



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

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LENT FIFTH

Choose Hope, Love, Justice

MON 4 th	Rev'd Jo's Day Off 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
TUES 5 th	
WED 6 th	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open 2.00pm Lenten Studies, Mary Talbot Room 2.00pm Lenten Studies, Emmaus Room
THURS 7 th	10.00am-Holy Communion, St Philip's, Cowes 5.30pm Lenten Studies, St Paul's, Bass
FRI 8 th	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 9 th	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open Market – St Philip's Cowes
SUNDAY 10 th	PALM/PASSION SUNDAY 9.30am Holy Communion, St Philip's, Cowes (We begin in the hall and process with palms) 11.00am Holy Communion 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.

If you are unwell please look after yourself at home.

Please be assured that our facilities are thoroughly cleaned weekly.



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 3rd April Lent Five

St Philip's 9.30am – Welcome: A. Prideaux & W. Gladman; Reader: J. Stephenson; Intercessions: R. Prideaux; Vestry: L. Heflingers; PowerPoint: R. Leditschke; Music: K. Kent; Morning tea: P. Leditschke

St Augustine's – Leader: A. Garrett; Input: Rev. Jo; Children: D. Garrett

St Paul's

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

This week's readings– Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:3-14; John 12:1-8

Next week's roster 10th April 2022

St Philip's - Welcome: W. Gladman & E. Norfolk + ... & ... in Hall; Reader: C. Fleming, ... & ...; Intercessions: R. Gijbsbers; Vestry: C. Hill; PowerPoint: J. Bell; Music: G. Gijbsbers; Morning tea: F. Leighton

St Augustine's

St Paul's

Next week's readings – 10th April Passion Narrative – Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-18; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

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

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

The Collect of the Day

Christ, whose feet were caressed with perfume and a woman's hair, you humbly took a basin and towel and washed the feet of your friends: wash us also in your tenderness, that, embracing your service freely, we may accept no other bondage in your name. **Amen.**

Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord,

who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,

¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.

¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

²⁰ The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,

²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 126

When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion:

Then were we like those restored to life.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter:

And our tongue with singing.

Then said they among the heathen:

'The Lord has done great things for them.'

Truly the Lord has done great thing for us:

And therefore, we rejoiced.

Turn again our fortunes, O Lord:

As the streams return to the dry south.

Those who sow in tears:

Shall reap with songs of joy.

They that go out weeping, bearing the seed:

Shall come again in gladness, bringing their sheaves with them.

(Response)

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

As in the beginning so now, and forever. Amen

Philippians 3:2-14

² Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of those who mutilate the flesh! ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 12 beginning at verse 1:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

[Silence]

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Fifth Sunday in Lent Year C

Over these many weeks of Lent we have been on a journey as the people of God and as individuals. The Bible has also been leading us on a journey with Jesus and his disciples and our destination now coming into view is Jerusalem. Next Sunday Jesus will enter Jerusalem to loud hosannas, and our observance of Holy Week will commence.

There have been many sign posts along the way not least the one we are facing today – the anointing of Jesus by Mary of Bethany.

We are just six days out from the Jewish Feast of Passover, just one week until Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem, our Palm Sunday, and thence to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and finally the celebration of our Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Mary's anointing of Jesus is like one of those really big green signs on the freeway that points clearly to our destination. Easter - four kilometers on highway one to the resurrection.

EASTER 4
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We can't miss it because this anointing shouts to us that Jesus is going to the cross to die and on the third day be raised.

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Let's try to approach the anointing in slow motion noticing each of the signs in turn.



In our opening verse the mention of the Passover is in itself a sign post to the crucifixion for it reminds us that Jesus is the Passover lamb, the one who will give his life so that we can be set free from sin and death. And it all happens at the home of Lazarus whom Jesus had raised from the dead; a story full of

symbolism that alert us to the events of Easter morning.

They are at the table (verse 2) an illusion to the table of the Lord where Jesus washes the disciple's feet and foretells his betrayal; gives the command to love and speaks of his impending death. It is at this last supper with his disciples that Jesus offers the wine and bread saying – Do this in remembrance of me. (Luke 22:19)





And then we come to the anointing of Jesus' feet. It is customary for the feet of guests to be washed with oil and wiped clean. But here we have a very special anointing. Mary uses myrrh the same oil that the wise men gave to

Jesus at his birth. A gift that even at his birth spoke of his impending death. Myrrh is that costly ointment used to prepare bodies for burial. It is Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary the mother of Jesus who took spices to the tomb to prepare the body of Jesus only to find the tomb empty. (Luke 24:1-10) This then was more than a simple act of common courtesy offered to guests; this was an anointing which reminds us that Jesus is the Lord's anointed we are to remember that He is the Messiah.

As Mary anoints Jesus' feet she assumes a posture of humility, of reverence, service, adoration and deep listening. Just below the surface we remember that Jesus will kneel down and wash the disciple's feet in an act of humble service. We recall that when Jesus visited the family of Lazarus Mary was the one who sat at Jesus' feet and listened to him. And when Jesus comes to see Mary and Martha after the death of their brother Lazarus it is Mary, who upon seeing Jesus, throws herself down and kneels at his feet in supplication. (John 11:32)



Jesus has a deep love for Mary and she for him. The extravagance of her gift of myrrh is an expression of the deep affection Mary has for Jesus and the depth of her gratitude for what Jesus has done for her and for her brother Lazarus. In this profound gratitude we naturally feel gratitude welling up in us for the incredible sacrifice of Jesus for us on the cross. What can we give our Lord and Saviour? Surely whatever we give is never enough.



What we give is not about its monetary value. Judas might have got caught up in that worldly form of measurement. Our gifts are not to be measured in monetary terms but by the passion of our love for our Saviour. What can we offer our good Lord? Only our deep, heartfelt love for Him who gave his life for us.

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St Paul's letter to the Philippians expresses something of this deep love and gratitude for the work of Jesus as our Messiah.

Paul has a strong sense of before and after in his writings. Paul knows what it is to be a persecutor of the church and he knows what it is to be called to proclaim Christ and the power of the resurrection. His passion for a life of service and commitment to the ways of Jesus are powerfully expressed when he says the he regards everything else to be loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. He says everything is rubbish compared to having a relationship with Christ. Paul says;

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death... (Philippians 3:10)

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Mary has just such a relationship with Jesus. Hers is more than mere friendship her actions are an acknowledgement of Jesus as the Christ;



as the Messiah and more than that her anointing of Jesus is an act of worship which recognises Jesus as her Saviour and Lord. All this passion has made me realise again how easily we can become a bit lukewarm about our faith. St Paul and Mary of Bethany are passionate about their faith, really passionate.



In my Lenten reading I have begun a little book called Women of Holy Week [Miriam, Sarah, Anna, Susannah, Joanna, Salome, and Mary Magdalene, Mary the wife of Clopas and Mary the mother of Jesus]

This reading has reminded me how Jesus embraced the faith and ministry of women in a culture that regarded women very differently. Jewish women of the 1st century lived very restricted lives, they rarely left the house and if they did it was never alone. No man would speak to a woman he didn't know and women rarely spoke when in company.

Women were considered the property of men. Before they married, they belonged to their fathers and then to their husband and if their husband died then they became the wife of his brother or were looked after by their sons if they had any.

Into this very oppressive culture comes Jesus who spoke to women, healed them, taught them and invited them into his inner circle.

Mary of Bethany and her sister were portrayed as close friends of Jesus something quite unusual in those times. Mary was one of those women whom Jesus taught. She sat at his feet and listened to him.

We've come to accept these stories but in fact they were quite shocking for their time. First century Jewish women did not go to school and they didn't attend the teaching portion of the synagogue either. It was only the men who had this privilege. Jesus' attitude to women is strikingly different. Is it any wonder then that Mary expressed such a deep respect and love for Jesus?

Jesus shows us great love and respect and we in our turn would love and respect him with all the passion that our faith in Him excites.

Myrrh bearing Mary from Bethany came, seeking her Jesus who called her by name, there she anointed his feet and his head with precious oils that were meant for the dead.

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

Lord our God, we continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and for the people of Russia and the NATO alliance that there might be real and lasting peace for Ukraine and for that region. We pray for the care of women and children caught up in the horrors of this war, bring them to safety and restore their hope. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord our God, we pray for the church seeking your help and your blessing for all those in ministry both lay and ordained. We give you thanks for the ministry of the Lay Readers of this parish and we pray especially those priests and deacons who are beginning their ministry in this Diocese of Gippsland: for Paul Woodcock in Bairnsdale, Cathy Turnbull in Nar Nar Goon, Rebecca Hayman in Morwell and Christine Angus in Bunyip. Lord we also offer our prayers that you would encourage us to share the message of your love with others and to do so with passion and commitment. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord our God, we pray for anyone who is finding life challenging, we seek your help for those who are sad or feeling friendless. Help us to help those who are unwell or finding things hard.

Bring your peace and your balm to situations where there is a lack of love or a lack of respect and in particular, we pray for those situations where women and children feel unsafe and powerless. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we dare to pray for ourselves that where we have become lukewarm in our faith you would use this time of Lent to restore our passion and ignite a fire in our belly that sets our heart on fire with love for you. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord our God, we give you thanks for the promise of the resurrection to eternal life. We claim it for ourselves as we bring to mind those who have died praying rest eternal grant unto them O Lord **and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us 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.**

Suggested Hymns:

Speak O Lord as we come to You
Myrrh Bearing Mary (TIS 624)
Breathe on me Breath of God (TIS 407)
And Can It Be (TIS 209)
The Heavens shall Declare (TIS 746) <https://youtu.be/Ikts60jnZ38>
Shout to the Lord (TIS 738)
In Christ Alone
Be Exalted O Lord

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

St Phillips Ladies Guild meeting
Thursday April 21
12pm, Emmaus Room

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 10.30am 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.

Tuesday 19th April – Parish Council 1.30pm Emmaus Room, Cowes

25th April ANZAC Day March steps off from St Philip's Cowes

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOOK SALES

Saturday 23rd – Monday 25th April 10.00am – 4.00pm

- Books wanted
- Volunteers wanted (setting up Friday 22nd April)
- Get in touch with our coordinator Richard Prideaux



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.

