



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

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Choose Hope, Love, Justice



MON 23 rd	Rev'd Jo's Day Off 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
TUES 24 th	
WED 25 th	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
THURS 26 th	Ascension 10.00am-Holy Communion, St Philip's, Cowes
FRI 27 th	11.00am Chat n Chew, Emmaus Room at Cowes
SAT 28 th	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
SUN 29 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 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

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

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

Next week's roster 29th May 2022

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

Next week's readings – **29nd May** – Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-22; John 17:20-26

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

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you,' says the Lord. 'Do not let your hearts be trouble, and do not let them be afraid.'

The Collect of the Day

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 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.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 16:9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 67

Let God be gracious to us and bless us:

And make his face shine upon us,

That your ways may be known on earth:

Your liberating power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God:

Let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing:

**For you judge the peoples with integrity,
and govern the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God:

Let all the peoples praise you.

Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness:

And God, our God, will bless us.

God shall bless us:

And all the ends of the earth will fear him.

(Response)

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

As in the beginning so now, and forever. Amen

A reading from Revelation 21:10-14, 22 - 22:5

¹⁰ And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹ It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; ¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

²² Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 14 beginning at verse 23;

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²³ Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

[Silence]

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This week we continue to listen to the farewell discourses of Jesus as the season of Easter draws to a close. This Thursday will mark The Ascension of Jesus - his departure into heaven. Next Sunday will be the last and seventh Sunday in Easter from where we look forward to Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus will depart but we will not be left to fend for ourselves. He promises us The Advocate, the Holy Spirit to teach us and remind us of everything Jesus has done and has taught. To be an advocate is to be a spokesperson; to be an advocate is to be one who speaks and acts on behalf of another; to be an advocate is to be someone who is on a mission, that is motivated and grounded in the work and words of ... and for us that person is Jesus and this mission is sharing the good news.

The Holy Spirit is The Advocate and more because the Holy Spirit, as the third person of the Trinity, knows and is intimately connected to Jesus and to God the Father. The Holy Spirit is able to teach us and remind us of all that Jesus has done and taught so that we might speak and act in ways that work with the desires/ with the will of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These are ideas that are probably best left for Trinity Sunday but in the mean time they help us to understand how the spirit is working in Paul during his missionary journeys and in us as we journey through our life as Christians.

In verse 26 of chapter 14 of John's gospel we have a very clear signpost to both the Ascension and the Day of Pentecost and woven into this section of John's gospel we are reminded that peace is one of the marks of a Christian life. Some of the other marks of being a Christian include loving one another (as we heard last week); unity; justice; hope; joy and perhaps the most important following the teachings of our saviour Jesus Christ.

During this season of Easter, we continue to hear about the witness of the early church from the Acts of the Apostles. In the next two weeks we will conclude our reading from Acts with the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost.

Today we are with St Paul on another of his famous missionary journeys. He goes to Macedonia setting sail from Troas to Samothrace and then to Neapolis. Then on to Philippi where he will meet Lydia.

Paul didn't have a tour booked with Harvey World Travel. He hadn't planned to see this woman who dealt in purple cloth. He didn't even sit down with his fellow travellers and ask them where they might like to go. There wasn't a plan or an itinerary. What actually directed Paul's journeys was not a list of *must see* highlights no, instead Paul was directed by the Holy Spirit. Sometimes the spirit forbids him to speak or to act and at other times it sent him to places that other people have warned him to avoid.

By The Holy Spirit Paul is sent to a gathering place for women; a place of prayer down beside the river. Perhaps it was simple common sense that told Paul and his companions that these women would be down by the river on the Sabbath. We might wonder together why Paul went there and not to the temple, the place of men. His purpose is clear, as we read in verse 10

'He was convinced that God had called them to proclaim the good news ...' (Acts 16:10)

I'd like to think that the spirit guided Paul to this place of prayer and to Lydia a worshipper of God just as the spirit had guided him to the Ethiopian Eunuch back in chapter 8. In both cases what happened after the proclamation of the good news was baptism. The baptism of the eunuch and the baptism of Lydia and her family. This baptism was sign and seal of becoming

part of the household of faith. The Holy Spirit prepared the heart and mind of Lydia and the spirit also directed Paul and the others to the very spot and the very person who needed to hear the good news and to receive this anointing, this belonging, this coming into full membership of Christ's church.

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Let's wonder together how in our day, our week or even in our month, things might unfold if we allowed the Holy Spirit to be our guide. If we stopped being busy with to do lists and appointments and waited for the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

When we go on a holiday it can be exciting to wander and ramble and go where the spirit of adventure takes us. But some people prefer an itinerary where not a moment is wasted, where our steps are directed and where choices are simple – will it be this adventure or that excursion?

The Holy Spirit is different it blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. (John 3:8) The spirit is never as rigid as a tour schedule and that can be a bit disturbing even a bit scary. The Holy Spirit nudges, whispers, directs, speak to us in dreams and visions and sometimes we hear it as clear as crystal. However the message comes we need to be open to these promptings and be prepared to abandon our own plans to follow where the spirit leads. We need be ready to wait upon the Lord and go where the spirit leads, a bit like those holiday moments when we just wander and ramble and make the most of opportunities as they come.

Attending and being open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to guide us to this venue or that phone call; to this time of prayer or that visit takes practice, openness and willingness. Sometimes the leading of the spirit is not made know until afterward. We might not even have a plan or a prompting and yet in hind sight we can see how the Holy Spirit was involved in our day and in our encounters. If we find that to be the case then let us praise God for those encounters and where appropriate follow up and work with God's Holy Spirit to bring more people into the household of faith.

I've found that putting myself in places that feel a bit foreign, like the pub or a tai chi class or speaking to new people I see sitting on the picnic tables at St Philip's for example can lead to valuable conversations about faith and yes, sometimes they lead to those people taking their first tentative steps into the household of faith.

Being a witness to the power of the risen Lord Jesus is something that can become as natural as breathing but it also requires us to trust the Holy Spirit and to follow where we are led.

Being a witness to the power of the risen Christ requires obedience to the will of God

And the equipping of ourselves to proclaim the good news

Broadly and boldly.

How can they understand unless someone guides them?

We are witnesses of these things.

We are sent out in the power of the Spirit

To live and work to the praise and glory of Christ. Amen.

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

Lord who calls us to trust and obey, we offer our prayers for the world seeking peace in Ukraine and peace for Russia. You call us to pray for our enemies and those who hate us. Let us not be a people who take sides but only a people who care about each other, about peace among nations and peace for your creation. Help us, by our witness to be advocates for peace and for harmony upon the earth.

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

Lord who calls us to be witnesses to the power of the resurrection, hear our prayer for the church in the days and weeks following the General Synod, help us to celebrate those things that bring us together and not what divides. Open our hearts afresh to each other in the household of faith that our witness may be one of love and mutual respect.

Closer to home we pray for our congregations of St Paul's, St Augustine's, St Philip's at 9am and also and especially we pray for your anointing of the 4pm service at St Philip's that it will experience a surge of renewal and growth that it may serve as a place for those who are seeking something different that will nourish their faith and give glory to your name.

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

Lord who calls us to listen for your Holy Spirit's leading, hear our prayer for the sick and those with particular need. We pray for comfort and healing for all who are sick especially those who are sick with the flu or COVID 19. We pray for your peace and comfort for those who are in isolation because of COVID 19 and for those who are over worked in our hospitals and medical centres. Lead us in the ways that we can support, help and care for those in need. Keep us tuned in to the promptings of your Holy Spirit that we may serve others especially the sick, the poor, the weak and vulnerable.

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

Lord our God whose Son Jesus has conquered death and opened the gate of heaven, hear our prayer for all who have passed away. We bring them to the front of our minds now. We give thanks for the good things they have taught us and for the love we have experienced with them. And now we again place them in your tender care 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:

Great South Land <https://youtu.be/3h6vnHXRbeM>

How Deep the Father's Love for us

My Jesus My Saviour

Be Exalted O God

By Your Kingly Power O Risen Lord (TIS 386) <https://youtu.be/URoty8gZJpk>

Trust and Obey

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (TIS 585)

Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus (TIS 517)

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 – 1st and 3rd Wednesday 1.00pm Leader: Richard and Ann Prideaux

Palm Lakes Group – Friday 10.00am Contact Wendy Gladman. Women of the New Testament.

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

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

PENTECOST IN THE PARISH

You are invited to wear red for Sunday 5th June as we celebrate **The Feast of Pentecost** at St Philip's 9.00am St Augustine's 11.00am, St Paul's 12.30pm and St Philip's 4.00pm



St Philip's **FLOWER FUND** needs feeding

There is a box in the foyer where you can leave your donations.



You're invited to a relaxed service for all ages. Contact: revjobpi@gmail.com

Can you help? Volunteers needed on 2nd Saturday of the month to assist with serving Devonshire Teas and at the Sausage Sizzle.

Helpful websites

Parish website

www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org

Dioceses of Gippsland website

www.gippsanglican.org.au

Facebook

www.facebook.com/stphilipscowes

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.



DIARY DATES

5th June PENTECOST Holy Communion in all centers

14th June Parish Council

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

19th August Parish Trivia Night

12th December Annual Parish Christmas Dinner



Learn a new skill - We are training new vestry helpers and Eucharistic assistants.

Speak to Rev'd Jo if you would like to help.

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

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.

