



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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Choose Hope, Love, Justice



MON 9 th	Rev'd Jo's Day Off 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
TUES 10 th	1.30pm Parish Council, Emmaus Room, Cowes
WED 11 th	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open 11.00-11.35am Service at Griffith Point Lodge
THURS 12 th	10.00am-Holy Communion, St Philip's, Cowes
FRI 13 th	11.00am Chat 'n' Chew in the Emmaus Room, Cowes
SAT 14 th	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open Market at St Philip's, Cowes
SUN 15 th	9.00am St Philip's, Holy Communion 11.00am St Augustine's Family Service 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 8th May 2022

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

St Augustine's

St Paul's

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

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

Next week's roster 15th May 2022

St Philip's - Welcome: W. Gladman & A. Prideaux; Reader: E. Krutop-Norfolk; Intercessions: R. Prideaux; Vestry: R. Aitkin; PowerPoint: F. Zulian; Music: ...; Morning tea: F. Leighton

St Augustine's – Leader: L. Alexander; Input: R. Prideaux; Children: D. Garrett

St Paul's

Next week's readings - Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

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

The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

The Collect of the Day

Gracious God, you sent Jesus, the good shepherd, to gather us together: may we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 9:36-43

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd:

Therefore can I lack nothing.

He will make me lie down in green pastures:

And lead me beside still waters.

He will refresh my soul:

And guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

For you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:

You have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life:

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

(Response)

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

As in the beginning so now, and forever. Amen

A reading from Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying:

"Amen!

Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen!"

¹³Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"

¹⁴I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.'

'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 10 beginning at verse 22;

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²²Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

²⁵Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

[Silence]

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The Revelation to John is a book that I would usually run a mile from but in today's reading there are words that we can all understand:

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. (Revelation 7:9)

This is wonderful image of a great multitude people from every tribe and every nation, an inclusive image of the kingdom of God come in all its fullness. A reminder to us that our being sent out to call people to faith in Jesus is not confined to any one group. It is a reminder that the message of the resurrection is universal and not specific.

These people of every tribe and language are robed in white, the colour of our Easter Season; the colour of baptismal robes.

[My Alb; my robe is white for that very reason.] In some churches everyone who belongs to the church community wears white to church every Sunday. It is a sign of their baptism into the family of the church and of their commitment to be joined to each other and to Christ in one body.

And what do they carry? Palm branches a symbol pregnant with reminders of the welcome that those who know and love Jesus will give him when he returns again.



During the season of Easter we read time and time again accounts of the resurrection appearances and of the response of those who are witnesses to these appearances. The pattern is soon established that when someone encounters the risen Christ they are empowered and sent out to share the gospel.

'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe' says the verse 29 of John

chapter 20. We who have not seen are no less believers and we are empowered and sent out to share the good news with anyone and everyone without judgement and without favour. In the Acts of the Apostles even Saul, after his encounter with the risen Jesus, brings the name of Jesus to Gentiles and kings and the people of Israel. (Act 9:15) and Peter who talked with the risen Jesus on the beach is challenged to see everything as clean so that he too preaches to Cornelius a Roman and a gentile. (Acts chapter 10)





Revelation chapter 7 goes on to say:

¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and
to the Lamb!"

The Lamb of God who is our salvation because it is He who takes the sins of the world upon himself on the cross. The blood of the lamb is our saving grace. In this season of Easter we do not dwell upon on the cross but move our focus to the resurrection and its power as reported in scripture and its power for us who are sent out to proclaim the good news of Christ.

The power of the resurrection sends Peter to Joppa to the house of Dorcas. This woman had died. Peter raises her from the dead. We might wonder how Peter is able to do such a thing. Looking back into the book of Acts it is clear that the Holy Spirit has been poured out upon Peter and the others. Looking back to Peter's encounter with the risen Jesus on the beach we remember that he was given a very important and singular commission by Jesus to be the chief shepherd of the sheep. What was it that Jesus said to him?

Feed my lambs; tend my sheep and then; feed my sheep. (John 21:15-19) Dorcas was just such a follower of Jesus whom Peter raised so that many would believe in the Lord. (Acts 9:42)

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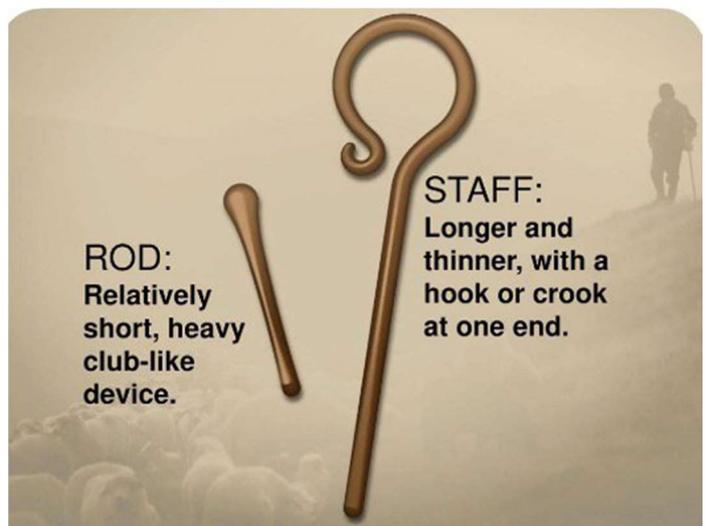
The imagery of shepherds and sheep is very strong across all our readings for today. Peter, the chief shepherd, goes to Joppa to tend the sheep. St John the Divine sees visions of the Lamb upon the throne and the shepherd will guide the nations to springs of the water of life. (Revelation 7:17) and then there's Psalm 23 the Good Shepherd song of trust and comfort. Jesus takes the mantle of good shepherd upon himself saying: (animation)

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:11)

The words of psalm 23 have many comforting words and images.

Let's just look at two of them; the staff and the rod; the tools of the good shepherd. The rod can also be identified as a club used to fend off wild beasts. Our good shepherd is strong and able to fend off evil. He faces the temptations of the wilderness without succumbing to the tricks of the devil. He was with the wild beasts and the angels waited upon him. (Mark 1:13) As his sheep we can be confident that our shepherd will, as the Lord's Prayer reminds - deliver us from evil.

The other tool of the good shepherd is the staff or crook. This is used to guide and to control the sheep. Again, we can turn to the Lord's Prayer where we pray: give us today our daily bread. Our good shepherd guides us to where nourishment can be found and he disciplines us when we go off the rails in search of our own path. He leads us to green pastures where we can be nourished and he gives us a gentle but firm prod with his staff when needed. We can trust him because he is the good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:15)



ROD:
Relatively
short, heavy
club-like
device.

STAFF:
Longer and
thinner, with a
hook or crook
at one end.

But today's gospel is more about the response of the sheep than what the shepherd is doing. Let's remind ourselves what Jesus said in verses 27 and 28 –

My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:27-28)

The sheep hear Jesus' voice.

In all those resurrection appearances the voice of Jesus is heard and what follows is always transformative.

The disciples hear Jesus speak to them, they believe and they witness. Thomas hears and experiences the risen Lord; he comes to believe and then to witness.

Mary Magdalene, often called the first apostle, sees her risen Lord and runs to tell others.

Peter hears the words of Jesus' commission and is sent out to feed the flock of Jesus.

Saul hears and becomes the apostle to the Gentiles; and what of us?

We hear and we believe and then what?

We are sent out to share the message of Jesus the Good Shepherd.

Our message has the authenticity of one who has seen, one who has heard, and one who has touched and been touched.

As his sheep we follow our Risen Lord and we witness to his transforming power in our lives.



Christ is risen alleluia
He is risen indeed alleluia

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

Lord Jesus, great shepherd of the sheep be with us as we pray for all nations, every tribe and language that all people might live together in

mutual love and respect. We especially pray for the people of Russia and for the people of Ukraine and surrounding countries in this time of war. Lord, we pray for peace. We seek peace in our world and particularly in this region. Bring your peace, Lord, peace only peace is our prayer.

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

Lord Jesus, great shepherd of the sheep we pray for our country of Australia as we weigh all the promises and rhetoric of the forth coming election campaign. Guide us Heavenly Father to select wise and just government, seeking the best future for our country and for its citizens.

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

Lord Jesus, great shepherd of the sheep, we pray for your church that we may witness to the power of the resurrection and bring people of every tribe and language and nation to respond to your life-giving presence. Help us to follow you and receive your guidance and discipline.

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

Lord Jesus, great shepherd of the sheep, we pray for those who are sick especially those who are ill with COVID 19, bring healing and restore their strength. We pray for those who face difficult decisions affecting their future. Guide them into green pastures and beside still waters that your purpose for them may be made clear.

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

Lord Jesus, great shepherd of the sheep, we pray your kingdom come, your will be done. We rejoice at the promise of the resurrection to eternal life wrought for us by Jesus on the cross. With this in mind we pray for those whom we love who have passed away. We remember them knowing that they are always in your keeping.

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:

Lord Jesus Christ (TIS 526)

The King of Love my Shepherd is (TIS 145)

Brother, Sister let me serve you - TIS 650

At the Dawning of Salvation (TIS 392)

Salvation Belongs to our God

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

Please contact leaders for information

Emmaus Room – recommencing Wednesday May 18th 2.00pm Leader: Richard and Ann Prideaux

Palm Lakes Group – Recommences Friday 13th May 10.00am Contact Wendy Gladman. Please come along to enjoy our new study Women of the New Testament.

San Remo Group –Wednesday 2.00pm in the Mary Talbot Room Leader: John Dawson New study coming on The Book of Ruth

Bass Home Group –Studying The Synoptic Gospels, Thursday 5.30pm Leader: Sandy & Les Ridge

DIARY DATES

29th May a fifth Sunday therefore 11.00am St Augustine’s Holy Communion

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

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.