



Anglican Parish of Bass-Phillip Island
St Augustine's, San Remo St Paul's, Bass
St Philip's, Cowes
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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Choose Hope, Love, Justice

MON 15th Rev'd Jo's Day Off
10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
TUES 16th 1.30pm Parish Council, Emmaus Room, Cowes
WED 17th 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
THURS 18th 10.00am-Holy Communion, St Philip's, Cowes
Ladies Guild lunch, R.S.L
FRI 19th 11.00am Chat n Chew, Emmaus Room, Cowes
7.00pm Trivia Night, Parish Hall, Cowes
SAT 20th 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
SUN 21st 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; the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather, and pay we respects to their Elders past and present and emerging.

Next week's roster 14th 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

This week's readings– 14th August - Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-59

Next week's roster 21st August 2022

St Philip's - Welcome: W. Gladman & J. Stephenson; Reader: L. Wenham; Intercessions: J. Wright; Vestry: J. Bell; PowerPoint: L. Heflingers; Morning tea: P. Leditschke
St Augustine's – Leader: J. Dawson; Input: J. Dawson; Children: G. Ippel
St Paul's

Next week's readings - Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm: 1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

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

'Is not my word like fire,' says the Lord, 'and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?'

The Collect of the Day

Ever living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking sin and all that hinders us, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock:

You that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory;

Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:

Stir up your power, and come to save us.

You brought a vine out of Egypt:

You drive out the nations, and planted it in.

You cleared the ground before it:

And it struck root and filled the land.

The hills were covered with its shadow:

And its bough were like the boughs of the great cedars.

It stretched out its branches to the sea:

And its tender shoots to the Great River.

Why then have you broken down its walls:

So that every passer-by can pluck its fruit?

The wild boar out of the woods roots it up:

And the locusts from the wild places devour it.

Turn to us again, O Lord of hosts:

Look down from heaven, and see.

Bestow your care upon this vine:

The stock which your own right hand has planted.

As for those that burn it with fire and cut it down:

Let them perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:

On that son of man whom you made so strong for yourself.

And so we shall not turn back from you:

Give us life, and we will call upon your name.

Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:

Show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

(Response)

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

As in the beginning so now, and forever. Amen

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 12 beginning at verse 49;

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴⁹ 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

Father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time? ⁵⁷ 'And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? ⁵⁸ Thus, when you go with your accuser before a magistrate, on the way make an effort to settle the case, or you may be dragged before the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer throw you in prison. ⁵⁹ I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny.'

[Silence]

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

I came to bring fire to the earth ... I came not to bring peace, but rather division.

These are words we don't expect to come from Jesus. We don't expect him to use fire and the sword. In fact, Jesus did not use violence nor did he advocate violence. When James and John wanted him to call down brimstone on the Samaritan village, he told them they didn't know what they were talking about. When Peter drew his sword to cut off the ear of the high priest's slave Jesus told him to put it away. Jesus did not come to cause trouble or break up families and yet we know, sadly that this happens. In the early days of the Church conversion to Christianity was something that likely led to rejection by one's family. In my own experience, that was certainly the case. There was a sad time when my atheist father told his friends, 'Joanne has got religion (as if it were some sort of disease) we don't see her or talk to her.' Sometimes we are called upon to make a hard choice between Christ and our family.

When Jesus talks about bringing fire and division we ought not to take this literally and yet these things do stand for something real. Jesus was a gentle person but this doesn't mean he was weak. In fact, some of the strongest and most courageous people are those who stand firm in the face of violence and injustice. Jesus could be assertive when the occasion demanded. The best example of this is when he drove the traders from the Temple or perhaps his silence before Pilate might be another example.

Jesus' teaching was often the cause of division. He taught that the Kingdom of God was open to everyone. That caused division because for the Jews of his day sinners and Gentiles were not and would not be part of God's Kingdom. Jesus upset the Scribes and the Pharisees by calling them hypocrites and blind guides. They, in turn called him a trouble maker and a man possessed.

If Jesus had simply flattered people and told them what they wanted to hear he would have been a popular rabbi and friend but would he then have the credentials to be the Saviour of the world? Jesus disturbed people because they needed to be disturbed. So much of Jesus' ministry is about shining a bright and revealing light on the rich and powerful. This shocked and infuriated them so that in the end they had to find a way to silence him.

When I have been asked what I think of the Bible my response is often that here is a dangerous book because its message is going to upset and divide people. If we try to reduce the Gospel to a bland and palatable message that everyone can give a gentle nod to then we are ignoring its radical and life changing message. What a pity to reduce the message about Christ to pretty words and feel-good experiences. When that happens, the fire has gone out, the leaven has lost its power, the salt has lost its taste, and the light has grown dim.

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That great cloud of witnesses that the writer of the letter to the Hebrews talks about in chapter 12 are the saints and martyrs of the faith; people who did not compromise or sugar coat the gospel but were in the end prepared to die for it. These heroes of the faith are looking on right now; they are crowding around the track to see us run our race. A race that will demand of us courage and strength, perseverance and endurance.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

In order to be race ready an athlete needs training under a good coach. Our coach in the Christian life is ultimately Jesus Christ, who as the letter to the Hebrews states, is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. When we look back, we might find all sorts of people who have coached us to run the race; our parents perhaps or a faithful pastor, or Sunday School teacher or Bible Study leader. They didn't always give us an easy time of it; discipline is important in training for any endeavour but especially as we seek to be good Christians and as we prepare to share the gospel with others. We run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Like Jesus we must endure and yes, sometimes we must suffer, we can find ourselves in the line of fire from our family, from our friends, even from total strangers. If we don't find ourselves under attack or in some sort of fiery debate or conflict then perhaps, we are watering down the message of Christ a bit too much. Perhaps we are at risk of being lukewarm; of hiding our true faith for fear of division or isolation or persecution.

What have we got to lose? A friend – were they a true friend, are we selling them short, perhaps they will respect us all the more, perhaps we will find that they want a coach to help them join the race.

Faith in God is not a feel good warm fuzzy. It can be a comfort but faith is also about struggle and heartbreak and tears. If we take a peep into the struggles of the people of Israel for example, we see that God was not always pleased with them and the reason tended to be because they were taken off course, tempted away from their faith in the Lord to the worship of other gods or the worship of possessions and wealth and privilege. The vineyard planted with choice vines, well-tended was expected to give the best grapes and produce wine to

gladden the heart but instead it yielded wild grapes that no doubt were small and sour and not much use at all.

The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; he expected righteousness, but heard a cry! (Isaiah 5:7)

The easy life is not the life of a Christian. The life of faith is a race and one that requires courage, endurance and perseverance.

Before we leave these images let's look for a moment at verse 2 of Hebrews chapter 12.

... Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,

This not our faith, the Greek does not include the word *our* Jesus is the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Jesus is the example of faith. He did not give up when he faced the cross. He did not soften his message to save himself. This is the example of faith that is never discouraged. We are to fix our eyes upon Jesus and in spite of our daily struggles we must never give up. Think what Jesus went through – he accepted suffering and rejection. Like an athlete in training, we are disciplined by our loving heavenly Father.

The pain is short compared to the reward prepared for us in heaven.

So, we brace our trembling limbs and keep going looking always unto Jesus as we onward go.

Let us pray for the world and for the church;

Lord our God, we pray for the world with all its pain and suffering; for the ongoing and exhausting war in Ukraine, the trouble in Afghanistan, the sabre rattling in the sea and skies around Taiwan. At times like these we can feel safe in the isolation of our island country of Australia and yet we do not pray for ourselves but for the people of the world and for their safety. We pray for peace and a cessation to war.

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

Lord Jesus, we give thanks for the success of the Lambeth Conference and for the deepening of love and community that the bishops and their spouses have experienced. We pray for our bishop Richard and his family as they return to Australia that their journey will be a safe one. We pray for our parish that we would continue to strengthen one another in faith, always looking to you the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

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

Heavenly Father, we pray for the sick and those who are recovering from operations. We give thanks for the skill of surgeons and for the incredible advances in medical science. We pray for the businesses on The Island and in San Remo and Bass during this 'down-time' looking forward to the return of prosperity and industry for our towns. We pray for all those men and women at work in the construction of the many projects in our area that their work place is a safe and a happy one. We pray for our families, our friends and for the lonely in our midst. Give us courage to weather the storms of life with your Son's example and teaching always before us.

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

Lord God, we thank you for the promise of eternal life and for the work of Jesus on the cross. In this context we remember our loved ones who have passed away. We bring them to mind now. We embrace them. We let them go into your loving arms again 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.**

Prayer



Suggested Hymns:

At the Dawning of Salvation (TIS 392)

Faith Will Not Grow From Words Alone (TIS 691)

Give me the Wings of Faith (TIS 438) <https://youtu.be/b98AB9i9U90>

The Heavens Shall Declare <https://youtu.be/hp5StCfKcL8>

We are one in the spirit <https://youtu.be/cfg5VTyDkyA>

Hear our Praises <https://youtu.be/Pxo4cYdihhg>

Have faith in God

Give thanks with a grateful heart

LAMBETH CONFERENCE Day 12 (7 minutes) <https://youtu.be/5oM-G875Tdo>

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

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 –Monday 2.30pm 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

PARISH CONTACTS – wardens are currently revising the Parish Contacts booklet. If you wish to be included or deleted or to make any changes to your entry please speak to Ann Prideaux, Renate Ferns or Sandy Ridge

DAILY BREAD – this publication will be made available to parishioners \$13 for a three-month subscription. Ann Prideaux is coordinating this resource to aid in the study of scripture with reverence and rigour.



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

MTR

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

SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING – Rev'd Jo will assist those needing this accreditation in two sessions Friday 9th September and Friday 16th September 10.00am – 12.00 noon at St Philip's Church Cowes. N.B. you must attend both sessions to receive full accreditation.

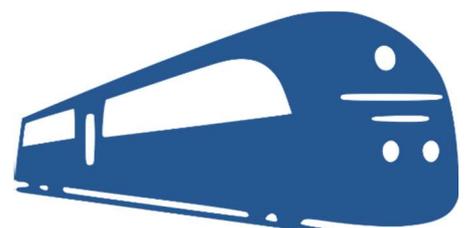
Ladies Guild is organising Thursday lunches in town and church members are invited to come. Dates are as follows:

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** 19th August, 7.00pm \$10 per head. BYO drinks and nibbles finalise your bookings this week.



DIARY DATES

29th August – 1st September Clergy Conference

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

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

Monday 31st October

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.

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:

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.

