



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

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEASON OF CREATION

16th October 2022

Choose Hope, Love, Justice

MON 17th 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
MOTO GP Breakfast
TUES 18th 2.00pm Funeral of Rene Foulkes, St Philip's
WED 19th 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open
THURS 20th 10.00am –Morning Prayer St Philip's, Cowes
12.00 noon Guild Meeting, Emmaus Room
Rev'd Jo in Sale
FRI 21st
SAT 22nd 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room
SUN 23rd 9.00am St Philip's, Holy Communion
11.00am St Augustine's Holy Communion
12.30pm St Paul's Holy Communion
4.00pm Service with Holy Communion

Bookings are no longer required

Please Note – TODAY 16th October there will be no 4pm Service due to our commitments to the Moto GP.

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 16th October

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

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

St Paul's – Reader: Ro. Hayhurst; Prayers: L. Maghanoy; Chalice: B. Maghanoy

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

This week's readings - Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119: 97-104; 2 Timothy 3:10-4:5; Luke 18:1-14

Next week's roster 23rd October 2022

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

St Augustine's

St Paul's - Reader: L. Ridge; Prayers: S. Ridge; Chalice: A. Gloria

Next week's readings – 23rd October – Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:15-30

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

Will not God grant justice to those who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? - Luke 18:7-8

The Collect of the Day

Lord, tireless guardian of your people, teach us to rely, day and night, on your care. Drive us to seek your justice and your help, and support our prayer lest we grow weary, for in you alone is our strength. We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 31:27-34

²⁷ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. ²⁸ And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord.

²⁹ In those days they shall no longer say:

'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.'

³⁰ But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 119: 97-104

Lord, how I love your law:

It is my meditation all the day long.

Your commandments have made me wiser than my enemies:

For they remain with me forever.

I have more understanding than all my teachers:

For I study your commands.

I am wiser than the aged:

Because I have kept your precepts.

I have held back my feet from every evil path:

That I might keep your word;

I have not turned aside from your judgements:

For you yourself are my teacher.

How sweet are your words to my tongue:

Sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Through your precepts I get understanding:

Therefore I hate all lying ways.

(Response)

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

As in the beginning so now, and for ever. Amen

2 Timothy 3:10-4:5

¹⁰ Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹ my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.

¹² Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. ¹³ But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.

³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 18 beginning at verse 1

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says.

⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:

¹⁰'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income."

¹³But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

[Silence]

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



People say a lot of things about the Bible; that it's Holy, sacred and an authoritative record of God's relationship with humankind. People say that the Bible is the word of God, inspired by God, that it's the truth, it is history and that it is an important literary work. Others say that it's too hard to get into, or that it is of little relevance for today, some even think it is a complete fiction.

We should be aware that the Bible can be a dangerous book because it can be easily misused. Some are heard to quote scripture to win an argument or justify their own behaviours and standards. When we use proof texts in this way we devalue the Bible by using it as a weapon.

Scholars have been studying the Bible for centuries. Theologians have been interpreting the Bible for centuries and preachers have been trying to make its message relevant, inspiring and meaningful and even challenging. Their task is not a simple one because in trying to be relevant there is always the risk of simply making the gospel comfortable and convenient what Saint Paul calls teaching that suits our own desires. (2 Tim 4:3)

Robert Boyd in his exhaustive World's Bible Handbook says that the gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke and John give us the *facts* about Christ's earthly life (and he uses italics when he writes the word 'facts'). The gospels he says, give us the facts about Jesus' earthly



life; Boyd goes on to say that St Paul's writings give us the meaning of Christ's life. Again the word 'meaning' is printed in italics. These italicised words say a lot more than the words themselves.

What are the facts? Can we even be sure of the facts?

When any reporter gives an account of events we see it through their eyes, their interpretation. We might just as well ask – What is truth? a question that has been on the lips of philosophers down the ages.

Each of the gospel writers sees the events of Jesus' ministry differently because they are different people with different purposes and because they write for different audiences. These writers draw on various sources. Some they hold in common and others that are distinctive.

Boyd says that St Paul's writings give us the *meaning* of Christ life.

What does the life of Jesus mean?

What does it mean for you or for me or even for humanity?

When we consider the writings of Paul it is tempting to contextualise their meaning for today and yet they were written for the early church, for the people of that day, yet they hold a truth that still resounds.

The two letters of Paul to Timothy were written in 66 – 67 AD as a guide for the early church; for their time and their context. Even so there is a truth, a profound message or meaning that we discover in the gospels and in the writings of Paul. This is because the Bible is not read like other books it is read with the Holy Spirit's leading, guiding and illuminating presence.

'The Lord has yet more light and truth to break forth from his word'.



We do not read the Bible only with our minds we read it with our hearts for, as the prophet Jeremiah says; there is a new covenant being wrought one which is not written in unforgiving stone but in the hearts of men and women. (Jeremiah 31:33) When the *law* of God is written in our hearts it becomes something intimate, it becomes a living thing. It beats within us as we grow, as we are nourished, as we engage with the world and as we wrestle with what it means to be human.

The Bible, says Paul is inspired by God. It is a long standing Christian tradition to use the word 'inspired' in reference to the direct activity of God's spirit upon the writers of the Bible. This is not quite the same usage of the word as that applied to musicians or poets or painters who are none the less inspired. The writers of scripture are inspired to write what God wanted them to write. That is not to say it was divine dictation. God did not merely use the writers to administer his word without their personality or understanding playing a part. Rather they wrote intelligently out of their own time, place and purpose to serve the purposes of God. Believers throughout the history of the church are aware that, as they read the Bible, God speaks to them through it. As Paul writes to Timothy in this second pastoral letter he encourages Timothy to use scripture to teach, reprove, correct and train the church in righteousness. This is so that the purposes of God might be served – to equip believers to do every good work and to proclaim the good news.

It can be tempting to assume that the arrangement of our New Testament reflects the chronological life of the church. That Paul's audience knew the writing of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. This second letter of Timothy which we have before us today was written within a few short years of the recording of Luke's

'Orderly account of events handed on by those who from the beginning were eye-witnesses and servants of the word.' to his friend Theophilus. (Luke 1:1-2)

The gospel of Mark even though it appears second in the New Testament was written first, while the gospel of John was written some forty years after Paul's letters.

Boyd says that the gospel writers, of which Luke is one, wrote the *facts* about the life of Christ. Remember that Boyd carefully and deliberately italicises the word 'facts'.

We must be careful not to confuse fact with truth.

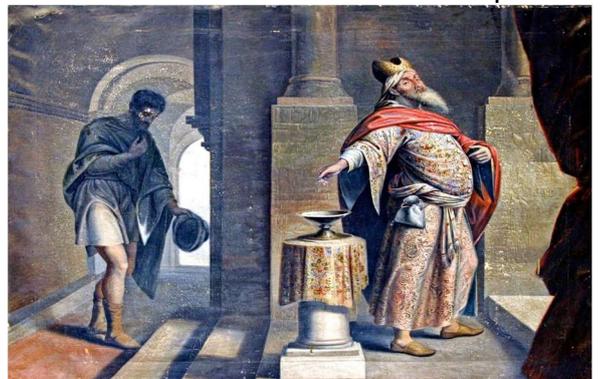
In today's readings from Luke we hear two parables of Jesus one seems almost unfathomable while the other appears to be more accessible. It is in the nature of parables to be something of a mystery or at the very least to be like an onion that as we peel back the layers we discover their truth. In the gospel of Matthew we read Jesus' words regarding the purpose and nature of parables.

He says;

The reason I speak to them in parables is that in seeing they do not perceive, and in hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand. (Matthew 13:13)

If we are seeking the facts or the truth we cannot expect such things to be easily perceived nor should we expect them to be like a scientific fact or a mathematical truth. If we hope to pin down the meaning of a parable then we have missed the point. It would be so comforting to be able to say it means this or it means that but the parables are not meant to offer up their secrets so easily. We must ponder the parables.

The parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector is a case in point. Its meaning seems simple enough. Pray with humility not out of arrogance and superiority. How easily we can become just like the Pharisee not perhaps because we are lacking humility but because we thank God that we are not like other people. There is an energy in this parable like the oscillation of an atomic clock. The tax collector was a derided figure, a sinner, a person not even worthy to be part of synagogue worship and yet he becomes worthy because he is prepared to lay bare his desire for God's mercy.



If we assert our righteousness it's likely that we are no longer righteous. If we think we have the facts, the truth, the answer, then we risk becoming like the Pharisee. Our task is to seek the truth; to hunger for righteousness; to equip ourselves to do good work and To proclaim the gospel.

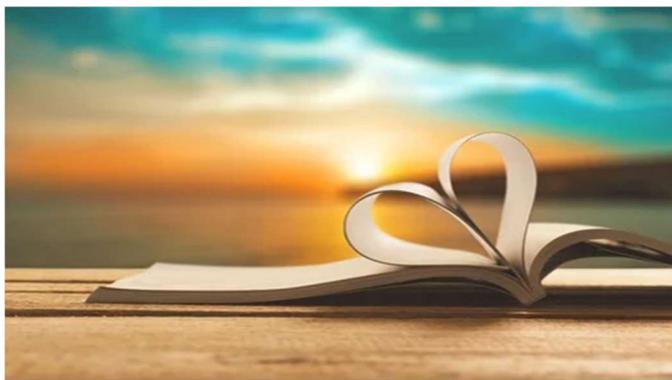
When we do this, we show respect for the Bible as our primary source.

Without it we cannot claim anything.

Without it we do not know and we cannot tell.



The Bible must speak to our times
It must be the living word written on our hearts.
God still speaks
Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.



Let us pray for the world and for the church;

Lord, God whose law is written upon our hearts direct us to care for the earth and its creatures.

Guide the leaders of nations to work for the good of all people that there might be justice for the weak and the poor. We continue to pray for peace especially in places of war and violence.

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

Faithful God, we pray for the church that it might be a place where faith in you is explored, strengthen and shared. May the church value your word as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, guiding the church in the way of truth. We seek your blessing for our Bishop Richard and all who serve in the registry office.

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

Lord, who hears the cries of the persistent; we pray for those who are sick and in need of healing and comfort. Lord, we seek your help and your comfort for all who are frail and lonely, for the weak and heavy hearted. Lord, we cry out to you for those who are down trodden and need to be heard; those who are judged harshly, victimised, ignored. We pray too for those who are recovering from surgery and those who have cancer.

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

Loving Lord, we pray for those who are bereaved, especially the family of Rene Foulkes. Confident of the resurrection to eternal life we remember those close to us who have passed away, we remember them, we whisper their name into your ear. 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:

What a Friend we have in Jesus (TIS 590)

God of Freedom, God of Justice (TIS 657)

My Heart, My Heart Adores You (TIS 723)
Tell Out My Soul (TIS 161)

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. (Break for school holidays, recommencing 14 October)

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

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 can you help? We need more cooks and volunteers for this important ministry of friendship and finance.

MTR more

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

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**



Sunday 13th November St Philip's, Cowes 10.00am

A combined service of Holy Communion for the whole parish.
Guest Speaker: The Rev'd Rich Lanham, Coordinator for Anglicare Parish Partnerships

Please note we are preparing the Annual Reports for distribution on Sunday 6th November.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday 30 October

12.30 pm at St Paul's Anglican Church, Hade Avenue, Bass

A Sausage Sizzle will be held in the grounds following the service.

For more information ring Sandy Ridge 0449 594 737



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, 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.

