



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

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEASON OF CREATION
Choose Hope, Love, Justice

MON 12 th	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
TUES 13 th	1.30pm Parish Council, Emmaus Room, Cowes
WED 14 th	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
THURS 15 th	10.00am-Holy Communion, St Philip's, Cowes
FRI 16 th	10.00am Safe Ministry Training #2, St Philip's Church 11.00am Chat 'n' Chew in the Emmaus Room, Cowes
SAT 17 th	10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room MINI FETE
SUN 18 th	9.00am St Philip's, Holy Communion & Congregational Meeting 11.00am St Augustine's Family Service 12.30pm St Paul's Holy Communion & Congregational Meeting 4.00pm St Philip's

Bookings are no longer required



4pm Service St Philip's will be in recess over the School Holidays.
Recommencing Sunday 9th October 4pm with a **Pot Luck Dinner**

CURRENT COVID-19 Information:

Please use the hand sanitiser provided

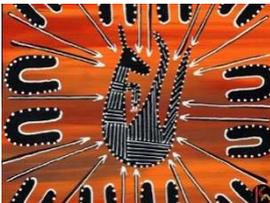
We respect your decision to wear a mask indoors.

If you are unwell please look after yourself at home.

Please be assured that our facilities are thoroughly cleaned weekly.



We mourn the passing of HR the Queen and give thanks for her reign and life of devoted service.



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 11th September

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

St Augustine's

St Paul's

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

This week's readings– 11th September - Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-19a; Luke 15:1-10

Next week's roster 18th September 2022

St Philip's - Welcome: M. Wright & E. Krutop-Norfolk; Reader: S. Goodluck; Intercessions: J. Wright; Vestry: J. Bell; PowerPoint: L. Heflingers; Morning tea: L. Wenham

St Augustine's – Leader: G. Ippel; Input: L. Alexander; Children:...

St Paul's

Next week's readings - Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79: 1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-10; Luke 16:1-13

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

I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.
Luke 15:10

The Collect of the Day

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God, exultant you bring home the found: touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing love; grant us delight in the mercy that has found us; and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiven sinners. 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.**

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse— ¹²a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them.

'For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding.

They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.'

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.

²⁴I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.

²⁵I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled.

²⁶I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. ²⁷For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

²⁸Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed;

I have not relented nor will I turn back.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 14 (said responsively)

Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle:

Or who may dwell upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing which is right:

who speaks the truth from the heart, and has not slandered with the tongue;

Who has done no evil to a friend:

Nor vented abuse against a neighbour;

In whose eyes the worthless have no honour:

But who makes much of those that fear the Lord;

Whoever has sworn to a neighbour:

And will not go back on an oath;

Who has not put money to usury:

Nor taken a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things:

Shall never be overthrown.

(Response)

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

As in the beginning so now, and forever. Amen

1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-9a

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope,

²To Timothy, my loyal child in the faith:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,

¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

¹⁸I am giving you these instructions, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies made earlier about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, ¹⁹having faith and a good conscience.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 15 beginning at verse 1;

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

³So he told them this parable: ⁴'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

⁸ 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

[Silence]

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

I once was lost but now and found; was blind but now I see ...

These are words from the first verse of that very well-known hymn Amazing Grace by John Newton. The story that goes with this hymn is amazing; a real encouragement to us who have been at one time or another lost. John Newton is known for his hymns but before all that he was a seaman, in the navy for a bit and then captain of vessels involved in the slave trade. This was a brutal trafficking in human souls and something that John came to bitterly regret. As a slave trader turned preacher John Newton wrote Amazing Grace to express God's mercy and forgiveness toward him. John was found by the love and mercy of God through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners – of whom, like St Paul, John Newton was the foremost.

'The lost' is the topic of three parables in this fifteenth chapter of Luke. The recent Clergy Conference included three Bible Studies with Professor Dorothy Lee on the topic of these parables. Each one raising the bar. Firstly, a sheep, then a coin, and finally a son. Each time the lost is found. The sheep is sought and found by the shepherd. The coin is sought and found by the maiden. The lost son is welcomed home by the father and in each case, there is rejoicing because what was lost has been found. There is rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents, celebration and rejoicing for those who were lost but now are found.

Let's just take a step back for a moment and recognise that here are parables, stories told by Jesus to bring more light and truth to the message of God. And, because they are stories, they are true in a very different way to a report of an actual event. The truth of Jesus' parables is always opening up new horizons for us to explore.

Today's message seems to be about who God searches for and how God responds to the lost. These parables are addressed to tax collectors and sinners and to those listening in – the scribes and the Pharisees. Tax collectors – the ones that no one liked, social outcasts if you will because they were in league with the occupying forces; because they were usually cheats. Their job almost forced them into this life of cheating because they were to take their wages from the taxes they collected so it was easy to skim off a bit extra to buy fine clothes and the best wine. But, the price of this was that no one really liked them, they were lost to their own people. Sinners – it didn't take much to be a sinner in the days of Jesus. Anyone with an ailment or deformity was immediately branded a sinner. The list of sins was huge and included adultery, blasphemy, not keeping the Sabbath and being ritually unclean. These sinners were often the poor and social outcasts. Jesus spoke to them because he knew they felt lost saying to them that he would go out and find them and bring them back no matter what the cost.

Jesus will do whatever it takes to find us and bring us back.

Perhaps we are uncomfortable with the word sin but we can certainly identify with the idea of being lost. Having gone out on our own to see the world, to find out what there is on the other

side, to enjoy ourselves, to be independent, to be free we often wake up one morning to find we have lost our way. We might even ask ourselves "what am I doing with my life? What is this all for?"

Even in the third age of life we might be asking "what is my future? What am I doing with my life?"

Then, in our search for meaning our first stop is often a sense of regret and self-loathing. If we are lucky God shows up to find us and bring us home. This can sound a bit simplistic but those of us who have lived it know that the road back is never that simple and we are so grateful to those who helped us, who searched for us, who had mercy on us and forgave us. Those parties, celebrations and rejoicing that Jesus speaks about in the parables today are so special to those who have been lost. They are like a new start with the family of God. Rejoice with me says Jesus for I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. (Luke 15:10)

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Each time we meet as Christians we make a corporate confession followed by absolution and then we say together:

Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy.

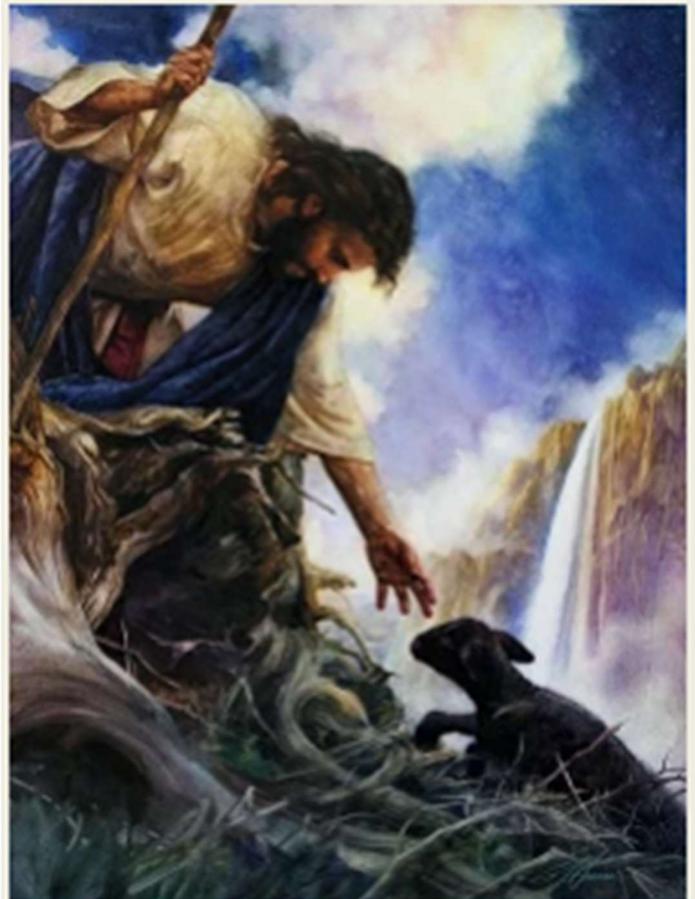
Mercy is a very common word in our religious life but what does it mean? Have we truly got a handle on the idea of mercy?

We need to understand mercy in the context of these lost and found parables because what we have here are examples of God's grace and mercy. That sheep that wandered off surely it should just be left to wander and get picked off by the wolves. After all, the other 99 are faithful and true. God could exact a righteous punishment upon the lost, the sinner and yet he doesn't.

Mercy has to do with God's choice to help those who find favour with God. We see in the words of the prophet Jeremiah that God can be very displeased with people who are foolish and do not know how to do good. (Jeremiah 4:22) and yet he (God) will not make a full end. (Jeremiah 4:27) God, our heavenly Father is always looking for a way to show mercy, to turn from anger, and find a way to bring us home.

Jesus, God's Son is that way, it is Jesus who pleads for us, who searches for us, who brings us back to our merciful Father. With Jesus help we are able to seek mercy with confidence that God will welcome us back if we are truly repentant. If we are lost Jesus will find us. If we have run away Jesus will come and bring us home.

I love this image of Jesus as the good shepherd leaning down over the dangerous



cliff to grab hold of our feeble arm and pull us to safety. The lamb here is in a pretty bad way, probably broken, bruised and bleeding from their fall over the cliff. Jesus reaches for us; we use our last bit of energy to scramble up toward him and rescue.

That's right we have to do some of the work ourselves. Jesus comes to our rescue but it is we who have to recognise our sin, our deliberate choice to run away/ to become lost. The only way back is the way of repentance.

Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy.

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Jesus told these parables to the tax-collectors and sinners who were coming near to listen to him (Luke 15:1) but he also told the parables for the benefit of the Pharisees and scribes who were grumbling and saying that he welcomes sinners and eats with them (Luke 15:2).

The Pharisees and the scribes believed that they were without sin and they passed judgement on Jesus for the company he kept. God would not see their judgement of his Son as merciful. In fact, those who are not merciful are more likely to receive a harsh judgement from God. So, by their judgement of others the Pharisees are going to find themselves being judged.

Blessed are the merciful, says Jesus for they will receive mercy. (Matthew 5:7)

I once was lost but now I am found thanks to the mercy and love of Jesus Christ who came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)

Let us pray for the world and for the church.

Merciful God, in this Season of Creation we pray for the earth and all its creatures. We give thanks for the sunshine and the rain. We give thanks for the beauty of this area. God our creator, we are your humble servants, we pray that we might be more intentional in our use of resources and our care of the earth. Let us not be wasteful or greedy but let us learn to value every aspect of life on earth from the smallest molluscs to the huge marlin that sport in the deep.

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

Merciful God, we pray for the church that where we have been in error you might, by your Holy Spirit, correct it that the church be a place of safety for all people. We pray for unity for the Anglican Communion and for unity in our parish. May we show forth your love and mercy to all your people but especially to the poor and vulnerable in our community.

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

Merciful God, we pray for all who have lost their way; for missing persons and for those who search for them; for those who are searching for meaning and purpose; for those who have taken a dark road, let the light that is Christ be their salvation and show them the path to fullness of life again.

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

Merciful God, we pray for the sick and those who care for them. We humbly ask for healing and wholeness for all who are ill. We pray your blessing on those who are recovering from surgery or are awaiting a procedure. We pray for those who are undergoing chemotherapy.

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

Merciful God, you are always in the process of calling us back to you. We remember those who have died, we bring them to mind in this time of prayer. We seek your help to ease the burden of grief we carry.

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

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory

For ever and for ever. Amen.

Prayer



Suggested Hymns:

The Power of Your Love (TIS 685)

Speak O Lord as we come to you

Before The Throne Of God Above.

My Jesus, My Saviour (Shout to the Lord)

Christians Lift your Hearts and Voices (TIS 540)

Immortal Invisible God Only Wise (TIS 143)

I Will Sing the Wonderous Story (TIS 233)

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Eat This Bread TIS 714

Fight the Good Fight (TIS 594)

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
NEXT SAT.**

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.



Sunday 25th September; all services Guest Speakers for Mission Aviation Fellowship; Ely and John Flynn. Lunch at George Bass Hotel at 1.30pm

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

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

25th September MAF guest speakers

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.

