



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

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

[23rd October 2022](#)

Choose Hope, Love, Justice

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| MON 24 th | 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open |
| TUES 25 th | 2.00pm Funeral of Rene Foulkes, St Philip's |
| WED 26 th | 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open |
| THURS 27 th | 10.00am –St Philip's, Cowes |
| FRI 28 th | Book Sale set up |
| SAT 29 th | Book Sale Plus 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room |
| SUN 30 th | 9.00am St Philip's, Holy Communion 10.00am Book Sales 11.00am St Augustine's 12.30pm St Paul's BLESSING OF ANIMALS Holy Communion and Barbeque Lunch 4.00pm Service |

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 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 – Leader: L. Ridge; Input: S. Ridge; Children: L. Ridge

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

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

Next week's roster 30th October 2022

St Philip's - Welcome: W. Gladman & P. Leditschke; Reader: L. Wenham; Intercessions: R. Prideaux; Vestry: C. Hill; PowerPoint: F. Zulian; Morning tea: J. Bell

St Augustine's –

St Paul's – Reader: A. Gloria; Prayers: Rh. Hayhurst; Chalice: B. Maghanoy

Next week's readings – 30th October – Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

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

Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.
- Luke 18:17

The Collect of the Day

O God, who alone can probe the depths of the heart, you hear the prayer of the humble and justify the repentant sinner: grant us the gift of humility, that, seeing our own faults clearly, we may refrain from judging our neighbour but rely solely upon your saving grace. We make our prayer through your Son, our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Joel 2:23-32

²³ O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴ The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵ I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁸ Then afterwards

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹ Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

³⁰ I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. ³² Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 65

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion:

To you shall vows be paid, you that answer in prayer.

To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins:

When our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.

Blessed are those whom you choose and take to yourself to dwell within your courts:

We shall be filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

You will answer us in your righteousness with terrible deeds, O God our savior:

You that are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the distant seas;

Who by your strength made fast the mountains:

You that are girded with power;

Who stilled the raging of the seas, the roaring of the waves:

And the tumult of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth are afraid at your wonders:

The dawn and the evening sing your praises.

You tend the earth and water it:

You make it rich and fertile.

The river of God is full of water:

And so providing for the earth, you provide grain for us all.

You drench its furrows, you level the ridges between:

You soften it with showers and bless its early growth.

You crown the year with your goodness:

And the tracks where you have passed drip with fatness.

The pastures of the wilderness run over:

And the hills are girded with joy.

The meadows are clothed with sheep:

And the valley stand so thick with corn, they shout for joy and sing.

(Response)

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

As in the beginning so now, and forever. Amen

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

[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 15

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. ¹⁶But Jesus called for them and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁷Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'

¹⁸ A certain ruler asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ¹⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; Honour your father and mother.'" ²¹ He replied, 'I have kept all these since my youth.' ²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, 'There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' ²³ But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. ²⁴ Jesus looked at him and said, 'How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'

²⁶ Those who heard it said, 'Then who can be saved?' ²⁷ He replied, 'What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.'

²⁸ Then Peter said, 'Look, we have left our homes and followed you.' ²⁹ And he said to them, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, ³⁰ who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.'

[Silence]

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Every now and again we feel so overwhelmed, so worn out and sick of the demands of our church, of our family, even of God's call on us as disciples. Today's readings can be an encouragement to us when we feel like that. The prophet Joel reminds the people/ he reminds us that God is there for us, to bless us with plenty, with gladness and joy for the Lord has done great things for us. (Joel 2:21) The Gospel of Luke reminds us that as a child welcomes Jesus' gift of love so we too can receive a full measure of Christ's blessing if we open our hearts to receive the kingdom of God as pure gift - for whoever receives the kingdom of God as a little child will enter in and be welcomed by the open arms of Jesus. (Luke 18:15-17)

In this final chapter of Paul's second letter, we hear his words of encouragement to his friend and disciple, Timothy. Even as Paul, a prisoner in Rome, feels that his death is drawing near he writes to Timothy with fervour, we might even say in a tone of determination. Rather than wallowing in his own circumstance (*a thing we could completely understand*) he continues the work of an apostle; encouraging others and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

If we allow ourselves a peek back into the earlier verses of chapter four we hear Paul urging Timothy to proclaim the message, to be persistent even if times are unfavourable. Paul is urging as well as encouraging Timothy to keep going saying 'fight the good fight, finish the race, and keep the faith'. These are strong, powerful words about spiritual warfare, a sense of purpose and the need for perseverance. - Timothy's mission and our mission/our ministry it would seem is about fighting, running and being steadfast.

If we are to engage in a fight (not a common fist fight or an ugly argument) our fight is more strategic than that. If we are to engage in this fight/battle/contest then, like soldiers or athletes we need the equipment and training to take on the adversary.

Jesus had to engage the adversary following his baptism by John in the Jordan.

As we read in Mark's gospel chapter one;

He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited upon him.

Our adversary may not be as obvious or as intense as Satan but it is none the less as dangerous as wild beasts. Our enemy is complacency, cynicism and the individualism of our age.

The equipment against such subtle adversaries is to be found a) in scripture, b) in worship and c) within the body of Christ.

The Bible, as we heard in Paul's letter to Timothy last week is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness. It is important to have an intimate relationship with scripture so that we can be proficient and equipped for every good work and for the spreading of the gospel. Our Diocesan Vision Statement encourages us to study scripture with reverence and rigour; something that is enhanced by being part of Home Groups, listening to scholarly podcasts and sermons on line. It is very encouraging for all of us to part of a group that support one another as we read the Bible, encouraging each other especially when we feel tired.

Attending worship is also an important part of our armoury; praising God, being fed body and soul, confessing our corporate sin and receiving forgiveness these are not just nice things to do on a Sunday they are part of what we need if we are to; as Paul urges; Proclaim the message and be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable. Maybe part of these unfavourable times is personal – a feeling of tiredness or of being overwhelmed but the unfavourable times are also the apathy and secularisation of our society.

Fellowship within the body of Christ is vital to our equipping. No one lasts long if they try to face an adversary alone even Jesus has the support of the angels. We all need the support of friends when things get tough and the same holds true for the work of Christians. If we are to do good in the face of opposition; if we are to spread the gospel in the face of apathy and the 'whatever' attitude of many then we need each other; we need the support, prayers and solidarity of the body of Christ to give us courage to be with the wild beasts and become conquerors.

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An important message of Paul to Timothy and to the developing church community in Ephesus was that the message about Jesus was not just for the Jews. The message about Jesus was to be proclaimed fully to both Jew and Gentile. With Paul's conversion he received a charge from the risen Christ to become the messenger of the gospel to the Gentiles.

A significant theme of Jesus' ministry and that of Paul is, what we would now call inclusiveness. In Jesus' words and actions, he wanted to clear away the old structures and bring in a new way where there is no division, where no one is unfit or unworthy for it is Christ who makes us worthy.

The account of Jesus blessing the children is more than just a good reason to start a Sunday school or welcome children into church. It is an example, a very clear and remarkable example of the welcome that God extends to all. It is the perfect paradigm of the inclusive nature of the kingdom of God.

In this episode the disciples are learning that those on the margins have privileged access to the kingdom of God. The disciples try to 'shoo away' people who bring their children for Jesus to touch. We might think they are merely trying to protect Jesus who is fast becoming

overwhelmed by people who keep coming to him. Or perhaps, like the men of their time the disciples viewed women and children as little better than oxen or slaves.

Now, the status of children in those times was vastly different to the way we treat children today. In the first century children were not simply 'seen and not heard' they were regarded as little better than a man's wife or his animals.

Jesus surprises the disciples by calling them together to say;

'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them.'

Jesus continues by making an even more remarkable point –

'...the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'

Children of those times had no capacity to earn money or pay for what they needed. If they were orphaned they had to beg on the street. If their family were poor they worked, not for their own reward but for the benefit of their family. In those times children didn't get pocket money or have part-time jobs.

In Jesus' statement –

'...the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'

He is making the point that people who are of extremely low status, (not just children) people with no power are welcomed into the kingdom of God. Jesus is saying that the kingdom has been prepared for the powerless.

Jesus makes a further point:

'Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'

As adults we can feel that we have earned the right to do certain things because we are older, because we have qualifications, because we earn money. Not so for children. Children, because they are infants cannot, by definition, have the same status as adults and they do not nor should they have access to the things of adult life. And yet here is something that cannot be earned simply by being older, or by taking the right courses or by being wealthy.

We don't and cannot earn the right to enter the kingdom of God.

It is only by God's grace that we enter the kingdom. It is never through our own efforts however good and righteous they might be.

We can only receive the kingdom in the manner of a little child.

This is not to idealise little children in a way. It is not to suggest that we should become innocent and naive in order to enter the kingdom of God. The point is that a child has no capacity to earn or pay, everything they receive is pure gift.

The kingdom of God is the unmerited, unearnable gift from our loving heavenly father.

It is a gift for us and for all those who would stretch out their hand or open their heart.

The gift of the kingdom is there for the taking and is offered to all with exception.

Who can inherit eternal life?

Anyone who seeks, all who enquire, those who are ready to give up house and home to find the real treasure hidden in the hand of our Saviour – Jesus Christ.

Let us pray for the world and for the church:

God our heavenly Father, we offer our prayer for your world noticing again its points of pain. We continue to pray for peace. We bring to mind in this prayer the political situation in China, Taiwan, Russia, and Ukraine aware of how destabilising these times are. Lord, you are the peace maker, send out your Holy Spirit to change hearts and minds and to draw back from war

and tyranny. Lord, we thank you for the joy that we find in each day as we open our eyes to the beauty of creation – the sand, the sea, the sky, the sound of birds and the sight of new life that comes with Spring.

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

God our heavenly Father, we pray for your church, that we might encourage each other, support each other and find renewed energy for the work of ministry. We thank you for our parish and for the churches of St Philip's, St Augustine's and St Paul's and for the warm fellowship we enjoy here. We thank you for the home groups and their leaders where we are nourished and supported as we study your word. We thank you for those who volunteer at the Mary Talbot Room, Chat and Chew and our recent Moto GP Breakfasts. We pray for all churches and their leaders; we pray your blessing upon our Bishop Richard and our Archdeacon Graham and we seek your help to be a people who are encouraged and renewed to work for the coming of your kingdom on earth.

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

God our loving heavenly Father, we pray for the sick, send your healing upon all who are recovering from surgery. Comfort those in pain, support those who are tired or feel overwhelmed. Encourage those who are weary. We pray too for those who are frail, for the lonely, those who have little or no work and those who have too much work. God, we pray for those who feel marginalised and left out, help us to find them and bring them safely and carefully into the loving arms of Jesus.

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

God of mercy we pray for those who are feeling weighed down by a sense of unworthiness, help us to encourage them to seek your love and mercy so that they may feel the power of your love for them.

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

God our heavenly Father, remembering the power of Christ's resurrection and the promise of life everlasting we pray for those who are bereaved; we remember those close to us who have died, praying rest eternal grant unto the 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:

Shout to the Lord

Be still for the Presence of the Lord <https://youtu.be/ZugvUQ4m90U>

Fill My Whole Life O Lord My God (TIS 596)

My Heart, My Heart Adores You (TIS 723)

Christ is made the sure foundation (TIS 432)

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. (Break for school holidays, recommencing 14 October)

San Remo Group – Wednesday 2.00pm in the Mary Talbot Room Leader: John Dawson

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 more volunteers for this important ministry of friendship and finance.

MTR

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.



BOOKSALE – Friday 28th set up; **Sales** Saturday, Sunday, and Monday
BOOKSALE PLUS – Saturday 29th cake stall, coffee + tea and homemade biscuits



**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

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.

