (TIS 590)

Feed Us Now Bread of Life (TIS 538)

Least I Can Do <https://youtu.be/vLal3m9nDm8>

#### **THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, feeding us with your word, and encouraging us in our meeting together.*

#### 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
- Please make cheques payable to Anglican Parish Bass-Phillip Island
- Regular or one-off contributions can be made by internet banking to the Parish bank account, using Pay ID 0407410011 (or BSB & Acct No. below)
- 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)



**ST PHILIP'S – We recommend parking in the church grounds.** Parking in Thompson Avenue is restricted to 1 hour only. 2 hours for those with a Disabled Parking Permit

PARISH HOME GROUPS some groups are meeting via Zoom please contact leaders for information

Emmaus Room – Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 2.00pm Leader: Richard and Ann Prideaux

Palms Group - Fridays fortnightly 10.30am Contact Wendy Gladman

San Remo Group –Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 2.00pm in the Mary Talbot Room Leader: John Dawson

Bass Home Group – Monday 5.00pm Leader: Sandy, Les Ridge

#### DIARY DATES

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Parish Council

School Holidays Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct.

School Holiday Book Sales Saturday 25 – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Baptism St Philip's, Cowes

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October – St Francis of Assisi

Please pray for:

Rene Foulkes, Sue Chambers, Mike Heflingers, Jennie Shields,

Rev'd George Sansom, Shirley Broad, Kath Kent,

Len Chatfield, Rev'd Gerald Wall, Sylvia Williams, Tom Sansom,

Ruby Rose, David Foulkes, Terry Duffield

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

SAFE MINISTRY ON LINE TRAINING – Those needing to complete training will be contacted. This training can be done at home via the Diocesan website [www.gippsanglican.org.au](http://www.gippsanglican.org.au). Complete instructions on how to access the training are found at:

[https://www.gippsanglican.org.au/assets/Gippsland Anglican Induction Activation code UserGuide\\_20200723.pdf](https://www.gippsanglican.org.au/assets/Gippsland_Anglican_Induction_Activation_code_UserGuide_20200723.pdf)

St Philip's **FLOWER FUND** needs feeding

There is a box in the foyer where you can leave your donations.

**Mary Talbot Room** – Volunteers to go on a monthly roster are always welcome. Please let Rev'd Jo know if you can help.

Cooks are always welcome to provide the ever popular biscuits, jams and pickles. Reimbursement for the cost of ingredients can be arranged. Rev'd Jo is happy to deliver your baking to MTR as needed.



#### Can you help?

Volunteers needed on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month to assist with serving Devonshire Teas and at the Sausage Sizzle.

**Learn a new skill** - We are training new vestry helpers and Eucharistic assistants.

Speak to Rev'd Jo if you would like to help.



#### Helpful websites

Parish website [www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org](http://www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org)

Dioceses of Gippsland website [www.gippsanglican.org.au](http://www.gippsanglican.org.au)

Facebook [www.facebook.com/stphilipscowes](http://www.facebook.com/stphilipscowes)

You can help Refugees by putting items in the basket at St Philip's. Most needed items include: honey, tuna in oil, tinned tomatoes, tinned veggies, tinned legumes, sweet & savoury biscuits, black tea bags, dishwashing liquid, shampoo & conditioner, soap bars.

