



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

MON 29th 10.00am Funeral Marie Griffin, St Augustine's San Remo
Diocesan Clergy Conference commences
10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open

TUES 30th

WED 31st 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open

THURS 1st Sep 10.00am - Holy Communion with Rev. Dr. John Wright, St Philip's, Cowes
Diocesan Clergy Conference concludes

FRI 2nd 11.00am Chat n Chew, Emmaus Room, Cowes

SAT 3rd 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open

SUN 4th FATHER'S DAY
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.

This week's roster 28th August

St Philip's - Welcome: W. Gladman & S. Goodluck; Reader: A. Prideaux; Intercessions: Rev. Jo; Vestry: C. Hill; PowerPoint: J. Bell; Morning tea: M. Zulian

St Augustine's

St Paul's

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

This week's readings– 28th August - Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Next week's roster 4th September 2022

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

St Augustine's – Leader: L. Alexander; Input: Rev. Jo; Children:...

St Paul's

Next week's readings - Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18; Philemon 1:1-25; Luke 14:25-35

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

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

The Collect of the Day

O God, you invite the humble and the sinful to take their place in the festive assembly of the new covenant: teach your Church always to honour the presence of the Lord in the poor and the outcast, so that we may learn to recognise each other as brothers and sisters gathered together around your table. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 2:4-13

⁴Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. ⁵Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

⁶They did not say, 'Where is the LORD

who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?'

⁷I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.

⁸The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?'

Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

⁹Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children.

¹⁰Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.

¹¹Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

¹²Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD,

¹³for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

O sing joyfully to God our strength:

Shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.

'I am the Lord your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt:

Open wide your mouth, and I will fill it.

'But my people would not listen to my voice:

And Israel would have none of me.

'So, I left them to the stubbornness of their hearts:

To walk according to their own designs.

'If only my people would listen:

If Israel would but walk in my ways.

'I would soon put down their enemies:

And turn my hand against their adversaries.

'Those that hate the Lord would cringe before him:

And their punishment would last for ever.

'But Israel I would feed with the finest wheat:

And satisfy you with honey from the rocks.'

(Response)

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

As in the beginning so now, and forever. Amen

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 14 beginning at verse 1;

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up

higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' ¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

[Silence]

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let's begin by taking a closer look at this painting by the renowned Catholic artist and priest Sieger Koder (1925 – 2015). It is entitled Love Bade Me Welcome.

In this image we see firstly that they are around the table of the Lord; Jesus is the host, offering bread and wine, his hands outstretched, open in humility, in generosity and in blessing. This gesture is called *orans* and is reserved in the church for deacons, priests and bishops to use when they offer prayer.

[You might have noticed me use this gesture during the Great Thanksgiving prayer of Holy Communion.] Here then is Jesus, our great high priest offering the Eucharistic prayer to his guests.

Now have a close look at who is around the table. These are modern depictions, the man to Jesus' left is wearing a Jewish prayer shawl we might imagine him as someone who argues with Jesus and wants to silence him, an enemy. Jesus invites his interlocutors to the table and teaches us to pray for our enemies. We would usually only invite our friends rather than our enemies to join us for a meal. Jesus said;

Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great... (Luke 6:35)

To his left is a woman with painted lips, long hair wearing a red dress. Perhaps we could interpret this image as a woman of low morals. Jesus does not judge her; he does not exclude her; he welcomes her to his table. When we follow the Lord's example, we too are in no position to judge by appearance or indeed by how a person lives. Jesus said; we are to invite everyone to the table but especially those who cannot repay our generosity.

Who is that beside her with his/her hands folded, face turned away and not really joining in? Perhaps here is someone who is ashamed, or someone overcome by grief or is it that they just find being in a crowd difficult. We just don't know. And yet what we do know is that Jesus issued an invitation to this person. Perhaps they are poor and unable to invite Jesus in return. Perhaps they are unable to repay him for this meal. Let's put ourselves in this person's place. There are times when we can feel overcome with grief, when we feel unworthy, when we find that being alone is the easier option. In those moments Jesus offers us his love, he invites us to his table and gives us the bread and wine of The Holy Communion to feast upon. Jesus makes us worthy; he binds up our grief-stricken hearts and encourages us to step out and be part of the world again. Can we ever repay him for this? No. We are always in Jesus' debt and yet this debt has already been paid for on the cross.

Elsewhere in this image we see a man wearing a pair of glasses and another man with a broken arm. We might recognise them as the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. These people are invited by Jesus to sit at his table. For people of Jesus' day to be afflicted with blindness or a physical ailment such as being lame or crippled was regarded as an outward expression of their sin. Remembering here the story of the man born blind and the question of the disciples to Jesus –

'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' (John 9:1)

We should also note that the man with a huge bandage on this arm is a man of colour who must hold his cup in his left hand. Is this bandage emblematic of the pain of those who suffer discrimination and injustice simply because they are not white or because they are immigrants or asylum seekers or were once slaves? Jesus offers them a piece of bread, He fills their glass with wine, and he seats them at his right hand; in the place of honour.

Thank goodness we don't have to be perfect in order to be invited to come to Jesus's table; we can come just as we are. Thank goodness that we are not expected to return the favour because that's just not possible for us. What we are asked to do is to follow Jesus' example and invite the unlovely to the table of the Lord and to invite the outcast and the unlovely to our humble table.

And what of the clown? Perhaps we are surprised to see him at the table and yet we are beginning to understand that Jesus invites everyone to his table. The love of Jesus is for all people. Jesus taught us to love one another and love our neighbour as ourselves. (Mark 12:31) This painting is called Love Bade Me Welcome. The love of Jesus and our love for Jesus bids all welcome.

Clowns go way back in history all the way to the time of the Pharaohs of ancient Egypt. Clowns have been a part of royal courts for hundreds if not thousands of years. They were often referred to as the court jester. Such jesters entertained but they also served a religious as well as a psycho-social role; shining a light on difficult subjects and political events in such a way as to make these matters more approachable. We see this in modern comics too whenever they hold up a mirror to us and help us to start talking about difficult subjects. I'm particularly thinking here of Madga Szbankski, Hannah Gadsby and Robyn Williams.

The clown in our picture seems to be wearing a Pierrot costume: white faced; the loose smock of a peasant and the ruffled collar of courtly life. The Pierrot character embodies a lonely, sad, sensitive, and fragile figure who rarely speaks but who like all clowns helps us to deal with many of the difficult topics of life, like love and loss.

We really need people like this at our table and yet sometimes we dismiss them as fools.

And I hear you say, what of the woman wearing a veil? Her gesture suggests she is pondering, asking, wondering what this is all about. Perhaps she is wondering how she came to be invited to this meal. If we were in first century Israel women would not be at the table with men unless they were there for the men's amusement (serving the men as prostitutes).

I cannot imagine some 25 years ago having the opportunity to become a priest let alone Dean of the Southern Region and now to find myself seated at the Diocesan Staff table which once upon a time would have been the province of the senior men of our Diocese. Women are finding their equal place at many tables but we should be reminded that Jesus invited women to become his followers, he healed them, he touched them, he taught them, he forgave them their sin and he let them teach him and touch him.

In my closing words today, I would like to just touch on the lessons from The Letter to the Hebrews. Today, as we look at chapter 13, we say farewell to this letter. Those final words are famous –

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing some have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:1-2)

The writer goes on to say:

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:16)

As faithful Christians we are people of hospitality. Our life is centred on the table. It's not for connivance that the altar is central in Anglican Churches. It is because the table of the Lord is central.

When we dine, we always dine with the Lord, especially if we are able to say grace.

When we ask people to our table are we free of that expectation of a return invitation or some sort of repayment?

Who will be invited to our table?

We are to share what we have with the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. We are to open our hearts and our table to everyone because love, the love of God bade us welcome.

Let us pray for the world and for the church;

Lord our God, heal our broken and divided world that friends and enemies might sit down together in peace. We particularly ask for your help to heal the divisions between Russia and Ukraine.

We pray for the earth and its creatures that we might learn to live in peace with one another. Heal, we pray the damaged forests, seas, rivers and micro habitats so that all the earth may be restored to wholeness.

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

Lord our God, heal our broken and divided church that the love of Jesus might unite us under his cross. We pray for our Anglican Communion; for Archbishop Justin Welby, for all bishops and for the people that unity may be our great desire.

Lord, we pray for the church that it might be a place where all are welcome and where the table of the Lord is a place where we gather as equals to receive your love and mercy.

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

Lord our God, we pray for healing and comfort for all whose bodies are broken, whose minds are divided or confused. We pray for the healing of relationships. We pray for true love and fellowship among all people and an end to prejudice and injustice.

Lord, help those who are recovering from surgery; encourage those who feel burdened by ongoing pain or illness and strengthen those who find it hard to join in around the table with others.

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

Lord our God, we thank you that on the cross Jesus draws all people to himself, that Jesus has forgiven us and bids us welcome to the heavenly banquet. And so, we pray for the dear departed, remembering them in this moment. We remember the good things they taught us

and the special times we shared with them. Lord, knowing they are with the saints in heaven 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:

Fill My Whole Life O Lord with Praise (TIS 596)

Not the Powerful, Not the Privileged (TIS 288)

Take My Life and Let It Be (TIS 599)

Eat This Bread (TIS 714) https://youtu.be/x_QTrePmuLg

Father We Adore You TIS 716

Fold to Your Heart Your Sister and Your Brother (TIS 587)

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

As the Deer (TIS 703)

Beauty for brokenness - TIS 690

Salvation Belong to Our God

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.

Mary Talbot Room

17th September St Augustine's, San Remo

Donations of plants, jams, pickles, biscuits and cakes gratefully received.

MTR
Mini Fete
Coming soon

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.



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

12th September – Combined Churches Phillip Island meet

13th September Parish Council

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

25th September Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) guest speaker

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 Gijsbers, 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.

