



Anglican Parish of Bass-Phillip Island
St Augustine's, San Remo St Paul's, Bass
St Philip's, Cowes
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20th Week after Pentecost
Choose Hope, Love, Justice

MON 11th 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
TUES 12th
WED 13th 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
THURS 14th 10.00am- Holy Communion at St Philip's, Cowes
2.00pm Safe Ministry on-line training #1, Emmaus Room
4.15pm Worship Committee
FRI 15th 9.30am Southern Region Deanery
10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
11.00am – 2.00pm Chat 'n Chew Emmaus Room, Cowes
SAT 16th 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
Market St Philip's, Cowes
Rev'd Jo's Day Off
SUN 17th 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
4.00pm Holy Communion, St Philip's, Cowes

A 4.00pm service has been added at St Philip's please consider this when booking your attendance at church.

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 9th September in person worship is now permitted.

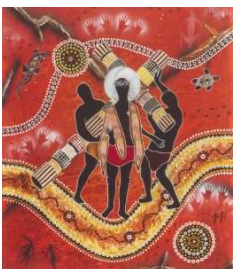
Please wear a mask indoors.

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 10th October

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

St Augustine's –

St Philip's – Welcomers: A. Prideaux & J. Bell; Reader: R. Leditschke; Intercession: R. Prideaux; Vestry: C. Hill; Power Point: L. Heflingers

St Philip's 4.00pm – Welcomer/Power Point: ; Reader: ;

– Please contact Wendy Gladman regarding St Philip's roster gladmanwendy@gmail.com

Next week's roster 17th October 2021

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

St Augustine's – Leader: L. Ridge; Input: S. Ridge; Children: L. Ridge

St Philip's – Welcome: M. Wright &; Reader: K. White; Intercessions: J. Wright; Vestry: R. Aitkin; PowerPoint: J. Bell

This week's readings – Job 23:19, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Readings for next week 17th October - Job 38:1-7; Psalm 104: 1-10, 26; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

SOMETHING FOR THE CHILDREN Glenys has subscribed to a weekly children's activity sheet. The activities follow the lectionary. If you have grandchildren coming to a service or know of children attending she would be happy to forward this on to you so you can print out as needed. You can email her on glenys.stacs@gmail.com

The Sentence of the Day

There is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for Jesus' sake, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.

The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, in your son you call not the righteous but sinners to repentance: draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction, and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant, that in seeking your truth, and obeying your will, we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Then Job answered:

²“Today also my complaint is bitter;
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.

³Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
That I might come even to his dwelling!

⁴I would lay my case before him,
and fill my mouth with arguments.

⁵I would learn what he would answer me,
and understand what he would say to me.

⁶Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
No; but he would give heed to me.

⁷There an upright person could reason with him,
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

⁸“If I go forward, he is not there;
or backward, I cannot perceive him;

⁹on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

¹⁶ God has made my heart faint;
the Almighty has terrified me;
¹⁷ If only I could vanish in darkness,
and thick darkness would cover my face!
Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 22: 1-15

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me:

Why are you so far from helping me and from the words of my groaning?

My God, I cry to you by day, but you do not answer:

And by night also I take no rest.

But you continue holy:

You that are the praise of Israel.

In you our forebears trusted:

They trusted, and you delivered them;

To you they cried and they were saved:

They put their trust in you and were not confounded.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man:

The scorn of all and despised by the people.

Those that see me laugh me to scorn:

They shoot out their lips at me and wag their heads, saying,

'He trusted in the Lord –let him deliver him:

Let him deliver him, if he delights in him.'

But you are he that took me out of the womb:

That brought me to lie at peace on my mother's breast.

On you have I been cast since my birth:

You are my God, even from my mother's womb.

O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand:

And there is none to help.

Many oxen surround me:

Fat bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.

They gape wide their mouths at me:

Like lions that roar and rend.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint:

My heart within my breast is like melting wax.

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd:

And my tongue clings to my gums.

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

As in the beginning so now, and forever. Amen

Hebrews 4:12-16

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as

we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, chapter 10 beginning at verse 17;

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.'" ²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



For the next few weeks the lectionary has us dipping into the Old Testament Book of Job. We missed last week's instalment because we were celebrating the Feast of St Francis who by the way took suffering pretty seriously. He gave up all the trappings of his wealthy and privileged life to live the life of the poor. He gave away his fine clothes and his horse so as to understand the suffering of the poor. He wore a simple tunic made from coarse wool tied with a length of rope, no doubt in an attempt to keep out the draughts.

Today Franciscan friars continue to live their lives in solidarity with the poor, taking vows of poverty and living with few possessions. *The Rule of St Francis* does not prescribe any particular colour to the order, but it does invite its members to "wear humble garments," to "dress in cheap clothing." The Franciscans serve the poor at their level and it would not help their mission to be covered in finery while serving the destitute.

Interestingly both Job and Francis begin their story as wealthy men. Francis was the son of a cloth merchant. He had the most lavish expensive garments and the best suit of armour money could buy. He even had a fabulous horse to carry him about and to ride into battle. Job too had all the trappings of wealth. He had a family (seven sons and three daughters) he had fields filled with live-stock and houses with servants; he was the Bible tells us the greatest of all the

people of the east. Both these men, for different reasons, became poor, they suffered, they were tested and significantly for us they lost their fine clothes and the trappings of wealth.



In art Job is often depicted wearing almost nothing, just a loin cloth and the scabs of his affliction. We might wonder if such a stripping of his clothing – the symbol of his earthly wealth and privilege might have something to do with Jesus teaching to the rich young ruler in Mark chapter 10. He too was rich, having many possessions, but more of that later.

I am not an Old Testament scholar and I confess I know little of the book of Job but what I notice is how the Psalm for today, Psalm 22 is offered in response to the Old Testament reading and that this Psalm is one of lament. There is, in the words of the psalmist an echo of the words of Job. Here we find those images of worthlessness and trouble –

I am a worm and not human, scorned by others, and despised by the people. (Verse 6)

We also notice in this psalm an oscillation, back and forth between self-loathing and pleading to God for help and rescue. It's good for us to find such expressions of deep distress in our scriptures. The psalm puts words to our feelings of helplessness and directs not toward inner torment but outward to the one who can sustain us, the God who knows us and loves us. The God who has kept us safe on our mother's breast and since our mother bore us has been our God. (Psalm 22:9-10)

This psalm is followed by the beautiful consolation of Psalm 23. We might find ourselves walking through the valley of the shadow of death but we do not fear because the rod and staff of God is there to comfort and sustain us. (Psalm 23:4)

Job was tested. He was tormented with many afflictions and yet God was with him.



I've been away on retreat this week. Over the years of taking these silent retreats I have noticed that there is always the hard and the soft, the rough and the smooth, the rain and the sunshine. This week it was literally one day the wetting rain blown by strong winds across the harbour and the next day the bluest sky, the brightest sunshine and just a breath of wind. However the rough and smooth of retreat are

more about the spiritual life than about the weather. Our retreat director offered many questions to help us navigate the hard and soft our retreat. The theme was Love is God's Way. We might hear that theme as nice, soft, smooth, but as the retreat continued the question that hit me hard was: (animation)

When have I known myself to be deeply loved, treasured, valued and recognised?
In this question I discovered what many of us often experience, that in times of great joy and great pain and great sadness we feel deeply loved, treasured, valued and recognised.

Jesus stretches out his loving arms to embrace me in times of joy and he embraces me on my sick bed and when I am in midst of deep anguish and distress. I imagine that each of us has a similar experience. That Jesus shows us this unfettered love no matter where we are emotionally. Each of us has this need to feel deeply loved. As fellow Christians we have the love of Jesus in us which provides a special compassion as embrace others with his love when they are filled with joy and when they are in need.

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The rich man in the gospel story today is given the opportunity to be stripped of his possessions but he just cannot do it. This is not as simple as it first seems. Job's story is not simple either. We are not just talking about being poor or naked or suffering. We are talking about an attitude of supplication. What will bring us closer to God is a right attitude and right living. The rich man wanted to find out how to enter the kingdom of heaven. And the disciples

wanted to know who would be saved. The answer is about letting go
To let God be God.

Relinquishment, letting go of family and fields and houses does help us come to value God and value all things through the lens of the sacred – relationships, nature, food, our possessions, our achievements all seem more important when seen through the lens of God's blessing and love.

We can easily find ourselves caught up in the prevailing culture of me and mine where even our Christianity can be a thing of pride. The rich man wanted to justify himself to show off saying;

'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' (Mark 10:20)

Or perhaps the young man experienced a sense of hopelessness that even after keeping all these commandments he still didn't know how to inherit eternal life. We see Jesus look at the young man and imagine him looking at us with love, love that understands our weaknesses and our struggles.

There's so much in Jesus' words to his disciples that can send us into self-loathing because we are the rich ones, we are the ones who have so many possessions and do we really want to part with them? We are the ones who secretly like being first and being last well that's no fun at all.

Then who can be saved? The disciples ask.

Jesus looked at them ... perhaps he looked at them as he looked at the rich young man; perhaps he looked at them as he looks upon us – with love.

The things we are to relinquish are not things at all. We are to relinquish our attitude of me and mine and turn to face God who loves us.

A wise young man once said;

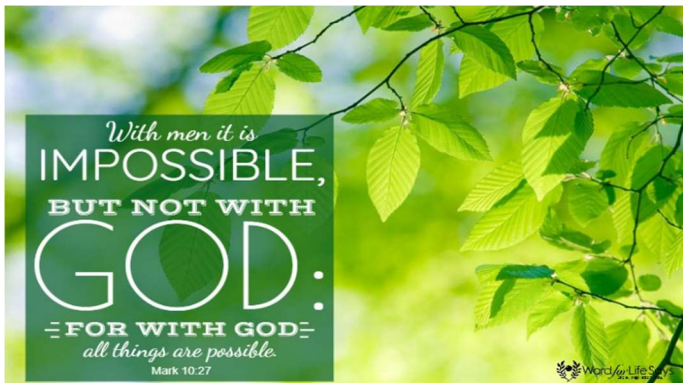
Never chase your dreams,

Stay in God's will and your dreams will chase you.

Perhaps that's a bit too neat and clever but what it points out is that when we are chasing those dreams we inevitably struggle. Our dream might even be to serve God faithfully, a good dream

but if that dream is fuelled by fear or pursued as some sort of divine insurance against hell then we are in trouble. It's a bit like saying to ourselves 'If I do all the right things then I'll get to heaven first.'

In the early part of this address we noted that Job and St Francis wore very little, a simple tunic, a loin cloth. They were stripped bare. When we are stripped bare before God; when all



the trappings of a successful life are taken away; Jesus looks upon us with love.

Will we be first? That is not even something God looks at. God looks upon the heart and sees who we truly are and loves us; in our suffering, in our joy, in our dreaming, in our failures, in our wretchedness and struggles

For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible. (Mark 10:27)

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2021

Let us pray for the church and the world.

For the world: Lord of the nations of our world, we pray this morning for our world still engulfed by COVID 19. We give thanks for scientists and their skills in creating vaccines to protect us from the virus. We pray especially for those countries who do not have access to vaccines that wealthy nations will be generous in helping. We pray for those who are opposed to vaccination that they will find answers to their questions. Lord we remember that your servant Job felt hemmed in and covered by thick darkness. We pray that those who live in darkness today will find the light of Christ in their lives and the peace which passes all understanding. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the church: Lord of the church, as your people gather together today around the world, online or in person, we pray that they will find spiritual encouragement and solace as they seek to serve you in faithfulness and love. As your psalmist felt mocked by outsiders so we pray for those who feel scorned by secular media and opponents. We pray for our Bishop Richard as he copes with finding a new Dean at the Cathedral and also new pastors for many Gippsland parishes. We pray for Rev'd Jo and Ken as they serve your Church here in Bass Phillip Island. We pray that you will bless their ministries and service. We pray for those of our members who are finding life difficult that they will find spiritual strength and comfort in our worship. We pray for our upcoming fete that it will be a time of encouragement and fellowship. We pray especially for those of our members who are unable to join us due to ill health or who are in care, that they will be encouraged by our online services. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For our community: Lord of all life on earth, we give thanks that our community has been spared recent lockdown and we continue to pray for those whose businesses have been damaged by restrictions. As we approach another summer we pray for our fire fighters across the State that they will be kept safe and that we may avoid the trauma of last year's fires. We pray for our brothers and sisters in San Remo and Bass that you will bless their gatherings and activities. We pray also for our civic leaders in Bass Coast Shire, that they will govern with care and compassion. Lord of life we know your word is living and active and sharper than any two

edged sword. May your church be an active and discerning force for good in our community. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those in particular need: Lord of love and compassion we bring our personal needs and fears before you this day. We pray especially for those who are sorrowing for the loss of those they love, that they will find comfort. We ask you to give strength to those who live with constant pain or are suffering from any kind of illness that they will find relief and help in their need. We pray especially for students and teachers returning to school in difficult circumstances especially Year 12 students preparing for final examinations. We give thanks for Chat'n'Chew and pray that many will find comfort from the fellowship found there on Fridays. Lord as you challenged the rich young ruler to be generous so may we be generous in our giving to those in particular need. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

A short prayer of Karl Bath: *Lord God as we gather at this hour and on this day, may your people here and elsewhere praise Thee. May we know Thee and in humility praise Thee, until all creation will be revealed before Thee and sing a song of joy before Thee. 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



Suggested hymns:

O I will sing unto you with joy (Rock of my Salvation)
I know that my redeemer lives (TIS 376)
Take my life and let it be (TIS 599)

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 1st & 3rd 2.00pm Leader: Richard and Ann Prideaux

Palms Group - Fridays fortnightly 10.30am Contact Wendy Gladman

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

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

DIARY DATES

Sunday 31st Oct Holy Communion will be conducted in all parish churches Tuesday 19th October –Parish Council

Monday 1st November – PARISH FETE

Sunday 7th November - Episcopal visit – Feast of All Saints

Sunday 14th November – AGM and Combined Service

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



PARISH AGM 14th November please submit reports to angbpi.office@gmail.org by Sunday 24th October.

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 2nd 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.



Many Hands Make LIGHT Work

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

Helpful websites

Parish website www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org

Dioceses of Gippsland website www.gippsanglican.org.au

Facebook 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.

