



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

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LENT TWO

Choose Hope, Love, Justice

MON 14 th	Rev'd Jo's Day Off 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
TUES 15 th	
WED 16 th	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open 2.00pm Lenten Studies, Mary Talbot Room 2.00pm Lenten Studies, Emmaus Room
THURS 17 th	10.00am-Holy Communion, St Philip's, Cowes 5.30pm Lenten Studies, St Paul's, Bass
FRI 18 th	9.30am Southern Deanery at St Paul's, Bass 11.00am – 2.00pm Chat 'n Chew, Emmaus Room, Cowes 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open 10.00am Lenten Studies, Palm Lakes
SAT 19 th	Wedding St Philip's, Cowes 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
SUN 20 th	LENT THREE 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 Service, St Philip's Cowes

Bookings are no longer required

CURRENT COVID-19 Information:

Please use the hand sanitiser provided

We respect your decision to wear a mask indoors.

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



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 13th March 2022 Lent Two

St Philip's - Welcome: F. Leighton; Reader: A. Prideaux; Intercessions: R. Gijsbers; Vestry: R. Aitkin; PowerPoint: J. Bell; Music: G. Gijsbers; Morning tea: L. Wenham

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

This week's readings – Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

In church we will be reading the following in preparation for the Sermon by Tavis and Kate Beer: Ezekial 36:24-27; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:19-25; John 10:7-16

Next week's roster 20th March 2022 Lent Three

St Philip's - Welcome: J. Stephenson; Reader: L. Wenham; Intercessions: R. Prideaux; Vestry: C. Hill; PowerPoint: F. Zulian; Music: K. White; Morning tea: J. Bell

St Augustine's – Leader: G. Ippel; Input: Rev'd Jo; Children:...

Next week's readings – Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

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

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Collect of the Day

God of our ancestors, whose chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and go out into the unknown: endow your Church with such faith that we may follow you with courage; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, [Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?:

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, come upon me to devour me:

They shall stumble and fall.

If an army encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid:

And if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.

One thing I have asked from the Lord, which I will require:

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

To see the fair beauty of the Lord:

And to seek his will in his temple.

For he will hide me under his shelter in the day of trouble:

And conceal me in the shadow of his tent, and set me high upon a rock.

And now we will lift up my head:

Above my enemies round about me.

And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary with exultation:

I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.

O Lord hear my voice when I cry:

Have mercy upon me and answer me.

My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':

Your face, Lord, I will seek.

Do not hide your face from me:

Or thrust your servant aside in displeasure;

For you have been my helper:

Do not cast me away or forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me:

The Lord will take me up.

Teach me your way, O Lord:

And lead me in an even path, for they lie in wait for me.

Do not give me over to the will of my enemies:

For false witnesses have risen against me, and those who breathe out violence.

But I believe that I shall surely see the goodness of the Lord:

In the land of the living.

O wait for the Lord; stand firm and he will strengthen your heart:

And wait, I say, for the Lord.

(Response)

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

As in the beginning so now, and forever. Amen

Philippians 3:17-4:1

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. **4** ¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Luke 13:31-35

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

[Silence]

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

We all need a bit of encouragement from time to time especially when faced with the many trials and worries of life. St Paul writes a letter to the church at Philippi with words of thanks and discipline and encouragement; for example his words from verse 1 of chapter 4:

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

So many words of affection and that encouragement to stand firm in the Lord, stand firm even when times are difficult and when our worries keep us awake at night.

Paul writes this letter while under house arrest; we are told in the Acts of the Apostles that he was bound in chains only escaping through the intervention of angels. Paul has had and is having a really tough and testing time and yet he can write these encouraging words.

What is it that enables such fortitude?

Perhaps Paul is able to stand firm in the Lord because he has seen time and time again that the Lord rescues His people. Each of us when we look back on our lives and, if we tune in to the Holy Spirit's promptings, can see how God has been directing us and leading us out of dark and testing times to a fuller and brighter faith in Him. So many times I have sought God's intervention during a difficult time only to be surprised at His provision.

Two stories: A lonely mother whose children have grown up, married and moved away decided to reach out to her daughter-in-law when she was diagnosed with cancer. The mother suggested that they say a simple meditative prayer together over a period of nine days, saying;

Jesus have mercy on me and the world.

Doing this meant having a little telephone conversation every week and by the end of those nine days a special bond had been formed and a seed of faith had been sown. The daughter-in-law came to accept that she was not simply a creature but that her treasure was and is in heaven. Like St Paul explains to the church in Philippi our citizenship is in heaven and from there we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 3:20)

(And my second, my personal story)

One morning there had been some very sad news and I was very upset. I decided to go for a walk, tears still just behind my eyes. As I left my front door, on the path were two long lost friends walking with their new puppy. They embraced me and we talked about the little puppy whose name was Joe. I know, I know it wasn't actually named after me but I did think those

angels came with little Joe just to cheer me up, and they did. There was no need to talk about my upsetting news it was enough to realise that God had me in the palm of his hand and comforted me with the blessing of these friends just at the very moment of my need.

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There are so many things we can worry about. In starting the list there will probably be things that resonate personally and others that are just horrible on a monumental scale. We find ourselves being deeply concerned and worried about the war in Ukraine; about the flooding in the north of Australia and the associated concerns of climate change and nuclear war. We are worried about all sorts of things: our family, our job, our health, about getting old, about how will we get through another year.

In the face of these and other troubles St Paul says;

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. (Verse 6)

Paul warns against what he calls, earthly things – making a god out of pleasure. We notice how such an attitude can mar our own lives and the lives of those around us. Paul observes that for some people god is the belly, their minds are set on earthly things. (verse 19) If we get literal here for a moment we see that those who have made a god of their belly, the good life, dining out and enjoying the best service in the best restaurants are often not any happier than we are who have a simpler life. In Lent we choose to set aside earthly pleasures and focus on our love for God.

Looking deeper into the message we find Paul reminding the Philippians and us that we are citizens of heaven and as such we conduct ourselves in a right manner. Paul is reminding us to direct our thoughts, our worries and our lives toward the cross. We look upon the cross not as a horrible and humiliating death but as the means by which Jesus changes our earthly bodies to be like his glorious body. It is this message that forms the basis for Paul's strength in the face of adversity. It is the message of Jesus as Saviour and Lord that gives us the strength to look our worries squarely in the face and be quietly joyful.

In the story from Luke's gospel today Herod is seeking to kill Jesus. We know he has already killed John the Baptist so he is quite capable of killing Jesus and the mention of the third day in verse 32 reminds us of Jesus' impending death and his resurrection that comes on the third day. The Pharisees don't want any trouble. They try to warn him off going to Jerusalem but Jesus will not be dissuaded. All this is setting us up for the dramas of Holy Week and none is more pointed than those words of Jesus himself saying:

Today, tomorrow and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem. (Verse 33)

Going to Jerusalem means death but on the third day there will be life, resurrection life. Our Holy Communion echoes many of these important sign posts to the resurrection. For example: We say: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.* An echo of today, tomorrow and the next day from verse 33.

We also quote from Luke 13:35 saying:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Adding a joyous exclamation: *Hosanna in the highest.*

Jesus' purpose is to drive out darkness and to shine the light of the resurrection even into the darkest corners of our lives. Some of those dark places are where we find ourselves worrying about global troubles and personal trials and tribulations. Into our sadness and despair Jesus

brings light maybe not today or even tomorrow but the next day. If we look back on the things that have happened with eyes of faith we usually find that Jesus has been carrying us. Sometimes we have walked together and at other times He has carried us.

Paul reminds us to stand firm.

Don't worry about anything

Rejoice, pray, give thanks

And the peace of God which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)

Let us pray for the world and for the church

We pray for the world as we offer this prayer:

Sovereign God, we pray for the nation of Ukraine, its leaders and people. We pray too for the world leaders on both sides of this conflict that they will work for peace and an end to the violence. We pray for the Russian people caught up in the political turmoil of war. And we pray for peace, lasting peace in Ukraine and in the world.

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

We pray for our brothers and sisters affected by flooding in the north of our country: Lord our God, creator of time and space we see the destruction wrought by the torrential rains in Queensland and New South Wales and we are horrified. We pray for all who have lost loved ones, homes, personal treasures, livelihoods and are living day to day trying to keep hope alive. We pray for comfort and real help for these people.

And Lord, prompt us in the ways we too can be of service.

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

We pray for the church that we might be comforted when we feel worried about the future. We pray for our Bishop Richard as he attends the National Bishop's conference this week. We pray your blessing and the wise council of the Holy Spirit to direct the agenda and conversations of this important gathering. We pray too for our Archdeacon Graham and the members of the Southern Deanery as they prepare to meet in our parish this week. Bless their ministries and their families.

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

We pray for those in our community who are struggling with the trials and tribulations of life. We pray for those who are worried about the health of loved ones or about their own health. Help them to stand firm in the Lord in the face of their troubles and where we can be of help direct us so to do. We pray for those who are ill whether that illness be of the mind or the body. Let them know your love and encouragement with them today.

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

Lord of the resurrection, as citizens of heaven we are confident that our Saviour will transform our mortal bodies to be like his heavenly body, glorious and resurrected. And so we remember those who have died, our loved ones and bring them close in this time of prayer, praying- Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory

For ever and for ever. Amen.

Prayer



Suggested Hymns:

How great is Our God

Wings like Eagles

I am Carried

Love will be our Lenten Calling (TIS 684)

Now let us from this Table Rise (TIS 530)

King of Glory King of Peace (TIS 201)

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

Safe Church Awareness Workshop

Location: Korumburra Anglican Church 3 Queen Street Korumburra, Victoria

Date: Saturday 13 August 2022

Time: 1.00pm to 5.00pm

Online registration is essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/BXSUY>

Registrations close Wednesday 10 August at 5pm unless sold out prior

Enquiries only: 03 5144 2044 or registryoffice@gippsanglican.org.au

LENTEN STUDIES

PARISH HOME GROUPS please contact leaders for information

Emmaus Room –Wednesday 2.00pm Leader: Richard and Ann Prideaux

Palm Lakes Group –Friday 10.00am Contact Wendy Gladman

San Remo Group –Wednesday 2.00pm in the Mary Talbot Room Leader: John Dawson

Bass Home Group –Thursday 5.30pm Leader: Sandy & Les Ridge

DIARY DATES

Sunday 10th April Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday 14th April 5.30pm – a pot luck dinner with special guest Connie and Barrie Epstein who will share the experience of their family's Passover meals. Followed by foot washing and Holy Communion 7.30pm Please book with Rev'd Jo. Maximum 20.

Please pray for:

Rene Foulkes, Sue Chambers, Mike Heflingers, Kath Kent, Len Chatfield, Rev'd Gerald Wall, David Foulkes, Terry Duffield, Margaret Smith

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

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. 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.

