



Anglican Parish of Bass-Phillip Island  
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Choose Hope, Love, Justice

MON 30<sup>th</sup> Rev'd Jo's Day Off  
10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open  
TUES 31<sup>st</sup>  
WED 1<sup>st</sup> Jun 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open  
THURS 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am-Holy Communion, St Philip's, Cowes  
FRI 3<sup>rd</sup> 11.00am Chat n Chew, Emmaus Room at Cowes  
SAT 4<sup>th</sup> 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open  
SUN 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF PENTECOST  
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 29<sup>th</sup> 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  
– Please contact Wendy Gladman regarding St Philip's roster [gladmanwendy@gmail.com](mailto:gladmanwendy@gmail.com)

**This week's readings** – Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-21; John 17:20-26

**Next week's roster 5<sup>th</sup> June Pentecost**

**St Philip's** - Welcome: W. Gladman & E. Krutop-Norfolk; Reader: A. Prideaux; Intercessions: R. Gijbers; Vestry: R. Aitkin; PowerPoint: L. Heflingers; Music: ...; Morning tea: J. Bell  
**St Augustine's** – Leader: J. Dawson; Input: J. Dawson; Children: D. Garrett

**Next week's readings –5<sup>th</sup> June Pentecost** – Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:26-36; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, (25-27)

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](mailto:glenys.stacs@gmail.com)

### **The Sentence of the Day**

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.

### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34**

<sup>16</sup> One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' <sup>31</sup> They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM 97**

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice:

**Let the multitude of islands be glad.**

Clouds and darkness are round about him:

**Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

Fire goes before him:

**And burns up his enemies on every side.**

His lightnings light the world:

**The earth sees it and quakes.**

The mountains melt like wax before his face:

**From before the face of the Lord of all the earth.**

The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness:

**And all peoples have seen his glory.**

They are ashamed, all those who serve idols and glory in mere nothings:

**All gods bow down before him.**

Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced:

**Because of your judgements, O God.**

For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth:

**You are exalted far above all gods.**

The Lord loves those that hate evil:

**The Lord guards the life of the faithful, and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.**

Light dawns for the righteous:

**And joy for the true of heart.**

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous:

**And give thanks to his holy name.**

*(Response)*

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

**As in the beginning so now, and forever. Amen**

### **A reading from Revelation 22:12-22**

<sup>12</sup> 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.'

<sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup> Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practises falsehood.

<sup>16</sup> 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

<sup>18</sup> I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; <sup>19</sup> if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

<sup>20</sup> The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.'

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 17 beginning at verse 20;

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

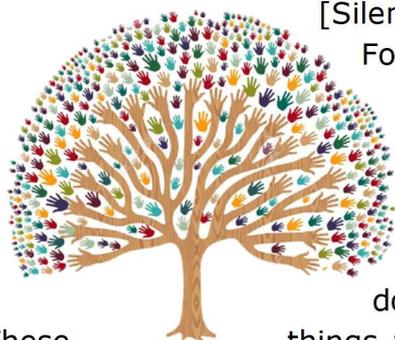
<sup>20</sup> 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup> 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

[Silence]

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**SEVENTH SUNDAY EASTER**

The prayer of Jesus today is that we may all be one.

Being one, as the Father and the Son are one, has something to do with unity not particularity, not singularity or even specialness.

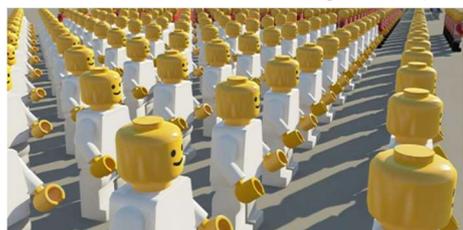
These things are the antithesis of unity. A survey of some images about unity might help us understand the kind of oneness/unity that Jesus has in mind as he prayed to the Father that we might be one.



When illustrating unity a rainbow of colours is often used. There are hands linked in unbreakable knots and friendly circles. When depicting unity we often find images of stylised trees. So, unity appears to be about different people working together; about people growing together and being strengthened by unity in diversity.



By contrast uniformity is depicted by row upon row of people doing



the same thing; wearing the same clothes; with the same blank, lifeless expressions on their faces. Even when we are forced into a uniform we find ourselves adding our own personal touches like a colourful ID lanyard or even just not tucking in our shirt. We are not built for uniformity.



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In Jesus' final prayer for the disciples, unity is his main concern.



But before we get into this prayer of Jesus let's take a moment to peep into the final chapter of Revelation. I am not a scholar of Revelation but the imagery of the Tree Of Life mentioned in verse 14 and again in verse 19 is an interesting link for us with the imagery of unity. The tree of unity is often depicted with leaves of different colours, spreading out from its trunk



and rooted to the source of life. The Tree Of Life, whose roots are as important as its branches, first appears in Genesis and again here in Revelation. This tree of life joins all life to God; God who is a perfect unity. In the tree we find all sorts of resonances with the knowledge of good and evil, with temptation and sin, with our Saviour being lifted up on the tree for our sake.

The tree of defeat becomes the tree of victory.



Jesus' prayer is that the disciples may be one as he and the Father are one. The unity of God the Father and God the Son is the exemplar of being one. This is not a oneness that is about sameness. The Father and the Son do not wear the same garment, they do not do the same things, they do not express the same identity and yet they are one.



Theirs is unity in diversity.

This is a unity based on love and shared purpose not on uniformity. God the Father is the all-loving creator; God the Son is the all-loving saviour; God the Holy Spirit is the all-loving advocate. The indwelling of Father and Son is expressed in John 17:21 as we hear Jesus' prayer for the disciples:

That they all may be one. As you, Father, are in me, and I am in you, that they also may be one in us.

The Father and Jesus are united in their purpose but unlike human beings there is not chasm between them, there is no contest, no sibling rivalry, no fear of missing out, no sense that there will not be enough. We try to work together; to be one but so often we are drawn off course by our own agendas and prejudices.

Jesus makes it clear that being one is not just about being united in purpose it is about knowing each other; knowing and loving are intimately connected here. Jesus knows the Father and the Father knows Jesus. The world is yet to know/ but that is the task of Jesus, it is the task of the advocate, it is the task of the disciples, it is our mission.



It is the mission of the disciples and it is our mission **to make God known.**

Jesus' prayer for his disciples is a prayer for us today.  
It is a prayer for us now;  
Jesus prayed to his Father;

As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me... so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. (John 17:21-23)

Knowing is very important to love. When we know someone intimately that is often the most precious part of our relationship. They know us and yet they love us. We know them and yet we love them. When we truly know a person it is then that we can enjoy what they bring to our relationship. Knowing, and being fully known, means that we appreciate/accept/love/need the contribution that the other person makes to who we are together. We are brought to the fullness of who we are by a relationship of love.

In the church we are all a bit different, we are all unique and yet we are joined together by our love for God and God's love for us. We are one in faith and hope and love. We share a common purpose, a common goal and here I am quoting from our mission statement prepared back in 2018. A statement whose purpose is to bring us together around a shared mission to **be a nurturing community, proclaiming Christ, encouraging disciples, sharing hope and serving the community and the world through love and justice.**

Knowing is very important to love. It is at the heart of Jesus' deepest desire and fervent prayer for us. Not knowing our brothers and sisters leads to rivalry. It leads to 'us and them'. Not knowing leads us to fear the other; the one we might call *stranger*. So much of the world's pain is due to a culture of 'us and them'.

What Jesus wants for us is that we love one another just as He loved us, we also should love one another.

We are linked in an unending missionary chain to the disciples who were charged with making God known to the world. Because we are one with Christ and because we are one with the Father we are part of their shared mission/their shared love and their shared purpose. The consequences of this are firstly perfect oneness among all believers and secondly a oneness of purpose – to make God known.



Unity requires a lot from us.

We must listen to each other.

We must practice humility.

We must know our common purpose and live by it every day.

We must avoid 'us and them' and strive for a real and abiding love for God and for each other.

### **Let us pray for the world and for the church:**

Holy and loving Father we pray for a world that is divided by hatred, prejudice and fear; unite us in love, bring peace, especially we pray for peace in Ukraine and with Russia that there would be peace perfect peace between all nations. We seek your help to unify all people and put an end to all that separates us from each other.

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

Lord Jesus, saviour of all people, we pray for your church that we might be one as you and the Father are one. It saddens us that the church is not unified on so many issues. Help us to put these matters in perspective and remind us of our shared mission, to share your love and peace with everyone.

We seek your blessing for all those who lead the church and ask a blessing upon our brothers and sisters worshiping with us on Phillip Island and in San Remo and Bass.

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

God who wants us to be at peace with ourselves and each other; free us from intolerance and show us your grace. We offer our prayers for those who suffer with mental illness that they may be restored to full health. We pray for those in prison that they may find inner peace, forgiveness and acceptance. We pray too for those who are unwell or recovering from surgery that they may know the healing power of your Holy Spirit.

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

Holy and loving Father, we thank you that your Son Jesus has gone to the cross for us and overcome sin and death. We pray for those who grieve the passing of loved ones. Help us to ease the hurt and pain of those who mourn with our being and with our friendship.

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

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.**

Prayer



**Suggested Hymns:**

Rejoice the Lord is King (TIS 216)  
And Can It Be (TIS 209)  
Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him (TIS 477)  
Men of Faith Rise Up

**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 – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

You're invited to a relaxed service for all ages. Contact: [revjobpi@gmail.com](mailto:revjobpi@gmail.com)



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

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

### Helpful websites

Parish website [www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org](http://www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org)

Dioceses of Gippsland website [www.gippsanglican.org.au](http://www.gippsanglican.org.au)

Facebook [www.facebook.com/stphilipscowes](http://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.





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#### DIARY DATES

5<sup>th</sup> June PENTECOST Holy Communion in all centers (does not include 4pm St Philip's)

14<sup>th</sup> June Parish Council

17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> June 40<sup>th</sup> Synod of the Diocese of Gippsland

26<sup>th</sup> June Patronal Festival St Paul's followed by lunch

19<sup>th</sup> August Parish Trivia Night

12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Can you help?** Volunteers needed on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



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.