



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 AFTER PENTECOST

Choose Hope, Love, Justice

MON 18 th	Rev'd Jo's Day Off 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
TUES 19 th	1.30pm Parish Council, Emmaus Room, Cowes
WED 20 th	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
THURS 21 st	10.00am-Holy Communion, St Philip's, Cowes Ladies Guild Lunch at Pino's
FRI 22 nd	11.00am Chat 'n' Chew in the Emmaus Room, Cowes
SAT 23 rd	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
SUN 24 th	9.00am St Philip's, Holy Communion 11.00am St Augustine's Holy Communion 12.30pm St Paul's 4.00pm St Philip's

Bookings are no longer required

TODAY 4.00pm Service Resumes with a pot luck meal after the service.
You're invited. Why not bring a friend along?



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; the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather, and pay we respects to their Elders past and present and emerging.

This week's roster 17th July

St Philip's - Welcome: P. Casey & M. Wright; Reader: L. Wenham; Intercessions: R. Gijbers; Vestry: C. Hill; PowerPoint: J. Bell; Music: ...; Morning tea: L. Wenham

St Augustine's – Leader: G. Ippel; Input: Rev. Jo; Children:...

St Paul's - Reader: S. Ridge; Prayers: Rev. Jo; Chalice: Rh. Hayhurst

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

This week's readings - Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-29; Luke 10:38-42

Next week's roster 24th July 2022

St Philip's - Welcome: M. Wright & A. Prideaux; Reader: H. Millward; Intercessions: R. Prideaux; Vestry: J. Bell; PowerPoint: L. Heflingers; Music: ...; Morning tea: P. Casey

St Augustine's -

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

Next week's readings – 24th July – Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

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

In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength.

The Collect of the Day

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest: amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Amos 8:1-12

This is what the Lord GOD showed me—a basket of summer fruit. ²He said, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A basket of summer fruit.' Then the LORD said to me,

'The end has come upon my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by.

³The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,' says the Lord GOD;

'the dead bodies shall be many,

cast out in every place. Be silent!'

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,

and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

⁵saying, 'When will the new moon be over

so that we may sell grain;

and the Sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the *ephah* small and the shekel great,

and practise deceit with false balances,

⁶buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals,

and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

⁸Shall not the land tremble on this account,

and everyone mourn who lives in it,

and all of it rise like the Nile,

and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

⁹ On that day, says the Lord GOD,
I will make the sun go down at noon,
and darken the earth in broad daylight.
¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning,
and all your songs into lamentation;
I will bring sackcloth on all loins,
and baldness on every head;
I will make it like the mourning for an only son,
and the end of it like a bitter day.
¹¹ The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD,
when I will send a famine on the land;
not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water,
but of hearing the words of the LORD.
¹² They shall wander from sea to sea,
and from north to east;
they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD,
but they shall not find it.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 52

Why, you that are powerful, do you boast all the day long:

Of mischief done to those that are faithful to God.

You contrive destroying slanders:

Your tongue is like a sharpened razor, it cuts deceitfully.

You have loved evil, and not good:

To tell lies, rather than to speak the truth.

You love all words that may do hurt:

And every deceit of the tongue.

But God will destroy you utterly:

He will snatch you away and pluck you out of your dwelling, he will uproot you from the land of the living.

The righteous shall see it, and fear:

They shall laugh you to scorn, and say.

'Here is the one who did not take God for strength:

But trusted to the abundance of riches, and found strength in slander.'

As for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God:

I will trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.

I will always give you thanks, for this was your doing:

I will glorify your name before the faithful, for it is good to praise you.

(Response)

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

As in the beginning so now, and forever. Amen

Colossians 1:15-29

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is

before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 10 beginning at verse 38;

Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

[Silence]

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Have you noticed that there is one thing that ultimately makes up our mind about what to do in any given circumstance? For example, at the supermarket we choose foods because we are thinking of our health or our wallet. We might choose foods based on our environmental footprint – local versus imported because that means less food miles or loose rather than packaged because that means no plastic or landfill. In the recent NCLS 94% of those surveyed from this parish said they agree that Christians have a responsibility to actively care for the environment. That's because the Bible teaches us that we are to be good stewards of creation. We have been given this authority/responsibility by God in the book of Genesis where God blessed us saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' (Genesis 1:28) To subdue and to have dominion have rightly been interpreted as to make every effort to care for the earth and every living creature that is upon the earth.

On the big life questions; financial, moral, relational, ethical where do we ultimately go, as Christians to make up our mind. Sure, we might ask our friends, we might do our research but,

in the end, what or who is the ultimate authority? Part of the answer is found in today's gospel reading and in Paul's letter to the Colossians.

Paul is writing to the church in Colossae where he is concerned that although they are faithful in following Jesus, they are also doing what one commentator calls 'Jesus plus'. They are still very much focused on Jesus but they felt, wrongly, that to fully and completely live as Christians they needed more.

There were those in the church at Colossae who felt that festivals and the observance of feast days were an important part of church life. In effect Jesus plus ritual and festival and feasting. Another group were what we might call ascetics who avoided all forms of indulgence. In effect Jesus plus self-discipline and frugality and simplicity. Others we are told later in this letter had begun the worship of angels. Paul does not condemn or deny the reality of angels but he impresses up the Colossians that their primary focus must be on Jesus. And others in the church had become caught up in secret knowledge that meant they were excluding those who did not share in their secret. They were all for Jesus but it was Jesus plus and this was missing the point for Paul and it was creating divisions in the church which were contrary to the teachings of Jesus.

The NRSV of the Bible heads this section of Paul's letter to the Colossians as The Supremacy of Christ. Paul is quite clear that to be a follower of Jesus is to acknowledge that Jesus is fully adequate to salvation. The letter to the Colossians, quite a short letter really, is in two big sections packed with theology. When Paul wants to change behaviour, he starts with belief so that the people can identify the reason, their motivation to change their behaviour. That's a pretty good strategy when we think about it because who really want to change just because someone says so or because they are holding a big stick if we don't follow their rules. We might do it for a while but in the end if we cannot see a good reason to change then it is more than likely that we will go back to our old ways.

This first section is pretty heavy on theology as Paul sets out the reasons for the behavioural change that he expounds in chapter three. Jesus, he says, is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15) this word image is icon *eiko* in Greek meaning an exact replica. That is Jesus directly corresponds to the source that is to God. Paul goes on to say that Jesus is the first born of all creation. This is not about hierarchy rather Paul has in mind the Jewish idea of inheritance so if Jesus is the firstborn, then all that is God's is Jesus'. And then in verse 19 in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. This is classic Paul as he underlines and highlights that Jesus in bodily form is fully and truly God so there is no need to add anything. Jesus is central. Jesus is supreme. Our practice in the church, our attitude to each other on ecclesial matters is secondary to the main thing which is Jesus.

Belief in Jesus puts everything else into perspective. What makes up our mind on issues of finance, morality, relationships, ethics and daily life even down to our daily shop is made with the person of Jesus and the teaching of Jesus in the forefront of our heart and our mind.

Back in the 1990's, which does seem like a long time ago, a movement within the Christian church was called What Would Jesus Do? WWJD? It was begun with the exhortation to Christians that they should act and live in a manner that demonstrates the love of Christ. I wonder if St Paul would temper this enthusiasm with the same message, he wrote to the Colossians warning them against 'Jesus plus'. Jesus is enough. Jesus is the focus. Never the less we might remind ourselves that when we are trying to putting our faith into practice, we

might ask ourselves what Jesus would want me to do in this situation. Or how would the Lord Jesus expect me to behave in this situation?

Our gospel today highlights the practice of faith in Jesus and how easily we can think that this way or that way of being Christian is the best way or worse the only way.

Let's remind ourselves that ordinary time in the church (green season) is a time to grow in our faith. It can be a good time for a spiritual make-over; to clean out the shed, sharpen the blades on the mower, review those unfinished projects and get things squared away. Into this context come Mary and Martha to shake things up a bit. Their encounter with Jesus, prompt a question for us in this time of spiritual review. What should we be doing? Perhaps we should focus on listening to Jesus or perhaps we should do more to serve Jesus. Perhaps there is a way for each of these (listening and serving) to work things out together; remembering to put Jesus at the very centre of our listening and doing.

Martha offers Jesus a welcome which is very important in Jewish households and it is still important to us in the church today. Then we hear she is distracted. Paul would not brook any distraction. It must be Jesus first. We are to 'Worship the Lord our God, and serve only him.' (Luke 4:8) Martha is also worried about many things. We read in Luke chapter 12 that we are do not keep striving for what we are to eat and what we are to drink, and do not keep worrying. (Luke 12:29)

Distraction and worry these are as natural to us as waking in the morning and taking a cup of water to drink. As normal and natural as worry and distraction are they should not be our primary focus. When we focus on Jesus, worship Him, pray with Him, feed on Him then our worry and distraction are put into harsh perspective. These are just a few lessons for us from Martha.

Mary is found sitting at the feet of Jesus, a posture associated with learning. A student sits at the feet of their teacher. The lessons from Jesus are to be treasured. Our times of studying the scripture, meditating on God's word, discussing our insights and struggles with fellow Christians; these are not an add-on but are a valuable part of being a Christian. Jesus' lessons are always truth, they shed light on our way of living, they nourish us body and soul. Jesus said of himself; I am the way, the truth and the life... (John 14:6). These precious lessons from Jesus will not and cannot be taken away from us. They are our treasure.

Mary was told by Jesus that she had chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her. (Luke 10:42)

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I think St Paul would have seen that *better part* not as a "Jesus plus" message but rather a 'Jesus first' message.

Paul would not want us to see Mary's way as better than Martha's way just as he didn't want the Colossians to believe that those who favoured ascetics were better than those who were more ceremonial.

The teaching here is that Jesus must be first in our listening and in our serving. Once we get that priority sorted out, once we have our belief in Jesus firmly established then the practice, the doing of life will follow.

Christ is our leader by night as by day.
Christ is our teacher in age as in youth.
Christ is our Saviour.

He is our focus, He and none other.

Let us pray for the world and for the church:

Heavenly Father, through your Son we pray for the world seeking your peace, your wisdom, your mighty power to stop the war in Ukraine, to end racial violence, religious intolerance, and the injustice we see all too often both in Australia and internationally. We pray for those, across the world who are sick with COVID 19 especially in countries where there is very little good health care. We pray too for those who are poor, who are hungry, and who don't have a real home.

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

Heavenly Father, through your Son we pray for the church that we might be daily reminded that Jesus reigns supreme as head of the church; that our focus must always be toward him and toward his teaching. Lord, inspire all church leaders to keep their eye on your Son; inspire all church members to keep their eye upon Jesus. Bless our bishop Richard and all bishops of the Anglican Communion as they prepare for the Lambeth Conference.

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

Heavenly Father, through your Son we pray for the sick remembering those who are frail and weak that the strength of Jesus will support them in the days ahead. We pray for those with poor mental health help them and us to find peace and joy in the little things. We pray for our health workers; paramedics, pharmacists, doctors, nurses and all who work in our hospitals and medical centres. These are worrying times and so we seek your help Lord Jesus, to carry us through these stormy days.

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

Heavenly Father, through your Son we remember those who have died, we bring them to mind, we remember the precious things we learnt from them; the sad times and the happy ones. Holding our dear ones close in this moment we pray 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.

Prayer



Suggested Hymns:

The Power of Your Love (TIS 685)

I want to walk with Jesus Christ

Purify my heart

My Jesus, My Saviour (Shout to the Lord)
Rock of my Salvation (O I Will Sing Unto You with Joy O Lord)
Christ be my Leader (TIS 624)
Come as you are (TIS 693)

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

Helpful websites

Parish website www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org

Dioceses of Gippsland website www.gippsanglican.org.au

Facebook www.facebook.com/stphilipscowes

MTR



Mary Talbot Room needs more cooks and more volunteers. If you can help please contact with Rev'd Jo.



CHAT N CHEW is a shared ministry of the Combined Churches of Phillip Island. Would you like to help? Would you like to join the committee and represent the Anglican Church in this important ministry to lonely and vulnerable people in our community? Training is available. Speak to Rev'd Jo or Richard Prideaux.

DIARY DATES

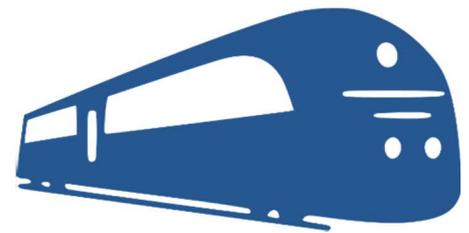
People get ready for **PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT** 19th August, 7.00pm \$10 per head. Start getting your table of 6-8 organized, friends welcome. BYO drinks and nibbles

17th September MTR Mini Fete at St Augustine's, San Remo

28th October – 1st November **Book Sale Plus** and the Plus (replacing our parish fete this year)

Monday 31st October

12th December **Annual Parish Christmas Dinner**



Ladies Guild is organising Thursday lunches in town and church members are invited to come. Dates are as follows:

18 August, R.S.L



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 2nd Saturday of the month to assist with serving Devonshire Teas and at the Sausage Sizzle.

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

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

Please pray for:

Rene Foulkes, Sue Chambers, Mike Heflingers, Len Chatfield, Rev'd

Gerald Wall, David Foulkes, Terry Duffield

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.

