



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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Choose Hope, Love, Justice



MON 16 th	Rev'd Jo's Day Off 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
TUES 17 th	
WED 18 th	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
THURS 19 th	10.00am-Holy Communion, St Philip's, Cowes Guild Meeting, St Philip's, Cowes
FRI 20 th	11.00am Chat n Chew, Emmaus Room, Cowes
SAT 21 st	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open Federal Election
SUN 22 nd	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 including Holy Communion

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 15th May

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 – Reader: L. Ridge; Prayers: S. Ridge; Chalice: E. Humphry

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

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

Next week's roster 22nd May 2022

St Philip's - Welcome: E. Krutop-Norfolk & F. Leighton; Reader: F. Zulian; Intercessions: Rev. Jo; Vestry: J. Bell; PowerPoint: L. Heflingers; Music: ...; Morning tea: L. Wenham

St Augustine's

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

Next week's readings – 22nd May – Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

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

Canticle of Daniel - <https://youtu.be/rWzqPov0k3E>

The Collect of the Day

We behold your glory, O God, in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high: be glorified anew in the love we have for one another as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ⁸ But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:

O praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all his angels:

O praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon:

Praise him, all you stars of light.

Praise him, you highest heaven:

And you waters that are above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord:

For he commanded and they were made.

He established them for ever and ever:

He made an ordinance which shall not pass away.

O praise the Lord from the earth:

Praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, mist and snow:

And storm-wind fulfilling his command;

Mountains and all hills:

Fruit trees and all cedars;

Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:

Creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth, and all peoples:

Princes, and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens:

Old folk and children together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord:

For his name alone is exalted.

His glory is above earth and heaven:

And he has lifted high the horn of his people.

Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:

Of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

(Response)

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

As in the beginning so now, and forever. Amen

A reading from Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 13 beginning at verse 31;

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself

and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

[Silence]

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

FIFTH SUNDAY EASTER

I am no expert when it comes to the symbols used in Aboriginal art however one thing, I have learned is that a circle in a very powerful expression of group identity and belonging. Circles represent waterholes and meeting places, central to the life of any people and especially so for first nations people who have such a strong connection to each other and to the land. This image is one that also expresses something of the hope of black and white meeting together and of the sharing of culture indicated by the white circles on the black hands and the earth colours on the white hands which are coming to the meeting place but not quite there yet.

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The first apostles of Jesus were Jewish men and they had a strong sense of the importance of being the chosen people of God. The people of Israel were rescued by their God and led out of slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. These people of Israel were oppressed by the occupying Roman Empire in Jesus' day and persecuted in the time of the early church.

Perhaps we forget that for them and people of their time wars and fighting between tribes and nations was commonplace. Rivalry and fighting was often marked by the belief that their gods were on their side and would give them victory. The God of Moses was, as it turns out, greater than all the gods of pharaoh. The God of Saul and the shepherd boy David was greater than the gods of the Philistines and the Lord God helped Joshua conquer the city of Jericho. The people of Israel regarded the Lord God as their God not one of the many gods belonging to other nations. It was the Lord, it was Yahweh who rescued them, who gave them victory in battle, who brought them to the land of milk and honey. What we notice here is Israel's sense of privilege and of being favoured above other nations.

Jesus changes this with his teaching, with his ministry to the outcast and the marginalised. He changes this sense of Jewish privilege on the cross when he draws all people to himself. His preaching today from John chapter 13 speaks of a love that is more than simple reciprocal love – more than a lineal kind of relationship where *I love you and you love me*. Jesus' command to love is more complex than *God loves me so I love God*. The shape of the love command is a deep and abiding permeable circle.

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)

Jesus loves and so we love not only Jesus but each other and more than this the love we have for one another will be a witness to everyone that love, the love of God, is all embracing. This is a love that is an ever-widening circle, an inclusive circle where no one is excluded. God is no longer only the God of the people of Israel, God is for all people. God is the Father of all and we are his little children¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. (Romans 8:16)

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Peter had a dream which challenged his view of Jewish law and Jewish privilege. As a good Jew he would not eat anything profane or unclean and yet in the dream he was instructed by God

to eat what was before him: four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. (Acts 11:6) And just to make sure he understood the Lord's message it was offered to him three times. We need to remind ourselves that this story is post resurrection, we find ourselves in the time of witnessing to the power of the risen Christ the one who commanded the disciples to go therefore and make disciples of all nations. (Matthew 28:19)

Perhaps in this day and age we have become used to equality and a disdain for prejudice and privilege. We support the fight for the rights of people who are marginalised, oppressed, or discriminated against. Anti-discrimination laws are part of our legal system.

Civil rights, women's rights, gay rights, the Black Lives Matter movement, the Me Too movement these have become part of popular culture and the struggle to find equality and freedom for everyone.

Jesus did something radical for His time. He asked, no He commanded that everyone should love one another. After his resurrection Jesus appeared to Saul and sent him out to preach to the gentiles. And we read in Acts over and over again that the apostles were being sent to the Gentiles who also accepted the word of God. The account of Philip's baptism of the Ethiopian Eunuch is yet another example of this broadening and universal message of Jesus. (Acts chapter 8)

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How will people know that we are disciples of Jesus? Jesus, himself says it will be in the way we love. Love can wear many guises. The love we see television and in pop culture has a few cracks in it. Love that is only about romance, love that is only about what makes *me* happy is not the all-embracing love that Jesus teaches his followers. The great love of God that's revealed in the Son is a love of acceptance, understanding and inclusivity. This might even seem the norm for us in the 21st century but for Peter and the Jews of his day such an idea was extremely radical. Perhaps this is part of the reason the early Christians were persecuted: for daring to challenge the gods of other nations.

Love of God and love of neighbour is central to the life of Christians. In loving God and neighbour we are being obedient to the command of Jesus but we are also following His example of love an example that healed lepers, talked to women, visited the towns of Samaritans, ate with sinners and tax collectors and spoke out against oppressive use of the Jewish temple laws. Jesus love for all people was given full expression on the cross:

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. (John 15:12-14)

Our psalm for today adds another layer of meaning to the love command, that of love and respect for the earth. Praise for God's universal glory is beautifully expressed in this psalm covering all aspects of the natural world – the earth, the sky, the creatures of earth and sky and sea, the trees, and all creatures from the smallest insect to the great wild beasts and sea monsters. As the people of God our circle of love includes love and respect for the creation a creation that reaches even beyond earth to the stars and the planets.

It was heartened to note in our recent National Church Life Survey results that some 94% of those surveyed in our parish agree that we have a responsibility to actively care for the environment.

People will know that we our Jesus' disciples if they see the quality of our love for people, no matter who they are. They will know that we are Jesus' disciples when they see our love and commitment to care for creation.

What we are ultimately aiming for is the vision of a new heaven and a new earth where there will be no more weeping says Revelation chapter 21. In the new Jerusalem there will be no more mourning, no more crying, no more pain. The kingdom of God for which we pray: 'Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.'
Will be a kingdom of perfect peace and perfect love.

Love, which Jesus personifies and which we are commanded to be and do is radical. It is a love that seeks hope, love and justice for all. If we can love in this way then the tears of the poor, the down trodden, the weak and vulnerable will be wiped away. If we can love without prejudice, a sense of privilege or selfish desire then the pain of people who have been tossed aside and discriminated against will be no more.

To steal some words from the Movie 'Funny Girl'

A feeling deep in your soul
Says you were half now you're whole
No more hunger and thirst
First be a person who loves people
People who love people
Are Christ's people for the whole world.

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

Lord of heaven and earth, we praise you and seek your help for the people of the world who cry aloud because they see violence and destruction in their country and in their community. We pray for your kingdom of peace to reign on earth and especially that peace will come to Ukraine.

Loving Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of heaven and earth, we praise you and seek your help for the church as the General Synod concludes their business. Lord Jesus, may your church universal express the unity that is your desire and prayer for all people. May the church here in Gippsland and more locally in our particular congregation be a place where all feel truly loved and accepted for who they are.

Loving Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of heaven and earth, we praise you and seek your help for our country of Australia as we struggle with inequality particularly in relation to first nation peoples and refugees. May we find the confidence to fight for equity for these and others who are marginalised, dispossessed and experiencing discrimination.

We also seek your help as we come to cast our vote in the federal election this week. Guide us with your wisdom to choose government that expresses your love and respect for all people and for your creation.

Loving Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of heaven and earth, we praise you and seek your help for those in need. Lord, we pray for the sick especially those who are recovering in hospital or at home from COVID 19. We seek your help for those who are without work or those who are swamped by too much work. We pray for those who are alone, who feel friendless and unloved. Help us to reach out to them and show your love in the way we love. We pray for those who are unsure about their future, guide them in your way.

Loving Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of heaven and earth, let us not be prejudice or self-serving but open our hearts to all. We offer our prayers for the dear departed remembering those who have passed away recently or many years ago. We celebrate the resurrection and are reassured that our loved ones share in Christ's resurrection.

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:

Men of Faith Rise up and Sing

A New Commandment (TIS 699)

The Great Love of God (TIS 164)

Praise Him, Praise Him (TIS 134)

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest

Purify My Heart (Refiner's Heart)

Salvation Belongs to our God

Glorify Thy Name <https://youtu.be/QitVKW6wXdo>

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. Take us and use us to love and serve you all people, in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A blessing is offered.

May the God of peace equip you with everything good for doing his will, working in you what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

5th June PENTECOST Holy Communion in all centers

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

19th August Parish Trivia Night

13th December Annual Parish Christmas Dinner

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



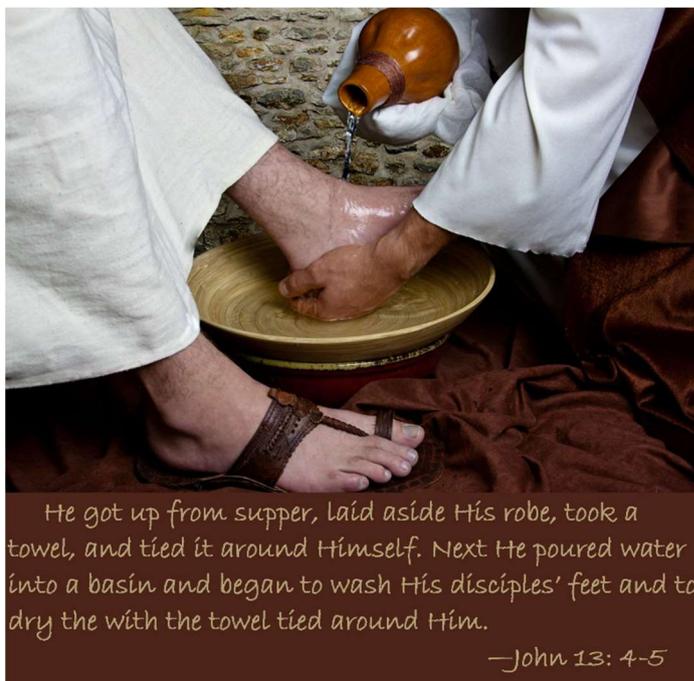
You can help Refugees by putting items in the basket at St Philip's. Most needed items include: honey, tuna in oil, tinned tomatoes, tinned veggies, tinned legumes, sweet & savoury biscuits, black tea bags, dishwashing liquid, shampoo & conditioner, soap bars.

Great and loving God, your will for us in your Son Jesus is the peace which the world cannot give, your abiding gift, the Advocate he promised. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear, and keep us in steadfast in love and faithful to your word. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us and showing the way of salvation through faith in your Son. We ask you now to teach and encourage us through your word, so that we may be ready to serve you; for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A reading - John 13:1-11

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who



He got up from supper, laid aside His robe, took a towel, and tied it around Himself. Next He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples' feet and to dry the with the towel tied around Him.
—John 13: 4-5

said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' ⁷Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' ⁸Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' ⁹Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'