



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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – Feast of St Philip and St James
Choose Hope, Love, Justice



MON 2 nd	Rev'd Jo's Day Off 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
TUES 3 rd	
WED 4 th	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
THURS 5 th	10.00am Holy Communion at St Philip's, Cowes 7.30pm Phillip Island Combined Churches in the Emmaus Room, Cowes
FRI 6 th	11.00am Chat 'n' Chew in the Emmaus Room, Cowes
SAT 7 th	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open 3.00pm Baptism, St Philip's, Cowes
SUN 8 th	9.00am St Philip's, Holy Communion 11.00am St Augustine's Holy Communion 12.30pm St Paul's, Holy Communion 4.00pm St Philip's

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 1st May 2022

St Philip's - Welcome: W. Gladman & F. Leighton; Reader: M. Wright; Intercessions: J. Wright; Vestry: C. Hill; PowerPoint: L. Heflingers; Music: ...; Morning tea: J. Bell

St Augustine's – Leader: G. Ippel; Input: G. Ippel; Children: D. Garrett

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

This week's readings– Acts 9:1-6, (7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5:6-14; John 21:1-19

Next week's roster 8th May 2022

St Philip's - Welcome: J. Stephenson & M. Wright; Reader: J. Wright; Intercessions: R. Gijsbers; Vestry: L. Heflingers; PowerPoint: R. Leditschke; Music: ...; Morning tea: P. Leditschke

Next week's readings – 8th May – Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

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

To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 9:1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up from the depths:

And have not suffered my foes to triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you:

And you have made me whole.

You brought me back, O Lord, from the land of silence:

You saved my life from among those that go down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, all you his faithful ones:

And give thanks to his holy name.

For if in his anger is havoc, in his good favour is life:

Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

In my prosperity I said 'I shall never be moved:

Your goodness, O Lord, has set me on so firm a hill.'

Then you hid your face from me:

And I was greatly dismayed.

I cried to you, O God:

And made my petition humbly to my Lord.

'What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit:

Can the dust give you thanks, or declare your faithfulness?'

'Hear, O Lord, and be merciful:

O Lord, be my helper'

You have turned my lamentation into dancing:

You have put off my sackcloth and girded me with joy.

That my heart may sing your praise and never be silent:

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

(Response)

Glory to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
As in the beginning so now, and forever. Amen

A reading from Revelation 5:6-14

⁶ Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. ⁸ When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ They sing a new song:

“You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; ¹⁰ you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.”

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 21 beginning at verse 1;

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the

fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

[Silence]

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THIRD SUNDAY EASTER: The restoration of Peter

In spite of the fact that he denied him, Jesus did not write Peter off, but confirmed him as the chief shepherd of his flock. In the same way Jesus doesn't write us off when we fail. He gives us a chance to cancel out our failures by love.

When someone hurts us; perhaps they are rude, they let us down or lose their temper; perhaps they are selfish once too often, or betray our trust, or they just don't think the way we do on a particular topic. Whatever the reason, when someone hurts us we have a choice; we can write them off, avoid them, gossip about them and pay them back or we can follow the example of Jesus.

This works both ways, we can forgive and embrace that person and equally we too can be forgiven and embraced. The good news is – that is exactly what God did/does for us.

Peter must have been in a quite a state after his denial of Jesus, as well as the grief he felt at Jesus' death he was probably carrying a heavy burden of guilt because of his denial of Jesus. No doubt he blamed himself for not having the backbone to admit he was a follower of Jesus. Peter had three chances to get it right, to own up/ to stand up for his belief in Jesus as Messiah and Lord; but he didn't and the cock crowed.

Peter is just like us, when things go wrong we blame ourselves (sometimes with good cause) and then we go on a 'guilt trip'.

Guilt can weigh us down, it's as if we are dragging a huge chain behind us, each link forged by yet another terrible thought or deed or an unresolved hurt. We long to be free of it but don't quite know how.

Peter probably felt just like that, he wanted to put things right with Jesus, he wanted to say 'sorry' but he just didn't quite know how. Perhaps he felt he needed to receive his just desert, that he should get a tongue lashing or perform some unpleasant penance.

When Jesus appeared to the disciples that day the first thing we hear Peter say is;

'I am going fishing'

Sometimes when we say we are 'going fishing' it's not really to catch fish for dinner but as a way to have some time-out. Gone Fishing can be a euphemism for our need to retreat from the difficulties of a situation. And that seems to be what Peter was doing; going fishing so he didn't

have to face Jesus. Strangely the disciples didn't catch a thing until Jesus appears and then the nets were full.

Jesus provides not just the fish for their breakfast he provides the means by which Peter can face his fears, his grief and his guilt. Jesus did not write Peter off. He didn't punish him or demote him all he wanted for Peter was to lift the burden he was carrying and restore their relationship. Good relationships are always built on love and trust never on fear or bullying. So, after breakfast Jesus turned to Peter and said, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?

What a strange question to ask. Why didn't Jesus ask for an explanation of Peter's betrayal? Surely, that at the very least Peter owed him that? The amazing love of Jesus is evident in his question to Peter, do you love me? Peter's reply is the balm that lifts every weight, every doubt, every ounce of guilt and fear from his shoulders.

'Lord you know that I love you.'

It can be hard to say 'I love you' when we feel we have been in the wrong and yet in Peter's response we hear release from any thought of blame or wrong.

And then, as if to strengthen Peter, Jesus gives him a new and important task as the chief shepherd of his flock. Jesus kept no record of Peter's sins. He keeps no record of our sins either. Instead Jesus asks those who follow him to feed his sheep, that is, to love and serve our brothers and sisters in the community.

This could be seen as a kind of penance.

In recent years penance has been seen in rather a negative light, as something done as a punishment. For example – when we are rude or lose our temper the event can be followed by the need to make restitution over and over to compensate for the wrong with endless tasks in an attempt to make up for our fault. Parents often try to make the punishment fit the crime but sometimes the crime is never forgotten and so the punishment lasts far too long.

Penance also means something far more positive, a penance is an action that shows we are truly sorry for the hurt we have caused to another person or to God.

Serving others in the community is something we do because we love them and we want the best for them. It is also a way to show that we are truly sorry for all those times we have been selfish, hateful or unkind or left undone what we ought to have done. Serving others is not a punishment it's something we choose to do in response to the incredibly forgiving nature of God made present in his son Jesus.

It is unlikely that Peter ever forgot the fact that he denied Jesus but it did not haunt him the way some people are haunted by their sins. He learned a great lesson from it. He learned that he wasn't as brave as he thought he was and he learned about the unmerited grace and forgiveness of God. It's a far better and a more salutary thing to **learn** a lesson than be **taught** a lesson. When we learn from a mistake, the memory of it is more likely to evoke feelings of gratitude; not the negativity of self-recrimination.

To be caught in a cycle of 'tit for tat' is the worst prison on earth. In that prison are never free from the judging eyes of others and we are constantly looking over our shoulders to see if we have done wrong. Worst of all we judge ourselves too harshly and over compensate for our perceived misdemeanours.

Oh, to be free of that!

As Jesus freed Peter so he frees us. In spite of our denial of Jesus and our constant need of forgiveness Jesus still loves us. This love brings us back to life. It is an amazing and beautiful experience to be loved in spite of and even because of our weakness and sinfulness.

To be loved in our 'goodness' is no big deal. But to be loved in our 'badness' is transformative; it is what grace is all about.

After that morning Peter renewed his strength and we know that he became a very good leader. A good leader must be aware of their own weaknesses. They must understand the weakness of others and be ready to forgive mistakes. A good leader supports everyone on the team to work together and help each other get the job done. When we accept the unmerited grace, love and forgiveness of God in our own lives it can help us to rid ourselves of pride and a reliance on our own resources. If a leader relies on their own judgements alone they are not liked, their company suffers and the staff doesn't work as hard. Good leaders are humble servants.

Peter did become a great leader. In the Acts of the Apostles we see how he stood up before the Sanhedrin and bore witness for Jesus. Peter is a great consolation to us particularly when courage fails us. In the end, none of us is perfect, none is without sin.

We are always learning how to forgive ourselves those momentary weaknesses and failures. We always need to be reminded not to judge others or ourselves because of momentary lapses.

Jesus didn't write Peter off. God does not write us off

In fact we are forgiven, set free, we are loved

Our penance, our way of showing that we are truly sorry is, like Peter, to serve our brothers and sisters in love.

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

We continue to pray for the situation in Ukraine; for the people in the north of Australia whose homes and lives are seriously disrupted because of the devastating floods and for those who are sick and in isolation due to COVID 19.

Lord of heaven and earth, we pray for peace in Ukraine. We pray for those who are fighting on both sides of the conflict – Russian and Ukrainian armed forces. God, bring peace, lasting peace. Comfort all who are frightened and all who have lost homes, villages, friends, and family; comfort those who have lost hope.

Risen Jesus, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of heaven and earth, we pray for this land of Australia; a land of drought and flooding rains. We are thankful for the freedoms we enjoy in this country and for the prosperity we know here. Help us to help each other in this time of need. We pray for those who have lost homes, livelihoods, treasured possessions and a place to call home. Comfort those who feel empty and lost and for whom another flood will break them.

Risen Jesus, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all, we pray for your church that ours may be a place where everyone experiences your grace, mercy and love. Help us to witness to your forgiving love in our actions and in our prayers. We pray that our churches might be places where people do not feel judged or isolated in any way.

Risen Jesus, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Lord Jesus, we pray for those who are sick especially those who are isolating at home or in hospital with COVID 19. We give thanks for the work of all in the medical profession who are working long hours and double shifts to look after those who are sick. We pray too for

people who are feeling alone, friendless or forgotten. Remind us to help them and care for them as we are able.

Risen Jesus, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, hear our prayer for all those who are grieving as we remember those who have died, whether a recent death or of long ago. We offer our prayers knowing that these saints are with you in glory and will share in the resurrection of Christ or Lord.

May we with St Philip and St James and all the saints worship and adore you for ever and ever.

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:

Lord of the Dance (TIS 242)

Yours Be the Glory (TIS 380)

In Christ Alone

Come Let Us Join Our Cheerful Song (TIS 204)

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

PARISH HOME GROUPS in recess during school holidays

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

10th May Parish Council

17th – 19th June 40th Synod of the Diocese of Gippsland

NEW WORSHIP TIMES commence Sunday 24th April

SUNDAY	9.00am St Philip's
	11.00am St Augustine's 12.30pm St Paul's
THURSDAY	10.00am, St Philip's
SUNDAY	4.00pm St Philip's resumes 1 st May



START UP THIS SUNDAY

4pm Service

1st May followed by a fellowship meal.

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.



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

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.