



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

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Choose Hope, Love, Justice

MON 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rev'd Jo's Day Off 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
TUES 9 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm Parish Council, Emmaus Room, Cowes
WED 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
THURS 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am-Holy Communion, St Philip's, Cowes
FRI 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am Chat 'n' Chew, Emmaus Room in Cowes
SAT 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
SUN 14 <sup>th</sup>	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; 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 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**St Philip's** - Welcome: M. Wright & A. Prideaux; Reader: H. Millward; Intercessions: S. Goodluck; Vestry: R. Aitkin; PowerPoint: J. Millward; Morning tea: J. Bell

**St Augustine's** – Leader: L. Ridge; Input: S. Ridge; Children: L. Ridge

**St Paul's**

**This week's readings** - Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50: 1-8, 23-24; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (17-28); Luke 12:32-40

#### **Next week's roster 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**St Philip's** - Welcome: W. Gladman & A. Prideaux; Reader: J. Stephenson; Intercessions: R. Prideaux; Vestry: L. Heflingers; PowerPoint: R. Leditschke; Morning tea: L. Wenham

**St Augustine's**

**St Paul's**

– Please contact Wendy Gladman regarding St Philip’s roster [gladmanwendy@gmail.com](mailto:gladmanwendy@gmail.com)

**Next week’s readings – 14<sup>th</sup> August** – Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-59

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**

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

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

Kindle in our hearts, Father, the same faith that impelled Abraham to set out from his home and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land. As we, like him, look for the city that none but you can design and build, keep us watchful for your Son’s coming, that we may be found faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Isaiah 1:1, 10-20**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

<sup>11</sup> What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? Says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

<sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;

<sup>13</sup> bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—

I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

<sup>14</sup> Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me,

I am weary of bearing them.

<sup>15</sup> When you stretch out your hands,

I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers,

I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

<sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil,

<sup>17</sup> learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, and plead for the widow.

<sup>18</sup> Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

<sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

<sup>20</sup> but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 50: 1-8, 23-24**

The Lord our God, the Mighty One, has spoken:

**And summoned the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting in the west.**

From Zion, perfect in beauty:

**God has shone out in glory.**

Our God is coming, he will not keep silent:

**Before him is devouring fire, and tempest whirls about him.**

He calls to the heavens above:

**And to the earth, so he may judge his people.**

'Gather to me my faithful ones:

**Those who by sacrifice made a covenant with me.'**

The heavens shall proclaim his righteousness:

**For God himself is judge.**

'Listen my people, and I will speak:

**O Israel, I am God your God, and I will give my testimony.**

'It is not for your sacrifices that I reprove you:

**For your burnt-offerings are always before me.**

'O consider this, you who forget God:

**Lest I tear you in pieces, and there be no one to save you.**

'He honours me who brings sacrifice of thanksgiving:

**And to him who keeps to my way I will show the salvation of God.'**

*(Response)*

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

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

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 12 beginning at verse 32;

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

<sup>32</sup> 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup> 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

[Silence]

For the Gospel of the Lord

## **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### **NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Faith is a big topic and one that is at the heart of this liturgical season after Pentecost as we seek to grow in our faith.

What is faith? How does it work? What does it mean for us as Christians? Big questions and not easily answered. Faith is something we all struggle with. And yet without faith we are a bit lost. Jesus taught that the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that although small was sufficient to grow a mighty bush where all the birds of the air could make a nest. (Luke 13:18-19) later in chapter 17 of Luke's gospel Jesus says that

If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. (Luke 17:6)

God doesn't need much to do great things.

We don't need a big faith - we just need enough faith.

Lord, I believe, help my unbelief. (Mark 9:24)

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The lectionary looks after us very well throughout the year and just now, as we look to renew and grow in our faith we move from the letter of Paul to the Colossians to the letter to the Hebrews where are confronted, in today's chapter by examples of faith and even the meaning of faith. In chapter 12 of Hebrews the example of Jesus as the pioneer and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:1-2) reminds us that even though we feel that we don't have enough faith; that we are never enough; that our sin clings to us so closely; even then the faith of Jesus and only the faith of Jesus is the perfecter of our faith.

Nothing we do can ever be enough only the pioneer and perfecter of our faith is sufficient to carry us into the pure light that is God's heavenly grace.

The primary purpose of this whole letter to the Hebrews is a call to a group of Jewish Christians to stand firm in their faith and not to return to their old ways. Here we find, what some have called, the most powerful presentation of the gospel ever written. In this letter we find a bridge between the Old Testament world of promise and the New Testament fulfilment of that promise where Christ functions as the high priest of a new and greater covenant with God. Hence, here in chapter 11 we are treated to the great examples of faith from the Old Testament: Abel, Enoch, Noah, Moses and Abraham. Each time we note how the writer begins by saying: By faith

..., by faith Able offered an acceptable sacrifice; by faith Enoch pleased God; by faith Noah built an ark; by faith Moses led the people out of slavery; by faith Abraham obeyed; by faith he stayed in the land of promise; by faith he received the power of procreation. What is this faith? It would seem from these examples that faith is a belief in the promises of God and a desire to act on that belief; to trust God.

Just looking at the examples of Noah and Abraham for a moment we see that here are men who were told to do the impossible. They were told to do things that common sense and the wisdom of their fellow men would have said, 'You must be joking.' Building an ark, what a crazy idea but by faith Noah did just that and was saved. Abraham left everything to follow God to the land of promise without really knowing what that would be like or where it would take him. And the outcome was the incredible blessing of God poured out and given expression in the innumerable number of his descendants, as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. (Luke 11:12)

So, what is this faith?

A song from Sunday School was

Faith is just believing what God says he will do.

He will never fail us;

His promises are true.

If we but receive him,

His children we become;

Faith is just believing this

Wondrous thing is done.

Faith is believing but there is much more to faith than just belief. We can believe in a lot of things. We might hear others say; 'I believe in Santa or I believe in love or women's ordination.' as a kind of ascent to the existence of an idea or a principle. To believe in God has wider and deeper implications than just believing. To believe in God is to trust him and receive his promises personally. Faith in God is a reciprocal relationship that is not equal. God is always the gracious giver and we the humble and faithful servant. Somewhere in the mix is a desire, an imperative to please God.

Notice in Isaiah that God is not pleased with the old ways of sacrifice. The prophet tells the people that God doesn't want all those burn-offerings or slaughtered bulls saying;

Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile. (Isaiah 1:12-13)

All those sacrifices are pointless; they don't create anything useful.

Faith is more than believing and it's much more than useless rituals; more than just going through the motions. We might find the rituals help us in our faith but they are not the source of our faith. Faith needs a heart that is turned toward God, a heart that believes in and wants to serve God and please God. Hebrews 11:5-6 reminds us that the faith of Enoch pleased God and our faith pleases God

'For without faith it is impossible to please God' (verse 6).

Our faith pleases God and it is reckoned to us as righteousness.

Faith can seem a big thing, a momentous thing that we are struggling to find or to strengthen. Remember that we only need a little faith. God can work with that mustard seed of faith to grow a big tree able to house all his promises. Faith is often likened to a journey. We are on a journey of faith with God. Sometimes we feel like we are alone, or that we are in a dry and barren place, or that our faith is just a trick of the mind.

To dryness, to silence from God, to that feeling of unworthiness or being tricked I can only respond with this message:

Wait, wait on the Lord.

Just as surely as the sun rises in the east God will show up,

Just wait and see.

Have faith in God,

Let your hope rest on the faith he has placed in your heart.

Never give up,

Never let go of the faith he has placed in your heart.

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

Faithful God, we pray for our world with so many crises before us. Help us trust in you even as we see violence and war, economic challenges, climate change, COVID 19, and threats to food security disturb the peace of the world. Help us to rely on you. Remind us again that your church does not exist for us but for the salvation of the world.

And so we pray for world leaders that they will be wise, that they will seek peace, that they will hear your cry for justice.

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

Faithful God, we pray for the church as the bishops of the Anglican Communion continue to meet in Lambeth. Strengthen their desire for friendship and communion across the great breadth of Anglicanism. We continue to pray for our Primate Geoffrey, our Archbishop Philip and our bishop Richard keep them in good heart and sustain them through these days of intense listening and prayer. We pray for our parish; for St Paul's, St Augustine's and St Philip's bless us in our worship and help us to grow in faith together.

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

Faithful and loving God, we pray for those who suffer from ill health especially those who are recovering from operations, those preparing for operations and for those who care for them in these days and weeks of pain and trial. We pray too for comfort for the frail and those who are unable to get about as they would like. Strengthen them inwardly and give them your peace.

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

Faithful God, we pray for those whose faith is weak, we pray for ourselves that you might strengthen the little faith we have that we might be your faithful servants in these days.

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

Faithful God, you sent Jesus to bring us closer to you. By his suffering and resurrection, you have shown us how much you love us and care for us and for our loved ones. In this prayer we bring to mind the faithful depart 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.**

# Prayer



**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:**

The Heavens shall declare <https://youtu.be/hp5StCfKcL8>  
Have Faith in God my Heart TIS 619  
In faith and hope and love (TIS 628)  
Our God is an Awesome God  
I am carried  
Have Faith in God  
As the deer  
In Christ Alone

**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](mailto: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

### 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** needs more cooks and more volunteers.  
If you can help please contact with Rev'd Jo.

# MTR

**17<sup>th</sup> September** MTR Mini Fete at St Augustine's, San Remo

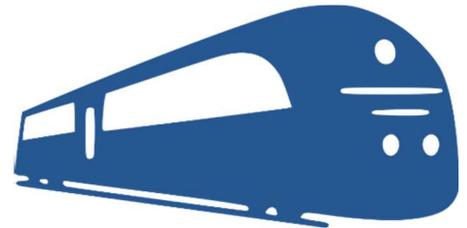
Ladies Guild is organising Thursday lunches in town and church members are invited to come.  
Dates are as follows:

18 August, R.S.L



**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.

People get ready for **PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT** 19<sup>th</sup> August, 7.00pm \$10 per head. BYO drinks and nibbles finalise your bookings this week.



### DIARY DATES

**16<sup>th</sup> August** Induction Rev'd Dr Dean Spalding, Parish of Trafalgar

**29<sup>th</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September** Clergy Conference

**17<sup>th</sup> September** MTR Mini Fete at St Augustine's, San Remo

**28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November** Book Sale Plus and the Plus (Replacing our parish fete this year) Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**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:  
Glenys and Richard Gijbers, 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

St Philip's **FLOWER FUND** needs feeding  
There is a box in the foyer where you can leave your donations.

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.

