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St Philip's, Cowes  
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CHRIST THE KING  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022 YEAR C  
Choose Hope, Love, Justice

MON 21<sup>st</sup> Rev'd Jo's Day Off  
10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open

TUES 22<sup>nd</sup>

WED 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room open

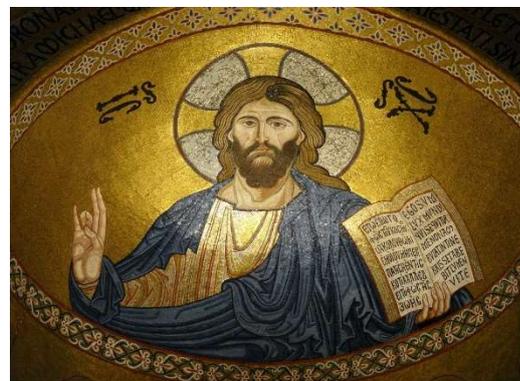
THURS 24<sup>th</sup> 10.00am – Holy Communion, St Philip's, Cowes

FRI 25<sup>th</sup> Chat n Chew

SAT 26<sup>th</sup> 10.00am - 1.30pm Mary Talbot Room

SUN 27<sup>th</sup> ADVENT ONE  
9.00am St Philip's, Holy Communion  
11.00am St Augustine's, Holy Communion  
and Congregation Meeting  
12.30pm St Paul's, Holy Communion  
4.00pm Service, St Philip's

Our 4.00pm service concludes today with Holy Communion and time of fellowship at the Rectory.



### 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 20<sup>th</sup> November CHRIST THE KING

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

**St Augustine's** – Leader: Jo. Dawson; Input: Jo. Dawson; Children: D. Garrett

– Please contact Wendy Gladman regarding St Philip's roster [gladmanwendy@gmail.com](mailto:gladmanwendy@gmail.com)

**This week's readings– 20<sup>th</sup> November CHRIST THE KING** - Jeremiah 23:1-6; Song of Zechariah; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

**Next week's roster 27<sup>th</sup> November ADVENT ONE**

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

**Next week's readings – 27<sup>th</sup> November ADVENT ONE** – Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:9-14; Matthew 24:36-44

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](mailto:glenys.stacs@gmail.com)

### *The Sentence of the Day*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. - Zechariah 9:9

### **The Collect of the Day**

Eternal God, you exalted Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and have made us instruments of his kingdom: by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need, then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Jeremiah 23:1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! Says the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord.

<sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Song of Zechariah**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:

**Who has come to his people and set them free.**

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:

**Born of the house of his servant David.**

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old:

**To save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,**

To show mercy to our forebears:

**And to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

**To set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

Free to worship him without fear:

**Holy and righteous before him, all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:

**For you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

To give his people knowledge of salvation:

**By the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God:

**The dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:

**And to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

*(Response)*

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

***As in the beginning so now, and forever. Amen***

### **Colossians 1:11-20**

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

<sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

[Silence]

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 23 beginning at verse 33*

***Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[<sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!'

<sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?'

<sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' <sup>42</sup> Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' <sup>43</sup> He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.' [Silence]

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**CHRIST THE KING**

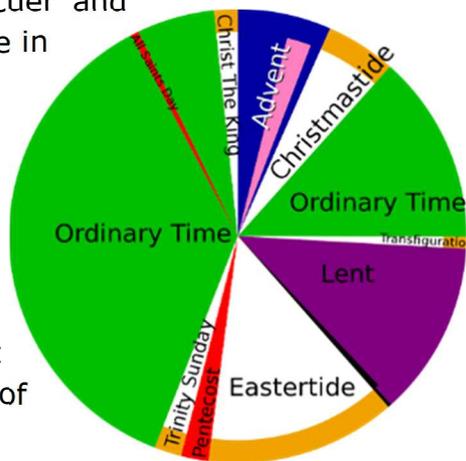
Can you believe it, it's only five weeks until Christmas. Given that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus it might seem rather strange to be hearing about the death of Jesus from our Gospel reading today. The context of the Church's Calendar; the liturgical year may help us to understanding this odd placement of the crucifixion.

The feast of Christ the King introduces us to Jesus, as we read in St Paul's letter to the Colossians, as both the co- author of creation and our rescuer and sovereign Lord. Christ has both a universal and a particular role in the Kingdom of God.

Jesus is:

1. The head of the body, the church;
2. He is the beginning, the first born from the dead.
3. Jesus is our saviour, who makes peace through the blood of his cross.

These are big ideas, ideas that are sermons in their own right and yet today they are all brought together in this celebration of Christ the King.



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For the past 26 weeks we have been exploring the stories of Jesus – his ministry, his miracles and his parables. Now we hear about the purpose of Jesus' ministry in a very profound way.

If our season of preparation, Advent, is to make any sense at all we need to remind ourselves that the one for whom we wait is our King; that in the birth of Jesus the kingdom of God is inaugurated. Before we can make sense of Christmas we need to remind ourselves that this birth is not just a cute little Christmas card scene but that here is the birth of the one who is our rescuer, our saviour, our sovereign Lord, and our King.



Kings can be tyrants, a bit mad, noble, proud, cruel, and wise like King Solomon, a warrior like King David, and even a servant of the people. Queen Elizabeth II was just such a servant. These days royalty are sometimes honoured sometimes exploited and sometimes treated like celebrities. We read about them on social media and see them portrayed on the big screen and the small. (E.g. Helen Mirren in The Queen, The Crown on Netflix).





But, what does it mean for us to call Jesus King? It has nothing to do with being a celebrity. It has everything to do with the kingdom of God. To call Jesus 'king' acknowledges that the kingdom of God is a reality, it has a king and that king is the fulfilment of all prophesy. Jesus is the king of kings who willingly dies for us; who from the a cross speaks these words; 'Father forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'

The small section from Luke before us today includes this pronouncement; 'This is the King of the Jews.' These words are from the charge sheet above Jesus' head on the cross. We often see them depicted in art as a simple I.N.R.I translated from the Latin; Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews.



Christ the King is the one who hangs on the cross between two criminals. These men represent the opposing responses of people to God, the God who is made known to us in his Son Jesus.



We are free to reject or receive Christ. In receiving and honouring Christ as our King we enter into all that God has prepared for us and we receive God's mercy and salvation.

No one can be saved who does not want to be saved. God's forgiveness is always available, it is always and constantly being offered but, it is only an open heart that can receive God's love.

Perhaps you've noticed in this famous 15<sup>th</sup> century depiction of the crucifixion by Andrea Mantegna that the unrepentant thief is in darkness with his head turned away while the other is in light and looking toward Jesus. And Jesus, even in his agony is looking upon that thief. The unrepentant thief even when death was staring him in the face showed no trace of remorse. All we hear from this man is derision. Even Jesus could not reach him.



For people of faith, it is sad, another word might be challenging to see people who are unable to receive Christ, whose hearts are hardened. These days this is not as clear cut as a direct rejection of Jesus. Jesus has become an irrelevance to many people. His name has become just another swear word; his birth merely an excuse for a party. In our present age apathy is the enemy of Christ's kingdom.

Sadly some people's hearts, are not simply closed, they have never been opened.

The other criminal sought forgiveness from Jesus. Some people might think he got off lightly. After a life of crime; staring death in the face he makes a hasty confession and is given direct access to paradise.

Jesus speaks into his open heart saying;

'**Today** (this very day) you will be with me in Paradise.'

Nothing could be more unconditional and immediate. And this is how it will be for us. We are, often unknowingly, sinners. We are not worthy and yet because we have faith; because we repent; because we seek God with our whole heart we are welcomed into the kingdom by Christ our King, our saviour and our Lord.

Let's not be too quick to judge this repentant thief because on reflection we might see something of him in ourselves. As he hung on the cross, waiting to die, hoping for death to release him from the pain of crucifixion he reviewed his life. When he looked back what he saw were opportunities wasted, hurts caused, degradation, and regret.

A wasted opportunity is one thing but a wasted life is beyond words. This man, this thief might have tried to make excuses or blame others – maybe his upbringing, his environment, his friends... but he didn't blame others. Instead he took full responsibility for the person he had become. His words are revealing;

'We indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds.'  
(Luke 23:41)

Jesus' acceptance of the repentant thief is an illustration of his acceptance of all who repent. This acceptance is at the heart of our celebration of Christ the King. As his subjects we are not like the surfs of old who toiled away to make the lord of the manor rich. We are excited, rejoicing servants, we are willing workers; giving our best in the service of the Lord.

Our service to God is not an obligation it is a response to what has already been done for us in Christ. What we do; how we live as Christians is not done because we are frightened of God's judgements but because we know that Christ has reconciled us to God by making peace through the blood of his cross.



What we want to do for our King is to live lives that express all that He has taught us – to love the Lord God with all our heart and mind with all our soul and strength and to love our neighbours as ourselves.

**Let us pray for the world and for the church:**

Christ our King, we pray for the world with all its turmoil and strife. Strengthen us to work for the fullness of your kingdom here on earth. We pray that wars will cease and that there be endless peace. We pray for the healing of the earth – its waterways, its oceans, its air and soils that there might be endless peace and harmony for all ecosystems and creatures. We pray that your kingdom shall reign over all the earth. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Christ our King, we pray for the church with its brokenness and division. We seek your kingdom come for all people. Inspire those in the church to reach out to those who are as yet in darkness. Help us to bring all people into your kingdom of love, mercy and forgiveness; that every knee shall bow at your throne in worship. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Christ our King, we pray for those who are sick, those in pain, those recovering from surgery, those with cancer. We especially offer our prayers for those who are suffering because of broken relationships; those who are estranged from those they love. We pray that your kingdom will come in all its fullness to bring peace and healing to those who are in pain and distress. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Christ our King, we pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, weather that be a recent loss or many years past, comfort your people and bring them a sense of your peace. We celebrate your lordship over life and death and (in this time of prayer) we bring to mind your words from the cross – today you will be with me in Paradise. **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:**

Ancient of Days [https://youtu.be/V4dR\\_zuB3qk](https://youtu.be/V4dR_zuB3qk)

At The Name of Jesus (TIS 231)

Crown Him with Many Crowns (TIS 228)

How Deep the Father's Love for us

I want to walk with Jesus Christ

### **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 – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
Bass Home Group –Monday 2.30pm Leader: Sandy & Les Ridge The Synoptic Gospels

#### Helpful websites

Parish website [www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org](http://www.anglicanparishbassphillipisland.org)

Dioceses of Gippsland website [www.gippsanglican.org.au](http://www.gippsanglican.org.au)

Facebook [www.facebook.com/stphilipscowes](http://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.

**Congregational Meeting** with election of Wardens and Councilors: St Augustine's 27<sup>th</sup> November.

#### DIARY DATES

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Advent One

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December **Annual Parish Christmas Dinner**

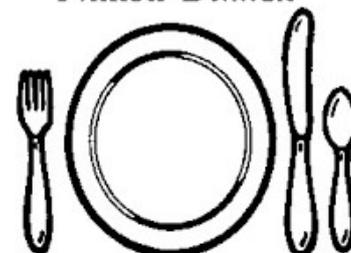
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – **Parish Council, Emmaus Room, Cowes**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December **Carols by the Bay**

**Annual Parish Christmas Dinner MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

6.00pm for 6.30pm contact Ralph Leditschke for tickets.

#### PARISH 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month to assist with serving Devonshire Teas and at the Sausage Sizzle.



Please pray for:

Sue Chambers, Mike Heflingers, Len Chatfield, Rev'd Gerald Wall, Terry Duffield, Jenny and John Dawson

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please tell Rev'd Jo

St Philip's

**THE FLOWER FUND NEEDS FEEDING**

Box for donations is located in porch on Sundays



**CHRISTMAS ACROSS THE PARISH**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December

5.00pm Family Service Parish Hall

5.00pm Family Service St Augustine's

7.30pm Carols and Holy Communion St Paul's

11.30pm St Philip's Midnight Mass

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December

8.00am St Augustine's Holy Communion

10.00am St Philip's Holy Communion

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December

Feast of Stephen



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.

**Journey to Bethlehem - you are invited to be involved!**

In 2021 during the 2 weeks prior to Christmas, the Bethlehem Spoonville in the grounds at St Philips was a huge success, engaging the community and highlighting the true story of Christmas. This year we are planning for 6 installations to highlight key parts of the Christmas story. This will invite onlookers to reflect on the Journey to Bethlehem with the aim of teaching the key elements of the Christmas story.

Again, there will be some costs involved for materials, signage etc. We have already received some donations, if members of the Parish would like to make a contribution please place in a marked envelope in the offertory, hand to the treasurer or make an EFT with the reference 'Journey'. Please also let Glenys know if you are willing to help with the set up planned for 9 December. Many thanks, Glenys (for the Worship Committee)

